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Sample Antitrust Risk-Shifting Provisions in M&A Transactions

This note collects a sample of antitrust risk-shifting provisions that have been used in some deals. Of course, every deal stands on its own, and the language that has been used in one deal may not be appropriate for another deal. Still, this sample will give you a good idea of the types of provisions that can be crafted for allocating risk between buyers and sellers in negotiated transactions.

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I. Conditions Precedent

a. Short form CP (with materiality proviso)

(d) Regulatory Approvals. (i) any applicable waiting period under the HSR Act shall have expired or been terminated; (ii) the European Commission shall have taken a decision (or been deemed to have taken a decision) under Article 6(1)(b) or, if the European Commission has initiated proceedings pursuant to Article 6(1)(c), under Article 8 of the EC Merger Regulation, declaring the Merger compatible with the common market or any national competition authority of any European Union member state with jurisdiction shall have taken a decisions clearing or approving the transaction under any applicable antitrust, competition or fair trade Laws of any European Union member state or any applicable waiting period under such Laws shall have expired, lapsed or been terminated; and (iii) all applicable waiting and other time periods under other applicable foreign, federal or state antitrust, competition or fair trade Laws or applicable Laws having expired, lapsed or been terminated (as appropriate) and all regulatory clearances in any relevant jurisdiction having been obtained, in each case, in respect of the Merger unless otherwise waived by Purchaser (the "Foreign Antitrust Condition"); provided, however, that with respect to the Foreign Antitrust Condition, the failure of such condition shall not relieve either Parent or Purchaser of its obligation to consummate the Merger if the failure of a waiting period to expire or be terminated or the failure to obtain any required approval would not reasonably be expected to result in material limitations on the operation by Parent of the assets of Parent, its subsidiaries or the Company or its subsidiaries or the failure of a waiting period to expire or be terminated or the failure to obtain any required approval would not subject Parent or Purchaser to the payment of a material fine or penalty.

b. CP with agreed list of jurisdictions in Exhibit to Agreement

(d) <u>Regulatory Approvals/HSR Act</u>. (i) All waiting periods (and extensions thereof) applicable to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements under the HSR Act and any other applicable Antitrust Laws, as set forth on Schedule 9.1(d), shall have expired or been terminated, and (ii) the clearances, approvals and consents required to be obtained under applicable Antitrust Laws to permit the Parties to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, as set forth on Schedule 9.1(d), shall have been obtained ((i) and (ii) together, the "Antitrust Approvals").

c. Detailed CP-US/EU/Canada/other

(A) The applicable waiting period (and any extension thereof) under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "HSR Act"), shall have expired or been earlier terminated (and no action to enjoin or restrain the consummation of the Tender Offer, based on US competition law by the US Department of Justice or Federal Trade Commission shall be pending and there



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shall not be in effect an agreement or commitment not to close the Tender Offer), (B) the European Commission shall have issued a decision pursuant to the EC Merger Regulation declaring the transactions contemplated hereby compatible with the common market (or compatibility being deemed under Article 10(6) of the EC Merger Regulation), (C) the applicable waiting period shall have expired or been waived and the Commissioner of the Canadian Competition Bureau shall have advised the Offeror that he does not intend to oppose the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement or shall have issued an advance ruling certificate in respect of such transactions pursuant to Section 102 of the Competition Act (Canada), (D) the approvals of the other Merger Control Authorities shall have been received and any applicable waiting periods shall have expired or have been terminated or waived.

II. Covenants

a. Simple obligation to make filings

Each of the Purchaser and the Sellers agree to make, if applicable, an appropriate filing pursuant to the HSR Act with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby within [ten] Business Days after the date hereof and to supply promptly any additional information and documentary material that may be requested pursuant to the HSR Act. In addition, each party agrees to make, or to cause to be made, any filing that may be required under any other antitrust or competition law or by any other antitrust or competition authority, including any other requirements of the antitrust legislation of any other relevant jurisdiction, if applicable, within 30 days after the date hereof and to supply promptly any additional information and documentary material that may be requested pursuant thereto. Each party shall have responsibility for its respective filing fees associated with the HSR filings and any other similar filings required in any other jurisdictions.

b. Detailed cooperation covenant

In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, each of Parent and the Company agrees to make an appropriate filing of a Notification and Report Form pursuant to the HSR Act (and to make such other filings as are required under Laws in foreign jurisdictions governing antitrust or merger control matters) with respect to the Merger as promptly as practicable after the date hereof and to supply as promptly as practicable any additional information and documentary material that may be requested pursuant to the HSR Act (or pursuant to such foreign Laws). Each party will consult with counsel for the other parties as to, and will permit such counsel to participate in, any litigation referred to in clause [*] above. Each party, acting solely through outside counsel, will (x) promptly notify the other party of any written communication to that party from any Governmental Entity located in the U.S. and, to the extent practicable, outside of the U.S. and, subject to applicable Law, if practicable, permit the other party to review in advance any proposed



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written communication to any such Governmental Entity and incorporate the other party's reasonable comments, (y) not agree to participate in any substantive meeting or discussion with any such Governmental Entity in respect of any filing, investigation or inquiry concerning this Agreement or the Merger unless it consults with the other party in advance and, to the extent permitted by such Governmental Entity, gives the other party the opportunity to attend and (z) furnish the other party with copies of all correspondence, filings and written communications between them and their affiliates and their respective representatives on one hand, and any such Governmental Entity or its respective staff on the other hand, with respect to this Agreement and the Merger, except that any materials concerning Parent's valuation of the Company, the Company's valuation of the transaction, internal financial information or competitively sensitive information of Parent may be redacted.

Alternative cooperation covenant

Each party to this Agreement shall promptly notify the other parties of any communication it or any of its Affiliates receives from any Governmental Authority relating to the matters that are the subject of this Agreement and permit the other parties to review in advance, to the extent permitted by Law, any proposed communication by such party to any Governmental Authority. No party to this Agreement shall agree to participate in any meeting with any Governmental Authority in respect of any filings, investigation or other inquiry unless it consults with the other parties in advance and, to the extent permitted by such Governmental Authority, gives the other parties the opportunity to attend and participate at such meeting. [Subject to the Confidentiality Agreement,] the parties to this Agreement will coordinate and cooperate fully and promptly with each other in exchanging such information and providing such assistance as the other parties may reasonably request in connection with the foregoing and in seeking early termination of any applicable waiting periods, including those under the HSR Act. [Subject to the Confidentiality Agreement,] the parties to this Agreement will provide each other with copies of all correspondence, filings or communications between them or any of their representatives, on the one hand, and any Governmental Authority or members of its staff, on the other hand, with respect to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

c. Covenant on timing of Second Request compliance

In the event the Buyer or Seller receives a Second Request in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, such party will comply with such request as provided by Section 7A(e) of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act not more than [60] days from the date of service of the request. For purposes of this provision, a party shall be deemed to have complied with any such request by providing a response that the party in good faith believes to be in substantial compliance and by certifying its substantial compliance within the [60] day period. In the event that a party receives a subpoena or civil investigative demand requesting materials and information similar to that usually demanded in a Second



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Request, such Party shall comply with such subpoena or civil investigative demand not more than [60] days from the date of service of the subpoena or civil investigative demand. In the event the Governmental Entity disputes the adequacy of compliance by a party with respect to a Second Request, subpoena, or civil investigative demand, the party shall endeavor to satisfy the Governmental Entity so as to minimize any delay in the conduct or resolution of the investigation.

III. Risk-Shifting/Sharing Provisions

a. General efforts clause

The Purchaser shall make any necessary filings with respect to, and use [its best efforts/its reasonable best efforts/commercially reasonable efforts] promptly to obtain, all authorizations, consents, orders and approvals of all Governmental Authorities and officials that may be or become necessary for its execution and delivery of, and the performance of its obligations pursuant to, this Agreement and will cooperate fully with the other parties in promptly seeking to obtain all such authorizations, consents, orders and approvals. Each party hereto agrees to make any necessary filings for which it is responsible pursuant to the HSR Act, the EU Merger Regulation, and any other Law that requires a mandatory merger control filing with respect to the transaction contemplated by this Agreement ("Applicable MC Law"), within five (5) Business Days of the date hereof (unless otherwise agreed by the parties) and to supply as promptly as practicable to the appropriate Governmental Authorities any additional information and documentary material that may be requested pursuant to the HSR Act, the EU Merger Regulation and any other Applicable MC Law. The Sellers shall not be required to pay any fees or other payments to any Governmental Authorities in connection with any such authorization, consent, order or approval (other than normal filing fees that are imposed by Law on the Seller).

b. No obligation to make divestitures proviso

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event will Purchaser be obligated to propose or agree to accept any undertaking or condition, to enter into any consent decree, to make any divestiture, to accept any operational restriction, or take any other action that, in the reasonable judgment of Purchaser, could be expected to limit the right of Purchaser to own or operate all or any portion of their respective businesses or assets. With regard to any Governmental Antitrust Entity, neither the Seller nor any of its respective affiliates shall, without Purchaser's written consent, in Purchaser's sole discretion, discuss or commit to any divestiture transaction, or discuss or commit to alter their businesses or commercial practices in any way, or otherwise take or commit to take any action that limits Purchaser's freedom of action with respect to, or Purchaser's ability



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to retain any of the businesses, product lines or assets of, the [business to be acquired] or otherwise receive the full benefits of this Agreement

c. Seller model—"Hell or high water" clause (including obligation to litigate)

Purchaser agrees to use its [reasonable] best efforts and to take promptly any and all steps necessary to avoid or eliminate each and every impediment under any antitrust, competition or trade regulation Law that may be asserted by any Governmental Authority or any other Person with respect to the transaction contemplated by this Agreement so as to enable the Closing to occur expeditiously, but in no case later than the Targeted Closing Date, including providing information, proposing, negotiating, committing to and/or effecting, by consent decree, hold separate orders, or otherwise, the sale, divesture or disposition of, or holding separate (through the establishment of a trust or otherwise) such of its assets, properties or businesses or of the Assets, properties or businesses of the Business to be acquired by it pursuant hereto as are required to be divested in order to avoid the entry of, or to effect the dissolution of, any decree, order, judgment, injunction, temporary restraining order or other order in any suit or proceeding, which would otherwise have the effect of materially delaying or preventing the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby or that would make the consummation of the acquisition of Business in accordance with the terms of this Agreement unlawful. In addition, the Purchaser shall defend through litigation on the merits any claim asserted in court by any party in order to avoid entry of, or to have vacated or terminated, any decree, order or judgment (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that would restrain or prevent the Closing by the Targeted Closing Date.

Buyer responsible for making settlement offers; obligation to provide information to Seller

The Buyer shall be responsible for making any settlement offers and negotiating any consent decree or consent order with any Governmental Entity in order to permit the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to be consummated prior to the Termination Date. The Buyer agrees that, at any time in an investigation, if a Governmental Entity suggests or proffers a settlement of the investigation to permit the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to close, the Buyer shall promptly (and in any event within one (1) Business Day) communicate the terms of the offer to the Sellers. The Buyer, in its sole discretion, may accept or reject any settlement of the investigation proposed by any Governmental Entity, provided that the Buyer's actions permit the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to be consummated prior to the Termination Date.

d. Limitation of obligation to make divestitures

(i) Capped divestiture obligation proviso

Nothing in this Agreement will require Parent or Merger Sub to take any action, including entering into any consent decree, hold separate orders or other arrangements, that requires the divestiture of any assets of any of the Company, Parent or Merger Sub, or limits



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Parent's freedom of action with respect to, or its ability to retain the Company and its subsidiaries or any portion thereof or any of Parent's or its affiliates' other assets or businesses, or in Parent's reasonable judgment would be expected to have a material adverse impact on any of its businesses, or the businesses to be acquired by it pursuant to this Agreement, either individually or in the aggregate; provided, however, that Parent shall agree to license or divest those of Parent's assets or businesses or products or product lines that individually or in the aggregate generated total worldwide revenues of up to the equivalent of USD \$ [X] million in the most recent fiscal year if necessary to obtain any required regulatory approval prior to the Termination Date.

(ii) Divestiture obligation capped by definition of "reasonable best efforts"

If any objections are asserted with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement under any Antitrust Law (an "Antitrust Objection") or if any suit, action or proceeding is instituted (or threatened to be instituted) by any Governmental Entity or other Person challenging any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as violative of any Antitrust Law (an "Antitrust Challenge"), each of the parties shall use its reasonable best efforts to resolve any such objections or challenges so as to permit consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. For purposes of this Section [**]. "reasonable best efforts" shall include without limitation, Purchaser and/or Seller (and, to the extent required by any Governmental Entity, their Subsidiaries and affiliates) entering into a settlement, undertaking, consent decree, stipulation or other agreement (a "Settlement") with a Governmental Entity regarding antitrust matters in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including without limitation, entering into a Settlement that requires Purchaser and/or Seller to hold separate (including by establishing a trust or otherwise) or to sell or otherwise dispose of particular assets and/or withdraw from doing business in particular geographic areas, to satisfy any Antitrust Objections or to settle any Antitrust Challenges, but, notwithstanding anything else contained in this Agreement, Purchaser and/or Seller shall not be required to enter into any Settlement (i) that requires Purchaser and/or Seller to hold separate (including by establishing a trust or otherwise) or to sell or otherwise dispose of or withdraw from stores of Purchaser and/or Seller (and their Subsidiaries) the aggregate revenues of which (for the most recent fiscal year) exceeded \$500 million ("Antitrust Store Limit") or (ii) as a result of which the aggregate gross margin attributable to business of [specific business line] to be terminated or otherwise lost pursuant to such Settlement would be greater than [35]% of the total gross margin attributable to such business for the most recently ended fiscal year ("Antitrust [business] Limit").

(iii) Divestiture obligation capped by definition of MAC

Nothing in this Agreement shall require, or be construed to require, Purchaser or Seller or their respective Subsidiaries to take any action or enter into any agreement with respect to any of its assets, business or operations (the sum of the aggregate positive and negative



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economic effects of all such actions and agreements on the value of the assets, business or operations of the Purchaser and their respective Subsidiaries (excluding synergies anticipated to be realized by Purchaser or Seller or their respective Subsidiaries from the Merger) and on the value of the assets, business or operations of Seller or their respective Subsidiaries, as applicable, as of the date of any determination being referred to herein as the "Net Effects"), that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in the aggregate negative Net Effects being more than the Material Adverse Amount (as defined in Section [*] of the Disclosure Letter (a "Material Adverse Condition")). For purposes of calculating Net Effects with respect to the sale of a market or spectrum it is agreed that [details on calculations].

(iv) Divestiture obligation capped by materiality

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, each of the parties hereto agrees to use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions that are necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and make effective the Offer, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including: ... (ii) using reasonable best efforts to obtain all necessary actions or nonactions, waivers, consents, approvals, orders and authorizations from, and the giving of any necessary notices to. Governmental Entities and other persons and the making of all necessary registrations, declarations and filings (including filings under the HSR Act and other registrations, declarations and filings with, or notices to, Governmental Entities, if any), (iii) coordinating and cooperating with, and giving due consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested by the other party in connection with, making (A) any filing under or with respect to the HSR Act, any other antitrust, competition, merger control or similar Law or any other applicable Laws and (B) any filings, conferences or other submissions related to resolving any investigation or other inquiry by any Governmental Entity, (iv) using reasonable best efforts to provide any supplemental information requested by a Governmental Entity, including participating in meetings with officials of such entity in the course of its review of this Agreement, the Offer, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (v) using reasonable best efforts to avoid any suit, claim, action, investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Entity or other person, and (vi) litigating or participating in the litigation of any suit, claim, action, investigation or proceeding, whether judicial or administrative, brought by any Governmental Entity for the purpose of enabling the parties to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Offer and the Merger, on the terms and conditions set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall Parent or Sub be obligated to, and the Company and its Subsidiaries shall not agree with a Governmental Entity without the prior written consent of Parent, to divest or hold separate, or enter into any licensing or similar arrangement with respect to, any material assets (whether tangible or intangible) or any material portion of any business of



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Parent, the Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries (any such action, an "Action of Divestiture").

(v) Explicit obligation to offer particular assest

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries shall be required to dispose of or hold separate, or agree to dispose of or hold separate or restrict its ownership and operation of, all or any portion of the business or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries or Parent and its Subsidiaries, except that Parent shall be required, if necessary to obtain any regulatory approval from any Governmental Entity necessary for consummation of the Merger, to divest its ALL SPORT beverage brand, without regard to consideration received, no later than the date which is 30 days prior to the date eight months from the date hereof.

e. "Take or pay" covenant

(a) If any competent authority indicates formally or informally that an approval is likely to be granted subject to compliance with certain conditions and/or commitments, the Purchaser shall accept the imposition of such conditions and/or offer such commitments. If the Purchaser is unable to offer or comply with any such conditions or commitments or an approval has not been granted by 15 December 2006, the Purchaser shall be obliged to pay the Closing Payment Amount in accordance with the terms of this Agreement on 15 December 2006 contemporaneously with the transfer of the Target Shares to a party designated by the Purchaser and acceptable to the relevant antitrust authorities (hereinafter the "Third Party Buyer").

(b) If (i) the Purchaser fails to designate a Third Party Buyer; (ii) the transfer of any Target Shares or to a Third Party Buyer is legally not permissible; (iii) a Third Party Buyer does not accept title to any Target Shares; or (iv) any Target Shares cannot be transferred to a Third Party Buyer, the Purchaser shall be obliged to pay to the Sellers the Closing Payment Amount on [outside date], regardless of whether the conditions set forth in Sections 3.2(A), (B) and (C) have been fulfilled by such date or will be fulfilled at a later date. The Sellers shall as soon as reasonably practicable, but not earlier than [outside date plus 3-6 months], procure the sale to a third party of any Target Shares or assets which the Sellers do not transfer to a Third Party Buyer pursuant to this paragraph and shall promptly pay to the Purchaser an amount equal to any proceeds of such sale, net of any Taxes and fees, costs and expenses. In procuring such sale the Sellers shall act in good faith and in accordance with the advice of their financial advisers but shall not be obliged to accept any obligations in addition to those contained in this Agreement. The Sellers shall have no liability to the Purchaser in relation to the price obtained for such sale (other than to pay the proceeds (net of the items set out above) to the Purchaser) or in relation to any other term or condition of such sale and shall not in any circumstances act as a trustee or fiduciary for the Purchaser.



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f. Business to be put in trust if clearance not obtained

In the event that the Closing shall not have occurred on or before the [31st/150th] day after the filing of the HSR Form pursuant to the HSR Act with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby,

(i) Buyer shall pay Seller the Purchase Price in the manner set forth in Article [**] hereof and assume the liabilities and indemnity obligations contemplated by this Agreement to be assumed by Buyer,

(ii) the post-closing audit adjustments provided for in Article [**] shall be calculated and paid as if the $[31^{st}/150^{th}]$ day were the Closing Date,

(iii) all other references in this Agreement to the Closing Date shall be deemed to be references to the $[31^{st}/150^{th}]$ day, and the covenants and other agreements contained herein shall be operative as if the Closing shall have occurred on the $[31^{st}/150^{th}]$,

(iv) Seller shall place the shares into a Trust [defined term] pursuant to a Trust Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto which is reasonably acceptable to Buyer.

Seller and Buyer shall agree to any reasonable modifications suggested by a Governmental Antitrust Authority that, in the view of such authorities, are necessary to make the Trust comply with the U.S. antitrust laws. The Trust shall incorporate provisions with respect to the following:

(A) the Trustee shall have the right to appoint the directors of Target,

(B) the Trustee shall have the right to vote the shares on all matters for which shareholders of the Target are entitled to vote,

(C) if the Transaction has not closed within [180] days from the $[31^{st}/150^{th}]$ day, the Trustee shall use its best efforts to sell the shares to a person not affiliated with either the Buyer or Seller. Proceeds from that sale shall first be used to pay fees and expenses of the Trustee, and then any expenses incurred by the Seller in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement after the $[31^{st}/150^{th}]$ day. The balance of proceeds shall be paid to Buyer.

IV. Termination Provisions and Reverse Break-Up Fees

a. Reverse breakup fee for failure to obtain clearance

In the event that either the Company or Purchaser is entitled to terminate, and terminates, this Agreement pursuant to [*cross-reference provision requiring competition* clearances] and at the time of such termination (i) all of the conditions set forth in Sections [*] have been satisfied or waived (other than the delivery of certificates and provided that the term



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"Closing Date" shall in any of such sections be deemed to refer to the date of such termination), (ii) neither the Company nor Purchaser is entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section [*] and (iii) if a vote to obtain the Company Stockholder Approval has been taken at a Company Stockholder Meeting, Company Stockholder Approval has been obtained, then Purchaser shall pay a termination fee equal to [\$120,000,000] (the "Nonclearance Termination Fee") on or before the fifth business day following such termination by wire transfer of same day funds to an account designated in writing to Parent by the Company at least two business days after such termination.

b. Termination and reverse breakup fee provisions with extension of Outside Date for consent decree

Termination

This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Merger Effective Time by written notice delivered by the terminating party to the other parties:

(b) by either Seller or Purchaser if:

(i) (A) any permanent injunction or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other competent Governmental Authority preventing the consummation of the Merger, (1) in an action brought by a federal, state or local Governmental Authority under the Antitrust Laws of the United States shall have become final and nonappealable, (2) in an action brought by a foreign Governmental Authority under Antitrust Laws, shall have become final and nonappealable or (3) in an action brought by any other Person (other than a Governmental Authority) under the Antitrust Laws, shall have become final and nonappealable; or (B) any permanent injunction or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other competent Governmental Authority preventing the consummation of the Merger, other than in an action brought under the Antitrust Laws, shall have become final and nonappealable;

(ii) the Merger shall not have been consummated before [DATE] (the "Outside Date"), provided that (A) if all conditions to Closing set forth in Article [*] have been satisfied or waived on or prior to such date and the Department of Justice or Federal Trade Commission has, prior to the Outside Date, agreed with Seller and Purchaser to enter into to a consent decree or other settlement permitting the consummation of the Merger, then the Outside Date shall be extended to the Second Business Day immediately following the date such consent decree or other settlement is filed in court (but in no event later than five (5) Business Days following the Outside Date), at which time, the parties shall consummate the Merger in accordance with Section [*]; or (B) such period shall be extended by the Boards of Directors of both Seller and Purchaser (provided that the right to terminate this Agreement under any provision of this Section [*](b)(ii) shall not be available to any party whose failure (or whose affiliate's failure) to perform any material



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covenant or obligation under this Agreement has been the cause of or resulted in the failure of the Merger to occur on or before such date); or

Breakup fee

If this Agreement is terminated by Purchaser or Seller pursuant to Section [*](b)(i)(A)(l), Purchaser shall pay or cause to be paid to Seller, in cash by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account designated by Seller, no later than one business day following such termination, if terminated by Seller, or concurrently with such termination, if terminated by Purchaser, a termination fee and expense reimbursement in an amount equal to [\$600,000,000.00 (Six Hundred Million Dollars)], which amount shall not be subject to offset or deduction of any kind by Purchaser; provided, that the payment of one-half of the Termination Fee shall not be required concurrently with such termination (and the parties may elect to resolve such dispute in accordance with Section [*]) if Seller's failure (or the failure of any of its Affiliates) to comply with Section [*] has been the cause of or resulted in the occurrence or non-occurrence which permitted termination under Section [*]. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section [*], if the parties have available to them, and Purchaser is willing to accept, a settlement, consent decree, stipulation or other agreement or resolution (each a "Settlement") with the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission or any other Governmental Authority, but Seller terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section [*] hereof, then Purchaser shall not be required to pay Seller the termination fee described in this Section [*].

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Announcement				Equity Value	Antitrust Revers	se Breakup Fee	Enforcement	Action	Merger
Date	Acquiror	Target	Status	(\$M)	Amount (\$M)	% of Equity Value	US	EC	Agreement
10/18/2018 1	Iovartis AG	Endocyte, Inc.	Completed	\$1,202.89	\$150	12.5%	None	None	Link
9/28/2018 V	VeddingWire, Inc.	XO Group, Inc.	Completed	\$906.92	\$30	3.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/16/2018 Z	oetis Inc.	ABAXIS, Inc.	Completed	\$1,898.29	\$60.00	3.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/1/2018 7	he Boeing Co.	KLX, Inc.	Completed	\$3,196.16	\$175.00	5.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
4/29/2018 1	-Mobile US, Inc.	Sprint Corp.	Pending	\$26,513.01	\$600.00	2.3%			<u>Link</u>
4/23/2018 0	CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	Vectren Corp.	Pending	\$5,981.81	\$210	3.5%			<u>Link</u>
4/9/2018 M	lovartis AG	AveXis, Inc.	Completed	\$8,025.94	\$437.00	5.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/19/2018 F	idelity Nat'l Financial	Stewart Info. Servs.	Pending	\$1,191.16	\$50	4.2%			<u>Link</u>
3/12/2018 L	umentum Holdings	Oclaro	Completed	\$1,697.08	\$80	4.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/8/2018 0	ligna	Express Scripts	Completed	\$53,895.83	\$2,100	3.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/1/2018 A	Ibertsons Cos.	Rite Aid	Abandoned	\$2,330.89	\$65	2.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
1/22/2018 0	Celgene	Juno Therapeutics	Completed	\$9,067.36	\$600	6.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
1/3/2018 [Dominion Energy	SCANA	Pending	\$7,659.54	\$280	3.7%	None	-	<u>Link</u>
12/18/2017 0	Campbell Soup	Snyder's-Lance	Completed	\$4,861.88	\$50	1.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/14/2017 V	Valt Disney	Twenty-First Century Fox	Pending	\$54,721.78	\$2,500	4.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/3/2017 0	CVS Health	Aetna	Completed	\$67,822.82	\$2,100	3.1%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
10/30/2017 \	/istra Energy	Dynegy	Completed	\$1,738.88	\$100	5.8%	PUC order	None	<u>Link</u>
10/6/2017 0	Cooke	Omega Protein	Completed	\$494.21	\$20	4.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/19/2017 F	Post Holdings	Bob Evans Farms	Completed	\$1,535.97	\$50	3.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/7/2017 F	resenius Medical Care	NxStage Medical	Pending	\$1,980.22	\$100	5.0%			<u>Link</u>
7/6/2017 L	iberty Interactive	HSN	Completed	\$1,306.20	\$75	5.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
4/10/2017 <i>µ</i>	spen Skiing/KSL	Intrawest Resorts	Completed	\$945.79	\$66.21	7.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
4/10/2017 A	T&T	Straight Path Comm	Outbid (18)	\$1,194.28	\$38	3.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/27/2017 1	ricon Capital Group	Silver Bay Realty Trust	Completed	\$759.44	\$62.50	8.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/24/2017 [DigitalGlobe	MacDonald, Dettwiler	Completed	\$2,100.03	\$150	7.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
1/26/2017 A	lipay (UK) Ltd.	MoneyGram	Withdrawn	\$699.17	\$17.50	2.5%	None	-	<u>Link</u>
1/25/2017 4	ltaGas	WGL Holdings	Completed	\$4,520.08	\$68	1.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
1/5/2017 0	Gartner	CEB	Completed	\$2,490.53	\$125	5.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/9/2016 9	iibanye Gold Ltd.	Stillwater Mining	Completed	\$2,179.44	\$33	1.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>



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Date	Acquiror	Target	Status	(\$M)	Amount (\$M)	% of Equity Value	US	EC	Agreement
12/9/2016 T	DK	InvenSense	Completed	\$1,227.40	\$46.70	3.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/20/2016 B	oral Ltd.	Headwaters	Completed	\$1,798.31	\$75	4.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/3/2016 A	merican Axle	MPG	Completed	\$1,453.98	\$101.79	7.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/31/2016 G	eneral Electric	Baker Hughes	Completed	\$35,900.00	\$1,300	3.6%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
10/23/2016 C	hina Oceanwide	Genworth Financial	Pending	\$2,706.15	\$210	7.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/22/2016 A	T&T Inc.	Time Warner Inc.	Pending	\$82,896.43	\$500.00	0.6%	DOJ complaint		<u>Link</u>
9/8/2016 G	oogle	Apigee	Completed	\$530.08	\$46.60	8.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/16/2016 C	intas	G&K Services	Completed	\$1,918.94	\$100	5.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/26/2016 A	nalog Devices	Linear Technology	Completed	\$14,390.72	\$490	3.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/21/2016 K	omatsu	Joy Global	Completed	\$2,777.62	\$150	5.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/31/2016 G	reenPlains Energy	Westar Energy	Pending	\$8,501.20	\$380	4.5%	None (17)	None	<u>Link</u>
4/28/2016 C	omcast Corp.	Dreamworks Animation	Completed	\$3,800.00	\$200	5.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/16/2016 C	oherent	Rofin-Sinar Technologies	Completed	\$919.84	\$65	7.1%	None	Conditions	<u>Link</u>
3/4/2016 A	MC Entertainment	Carmike Cinemas	Completed	\$736.46	\$50	6.8%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
3/2/2016 C	CL Industries	Checkpoint Systems	Completed	\$421.16	\$13	3.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/9/2016 T	ianjin Tianhai Inv.	Ingram Micro	Completed	\$5,771.81	\$400	6.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/9/2016 A	lgonquin Power	Empire District Electric	Completed	\$1,487.95	\$65	4.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/4/2016 S	uzhou Dongshan	Multi-fineline Electronix	Completed	\$589.39	\$27	4.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/1/2016 D	ominion Resources	Questar	Completed	\$4,374.71	\$154	3.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
1/13/2016 N	licrochip Technology	Atmel	Completed	\$3,433.68	\$250	7.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/18/2015 0	N Semiconductor	Fairchild Semiconductor	Completed	\$2,268.02	\$180	7.9%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
11/17/2015 A	ir Liquide S.A.	Airgas	Completed	\$10,305.92	\$400	3.9%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
11/2/2015 S	hire PLC	Dyax	Completed	\$6,076.39	\$280	4.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/28/2015 S	nyder's Lance	Diamond Foods	Completed	\$1,275.97	\$50	3.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/27/2015 W	/algreens Boots	Rite Aid	Abandoned (16)	\$9,416.39	\$325	3.5%		None	<u>Link</u>
10/26/2015 D	uke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	Completed	\$4,761.29	\$250	5.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/21/2015 W	/estern Digital Corp.	SanDisk	Completed	\$17,139.75	\$1,060.42	6.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/13/2015 S	venska Cellulosa	Wausau Paper	Completed	\$513.34	\$26	5.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/4/2015 E	mera	TECO Energy	Completed (15)	\$6,481.18	\$326.90	5.0%	None	None	Link



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Date	Acquiror	Target	Status	(\$M)	Amount (\$M)	% of Equity Value	US	EC	Agreement
7/26/2015 T	eva Pharmaceutical	Allergan	Completed	\$40,500.00	\$1,000.00	2.5%	Consent decree	Conditions	<u>Link</u>
7/3/2015 A	Aetna	Humana	Blocked	\$34,088.24	\$1,000.00	2.9%	DOJ injunction		<u>Link</u>
7/2/2015 C	Centene	Health Net	Completed	\$6,072.36	\$250.00	4.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
6/20/2015 A	Anthem	Cigna	Blocked	\$47,215.57	\$1,850.00	3.9%	DOJ injunction		<u>Link</u>
6/1/2015 Ir	ntel	Altera	Completed	\$16,327.08	\$500.00	3.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/19/2015 B	Ball (os)	Rexam	Completed (14)	\$8,400.00	\$466.17	5.5%	Consent decree	Conditions	<u>Link</u>
2/12/2015 E	xpedia	Orbitz Worldwide	Completed	\$1,329.58	\$115.00	8.6%	None	None	Link
2/4/2015 S	itaples	Office Depot	Blocked	\$6,205.61	\$250.00	4.0%	FTC injunction		Link
11/17/2014 H	falliburton	Baker Hughes	Abandoned	\$34,600.00	\$3,500.00	10.1%	DOJ complaint	Conditions	Link
11/17/2014 A	Actavis	Allergan	Completed	\$67,365.83	\$2,100.00	3.1%	None	None	Link
11/3/2014 L	aboratory Corp. of Am.	Covance	Completed	\$5,960.57	\$305.00	5.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/22/2014 N	Merck KGaA	Sigma-Aldrich	Completed	\$16,673.44	\$934.38	5.6%	None	None	Link
9/21/2014 S	iemens Aktiengesellschaft	Dresser-Rand Group	Completed	\$6,359.15	\$400.00	6.3%	None	None	Link
9/4/2014 N	Mattress Firm Holding Corp.	The Sleep Train	Completed	\$440.00	\$10.00	2.3%	None	None	Link
8/20/2014 Ir	nfineon Technologies	International Rectifier	Completed	\$2,865.56	\$70.00	2.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/1/2014 S	cientific Games	Bally Technologies	Completed	\$3,194.97	\$105.00	3.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/28/2014 Z	llow	Trulia	Completed	\$2,631.48	\$150.00	5.7%	None	None	Link
4/30/2014 E	xelon	Pepco Holdings	Completed	\$6,826.59	\$180.00	2.6%	None		<u>Link</u>
3/2/2014 N	vledia General	LIN Media	Completed	\$1,541.14	\$55.10	3.6%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
2/20/2014 B	Brookdale Senior Living	Emeritus	Completed	\$1,380.13	\$143.00	10.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/19/2014 S	ignet Jewelers Limited	Zale	Completed	\$689.82	\$53.40	7.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
1/28/2014 N	Aartin Marietta Materials	Texas Industries	Completed	\$2,059.29	\$140.00	6.8%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
12/8/2013 S	ysco	US Foods (p)	Blocked (13)	\$3,500.00	\$300.00	8.6%	FTC injunction		<u>Link</u>
8/27/2013 A	Akorn	Hi-Tech Pharmacal	Completed	\$591.35	\$48.04	8.1%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
7/24/2013 H	lanesbrands	Maidenform Brands	Completed	\$547.21	\$30.00	5.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/9/2013 T	he Kroger Co.	Harris Teeter Supermarkets,	Completed	\$2,442.52	\$200.00	8.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/29/2013 S	ervice Corp. Int'l	Stewart Enterprises	Completed	\$1,131.40	\$75.00	6.6%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
1/31/2013 S	cientific Games	WMS Industries	Completed	\$1,419.16	\$80.00	5.6%	None	None	Link
1/29/2013 K	Kinder Morgan Energy	Copano Energy	Completed	\$3,229.92	\$75.00	2.3%	None	None	Link



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Date	Acquiror	Target	Status	(\$M)	Amount (\$M)	% of Equity Value	US	EC	Agreement
12/20/2012	IntercontinentalExchange	NYSE Euronext	Completed	\$8,048.16	\$750.00	9.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/18/2012	Nielsen Holdings N.V.	Arbitron	Completed	\$1,255.77	\$131.00	10.4%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
12/10/2012	Honeywell International Inc.	Intermec	Completed	\$603.45	\$24.00	4.0%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
10/25/2012	McKesson Corp.	PSS World Medical	Completed	\$1,458.12	\$50.00	3.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/11/2012	Ecolab	Permian Mud Service (p)	Completed	\$2,160.00	\$100.00	4.6%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
8/20/2012	2 Aetna	Coventry Health Care	Completed (12)	\$5,632.57	\$450.00	8.0%	None	None	Link
7/23/2012	2 DigitalGlobe	GeoEye	Completed	\$466.56	\$20.00	4.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/9/2012	2 Thomson Reuters Corp.	FX Alliance	Completed	\$622.94	\$14.50	2.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/30/2011	Synopsys	Magma Design Automation	Completed	\$505.04	\$30.00	5.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/6/2011	International Paper	Temple-Inland	Completed	\$4,300.00	\$200.00	4.7%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
8/15/2011	Google	Motorola Mobility	Completed	\$11,877.58	\$2,500.00	21.0%	None	None	Link
6/13/2011	Honeywell International	EMS Technologies	Completed (11)	\$509.86	\$19.60	3.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/4/2011	Applied Materials	Varian Semiconductor	Completed	\$4,751.16	\$200.00	4.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
4/27/2011	L CoStar Group	LoopNet	Completed	\$607.11	\$51.60	8.5%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
4/4/2011	Texas Instruments	National Semiconductor	Completed	\$6,119.47	\$350.00	5.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/20/2011	LAT&T	T-Mobile USA	Failed (10)	\$39,000.00	\$4,200.00	10.8%	DOJ complaint	-	Link
11/18/2010) Cardinal Health	Kinray	Completed	\$1,300.00	\$65.00	5.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/28/2010) Carlyle Group	Syniverse Holdings	Completed (9)	\$2,171.43	\$60.00	2.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/29/2010) VeriFone Systems	Hypercom	Completed (8)	\$405.63	\$28.40	7.0%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
9/27/2010) Unilever NV	Alberto-Culver	Completed	\$3,699.48	\$125.00	3.4%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
9/19/2010) Safran	L-1 Identity Solutions	Completed	\$1,118.00	\$75.00	6.7%	None	None	Link
6/14/2010) Cablevision Systems	Bresnan Broadband	Completed	\$1,365.00	\$50.00	3.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
6/7/2010) Grifols	Talecris Biotherapeutics	Completed	\$3,604.16	\$375.00	10.4%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
4/26/2010) Hertz	Dollar Thrifty	Completed (7)	\$1,429.85	\$44.60	3.1%	Consent decree	-	<u>Link</u>
3/2/2010) CF Industries	Terra Industries	Completed (6)	\$4,744.86	\$123.00	2.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/23/2010) R.R. Donnelley & Sons	Bowne & Co.	Completed	\$460.97	\$20.00	4.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
2/21/2010) Schlumberger	Smith International	Completed	\$9,765.99	\$615.00	6.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/16/2008	3 Getinge AB	Datascope	Completed (5)	\$843.31	\$30.00	3.6%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
8/22/2008	3 King Pharmaceuticals	Alpharma	Completed (4)	\$1,549.65	\$60.00	3.9%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>



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Date	Acquiror	Target	Status	(\$M)	Amount (\$M)	% of Equity Value	US	EC	Agreement
7/10/2008 D	ow Chemical	Rohm and Haas	Completed	\$15,051.00	\$750.00	5.0%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
6/5/2008 Ve	erizon Wireless	Alltel Corp	Completed	\$28,100.00	\$500.00	1.8%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
4/28/2008 M	lars	Wm. Wrigley	Completed	\$21,917.51	\$1,000.00	4.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/19/2007 G	erdau	Quanex	Completed	\$1,457.73	\$60.00	4.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/18/2007 Ce	elgene	Pharmion	Completed	\$2,682.02	\$70.00	2.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/12/2007 O	racle	BEA Systems	Completed	\$8,056.00	\$500.00	6.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/15/2007 Tł	homas & Betts Corporation	The Lamson & Sessions Co.	Completed	\$427.93	\$4.00	0.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/17/2007 Lk	(Q	Keystone Automotive	Completed	\$795.15	\$30.00	3.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/10/2007 G	erdau Ameristeel	Chaparral Steel	Completed	\$4,138.33	\$225.00	5.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/3/2007 H	exion	Huntsman	Failed (3)	\$6,239.31	\$325.00	5.2%	Consent decree	Conditions	<u>Link</u>
6/20/2007 Lu	uxottica Group SpA	Oakley	Completed	\$2,087.00	\$69.00	3.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/28/2007 U	RS	Washington Group Intl	Completed	\$3,102.00	\$70.00	2.3%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/18/2007 M	licrosoft	aQuantive	Completed	\$5,265.00	\$500.00	9.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
5/17/2007 Ca	apitalSource	TierOne	Failed (2)	\$618.88	\$0.70	0.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/22/2007 Av	very Dennison	Paxar	Completed	\$1,265.81	\$50.00	4.0%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/12/2007 U	nitedHealth Group	Sierra Health Services	Completed	\$2,425.34	\$25.00	1.0%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
3/5/2007 A	&P	Pathmark Stores	Completed	\$679.00	\$75.00	11.0%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
2/12/2007 Te	enaris	Hydril Co LP	Completed	\$2,212.00	\$77.00	3.5%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/20/2006 M	1 & F Worldwide	John H. Harland	Completed	\$1,347.62	\$52.50	3.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
11/8/2006 N	orthrop Grumman	Essex	Completed	\$521.00	\$1.00	0.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/31/2006 R.	.R. Donnelley & Sons	Banta	Completed	\$894.40	\$17.10	1.9%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
10/31/2006 C	B Richard Ellis Group	Trammell Crow	Completed	\$1,785.67	\$100.00	5.6%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
9/18/2006 Sr	nithfield Foods	Premium Standard Farms	Completed	\$673.52	\$100.00	14.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/15/2006 M	lonsanto	Delta and Pine	Completed	\$1,507.00	\$600.00	39.8%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
8/8/2006 Br	rocade Commun'cs	McDATA	Completed	\$732.00	\$60.00	8.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
4/3/2006 Se	ervice Corporation Int'l	Alderwoods Group	Completed	\$809.38	\$25.00	3.1%	Consent decree	None	<u>Link</u>
2/2/2006 Er	merson Electric Co.	Artesyn Technologies	Completed	\$438.53	\$15.00	3.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/21/2005 Se	eagate	Maxtor	Completed	\$1,900.00	\$300.00	15.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
12/14/2005 G	eneral Dynamics	Anteon International	Completed	\$2,063.73	\$42.50	2.1%	None	None	<u>Link</u>



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Date	Acquiror	Target	Status	(\$M)	Amount (\$M)	% of Equity Value	US	EC	Agreement
12/5/2005	Boston Scientific	Guidant	Completed	\$26,544.00	\$800.00	3.0%	Consent decree	Conditions	<u>Link</u>
10/24/2005	Sovereign Bancorp	Independence Cmnty Bank	Completed	\$3,657.00	\$100.00	2.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/29/2005	Intelsat	PanAmSat Holding	Completed	\$3,064.73	\$250.00	8.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/11/2005	QUALCOMM	Flarion Technologies	Completed	\$805.00	\$50.00	6.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
8/2/2005	Adidas-Salomon	Reebok International	Completed	\$4,219.87	\$75.00	1.8%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
7/17/2005	Whirlpool	Maytag	Completed	\$1,674.00	\$120.00	7.2%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/21/2005	Medicis Pharmaceutical	Inamed Corp	Failed (1)	\$2,769.00	\$10.00	0.4%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
3/9/2005	Gardner Denver	Thomas Industries	Completed	\$714.18	\$5.00	0.7%	None	None	<u>Link</u>
	Federated Department Stores	May Department Stores	Completed	\$10,406.04	\$350.00		Assurance agreement with Attorneys General of New York, California, Massachusetts,	None	Link

Notes

p Indicates a private company

- os Out of sample. Does not meet the sample criteria, but is included because it is a transaction of special interest and the requisite information is available.
- 1 There was no failure of the antitrust conditions and Medicis paid no antitrust reverse breakup fee. When higher, competing bids for Inamed were made, Medicis declined to increase the purchase price it would pay. Medicis received a \$90 million breakup fee when Inamed accepted a higher bid.
- 2 There was no failure of the antitrust conditions and CapitalSource paid no antitrust reverse breakup fee. The parties did not receive a required approval from the Office of Thrift Supervision by the drop-dead date and TierOne terminated the merger agreement. The antitrust reverse breakup fee provided for the reimbursement of transactions expenses capped at \$700,000.
- 3 Although Merger Metrics classified Hexion as a "financial buyer", there was significant horizontal overlap between the target and a Hexion portfolio company that raised antitrust concerns.
- 4 The transaction is classified on MergerMetrics as "hostile", despite ending on negotiated terms.
- 5 Although the transaction was completed through short-form procedures, it involved a negotiated merger agreement.
- 6 The transaction is classified on MergerMetrics as "hostile", despite ending on negotiated terms.
- 7 After Hertz and Dollar Thrifty signed their merger agreement in April 2010 but before shareholder approval, Avis announced that it was interested in buying Dollar Thrifty. A bidding war of sorts ensued, and in September 2010 the Dollar Thrifty shareholders rejected the Hertz merger agreement to allow the bidding war to continue. In September 2011, Avis withdrew from the bidding. In October 2011, Dollar Thrifty rejected Hertz's pending exchange offer on the grounds that it did not eliminate the antitrust regulatory risk and announced that it was no longer soliciting definitive agreements for a business combination.



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- 8 In the event that Verifone (the acquirer) elects to extend the drop-dead date because the antitrust conditions have not been satisfied, the antitrust reverse breakup fee increases to \$30.4 million (7.5% of the transaction value). If the acquirer extended the drop dead date, the fee was increased to \$30.4 million.
- 9 The acquiror is classified on MergerMetrics as a "financial buyer", but there may have been some overlap between the target and a portfolio company of the acquiror.
- 10 The antitrust reverse termination fee provision required AT&T to pay Deutsche Telekom (the parent of T-Mobile) \$3 billion in cash, enter into a roaming agreement with Deutsche Telekom on terms favorable to both parties, and transfer to Deutsche Telekom certain wireless AWS spectrum that AT&T does not need for its initial LTE roll-out. Press reports typically valued the noncash portion of the fee to T-Mobile at \$3 billion, for a total of \$6 billion. However, the total outlay to AT&T appears to be \$4.2 billion, the number AT&T reported in its Form 8-K on January 26, 2012.
- 11 Although the transaction was completed through short-form procedures, it involved a negotiated merger agreement.
- 12 As per Aetna's 8k filing and merger press release, Aetna's equity value is \$5632.57M and its reverse breakup fee is \$450M.
- 13 Under the merger agreement, Sysco will pay a purchase price consisting of \$500 million in cash and approximately 89.1 million shares of Sysco's common stock. Newspaper reports value this consideration at \$3.5 billion.
- 14 Out of sample because the target company is not a U.S. corporation. Tender offer pursuant to a Cooperation Agreement governed by English law. All valuations were converted from Pounds Sterling to U.S. Dollars based on the exchange rate as of the announcement of the transaction on February 19, 2015.
- 15 Includes a specific antitrust risk-shifting provision, but the fee is also payable if the financing condition is not satisfied.
- 16 The follow-on merger agreement between Rite Aid and Walgreens, dated Sept. 18, 2017, contains a revised reverse termination fee, with the amount being "the amount of the Company's (Rite Aid's) Transaction Expenses, up to a maximum amount of \$25 million". Transaction Expenses are defined as the retention payments to employees of the Company/ its Affiliates.
- 17 The Kansas Corporation Commission denied the parties' joint application to merge, finding that the merger was not in the public interest. The parties are currently negotiating a new agreement.
- 18 The merger agreement also specifies that in the event of any termination of the merger agreement that triggers payment of the Parent Termination Fee, then Parent shall make an additional payment to the Company in an amount equal to the difference between \$85,000,000 and the Parent Termination Fee as liquidated damages. Ultimately, AT&T lsot the bid to Verizon Communications in a \$3.1 billion deal, roughly double AT&T's initial offer.

Methodology The FactSet Mergers database, also known as MergerMetrics, collects information on transactions with the following characteristics: (1) the target company must be incorporated in the U.S.; (2) the target company must be publicly traded; and (3) the acquirer must own less than 50% of the target at the time the deal is announced and must be seeking to acquire 100% of the target's equity.



Antitrust Reverse Termination Fees

(covering January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2018)

Within this database, we identified transactions announced between January 1, 2005, and May 31, 2018, in which the merger agreement was publicly filed and had a transaction value of \$400 million or greater. We then excluded transactions classified by MergerMetrics as (i) a tender offer; (ii) a short-form merger; (iii) a management buyout; (iv) a leveraged buyout; (v) a going private transaction; (vi) a special purpose acquisition company acquirer; (vii) a financial buyer (unless the transaction was obviously strategic); or (viii) a club deal. There were 1190 transactions that met these criteria. Of these, 471 contained reverse breakup fees of any sort, including 153 with specific antitrust triggers.

Some transactions are included in the database that do not satisfy the above criteria because they are are special interest. These transactions are denoted by "(os)" beside the name of the acquiror.

Sysco/US Foods



Press Releases

Sysco and US Foods Agree to Merge, Creating a World-Class Foodservice Company

12/09/2013

Combination brings together the best of both companies to do more for our customers and invest in accelerating the transformation of Sysco and the industry

Total enterprise value of \$8.2 billion, representing 9.9x US Foods' trailing 12-month adjusted EBITDA of \$826 million before synergies

Expect to achieve annual synergies of at least \$600 million

More information on the transaction, including video material, can be found at www.bestofbothinfood.com

HOUSTON and ROSEMONT, III, Dec, 9, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sysco Corporation (NYSE:SYY) and US Foods today announced an agreement to merge, creating a world-class foodservice company. The total enterprise value of the transaction is approximately \$8.2 billion and the combination has been approved by the Board of Directors of each company.

Bill DeLaney, Sysco president and chief executive officer, will lead the combined company, which will continue to be named Sysco and headquartered in Houston, Texas. At closing, Sysco will have estimated annual sales of approximately \$65 billion.

Sysco will pay approximately \$3.5 billion for the equity of US Foods, comprising \$3 billion of Sysco common stock and \$500 million of cash. As part of the transaction, Sysco will also assume or refinance US Foods' net debt, which is currently approximately \$4.7 billion, bringing the total enterprise value to \$8.2 billion. Sysco has secured fully committed bridge financing and expects to issue permanent financing prior to closing.

After completion of the transaction, the equity holders of US Foods will own approximately 87 million shares, or roughly 13% of Sysco. A representative of each of US Foods' majority shareholders, affiliates of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., will join Sysco's Board of Directors upon closing.

Bill DeLaney, Sysco president and chief executive officer, said, "As we continue on our transformational journey at Sysco, this transaction will position us to significantly accelerate our progress in achieving the vision we have for our company: to be our customers' most valued and trusted business partner. Sysco and US Foods have highly complementary core strengths including a broad product portfolio and passionate food people deeply committed to customer service, quality-assured products and safety. In particular we look forward to welcoming US Foods' talented employees and continuing to invest in the development of all of our people. Together we will strive to enhance shareholder value by providing our customers with highly differentiated products and services."

John Lederer, president and chief executive officer of US Foods, said, "Combining and maximizing the significant strengths of two outstanding companies is certain to be of tremendous advantage in supporting our customers as they tackle the challenges of today's demanding environment."

Compelling Strategic Rationale

This transaction will bring together Sysco and US Foods' complementary strengths including talented and dedicated associates, a broad product portfolio, supply chain excellence and a commitment to continuous improvement. Going forward, Sysco will continue to create value for customers through insights-driven product innovation and expanded services that go beyond food. Increased geographic coverage and scale will enhance our flexibility and responsiveness as we provide unique, on-trend food products that save customers time and improve performance.

Financial Details

At closing, the combined companies are expected to have annualized sales of approximately \$65 billion and generate operating cash flows of approximately \$2 billion. Sysco will purchase the outstanding equity of US Foods and assume or refinance its net debt in a transaction with an enterprise value of \$8.2 billion. This represents a 9.9x multiple of US Foods' trailing 12-month (as of September 28, 2013) adjusted EBITDA of \$826 million. Additionally, the transaction is expected to generate significant strategic benefits and cost synergies, achieving annual synergies of at least \$600 million after three to four years, primarily stemming from supply chain efficiencies, merchandising activities, and overlapping general and administrative functions. The transaction is expected to be immediately accretive to earnings after adjusting for transaction-related costs and amortization of intangibles.

Sysco expects to maintain a strong investment grade rating. Additionally, Sysco is committed to continuing to invest in its dividend and returning value to shareholders. Sysco has paid a dividend every quarter since 1970 and has increased its dividend 45 times since becoming a public company.

Commitment to Investment

Sysco remains committed to investing in its businesses and its people to accelerate the transformation of the industry, including customer-friendly technology, robust category management, food safety and quality assurance and sustainable business practices.

Integration

Sysco will establish a team comprising members of both companies to prepare for and oversee a comprehensive integration for employees, customers and suppliers.

Additional Information

The transaction, which is expected to close in the third quarter of calendar year 2014, is subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals, including antitrust approval.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. is serving as financial advisor to Sysco and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and Arnall, Golden & Gregory LLP are serving as its legal advisors. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and Debevoise & Plimpton LLP are serving as US Foods' legal advisors.

Additional Information for US Foods Stockholders

In connection with the proposed transaction, Sysco currently intends to file a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a consent solicitation statement of US Foods. Sysco also plans to file other relevant materials with the SEC. Stockholders of US Foods are urged to read the consent solicitation statement/prospectus contained in the Registration Statement and other relevant materials because these materials will contain important information about the proposed transaction. These materials will be made available to the stockholders of US Foods at no expense to them. The consent solicitation statement, Registration Statement and other relevant materials because these materials will be made available to the stockholders of US Foods at no expense to them. The consent solicitation statement/prospectus, Registration Statement and other relevant materials, including any documents incorporated by reference therein, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or for free from Sysco at www.sysco.com/investors or by emailing investor_relations@corp.sysco.com. Such documents are not currently available. You may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by Sysco with the SEC's website of EFC sublic reference room at 100 F Street N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at (800) 732-0330 or visit the SEC's website for further information on its public reference room.

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This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Conference Call Details

Sysco will host a conference call at 9:30am Eastern time today to discuss the announcement. Domestic and international participants may access the conference call toll-free by dialing (888) 256-9128 (US/Canada Toll Free) and (913) 312-1480 (International Toll) respectively, and using the passcode 8730765. This conference call, along with webcast presentation materials, can also be accessed live on Sysco's Investor Relations website at www.sysco.com/investors. To access a replay of the conference call, please dial (888) 203-1112 (US/Canada Toll Free) or (719) 457-0820 (International Toll), passcode 8730765.

About Sysco

Sysco is the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food products to restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other customers who prepare meals away from home. Its family of products also includes equipment and supplies for the foodservice and hospitality industries. The company operates 193 distribution facilities serving approximately 425,000 customers. For Fiscal Year 2013 that ended June 29, 2013, the company generated record sales of more than \$44 billion. Connect with Sysco on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SyscoCorporation or Twitter at www.twitter.com/Sysco.

About US Foods

As one of America's great food companies and leading distributors, US Foods is Keeping Kitchens Cooking and making life easier for customers, including independent and multi-unit restaurants, healthcare and hospitality entities, government and educational institutions.

With approximately \$22 billion in annual revenue, the company offers more than 350,000 products, including high-quality, exclusive brands such as the innovative Chef's Line, a time-saving, chef-inspired line of scratch-quality products, and Rykoff Sexton, a premium line of specialty ingredients sourced from around the world. The company proudly employs approximately 25,000 people in more than 60 locations nationwide. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, III., and jointly owned by affiliates of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Information included in this document (including information included or incorporated by reference in this document) that look forward in time or that express beliefs, expectations, or hopes are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than statements of historical facts. The words "anticipates," "may," "can," "plans," "believes," "extimates," "expects," "projects," "intends," "likely," "will," "should," "to be" and any similar expressions or other words of similar meaning are intended to identify those assertions as forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements reflect the views of management at the time such statements are made and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties, estimates, and assumptions that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations, including but not limited to the ability of the parties to satisfy the conditions precedent and consummate the proposed merger, the timing of consummation of the proposed merger, the ability of the parties to satisfy the conditions approvals in a timely manner or on the terms desired or anticipated, the ability of Sysco to integrate the acquired operations, the ability to implement the anticipated business operations due to the pending merger, the effect of the announcement of the proposed merger on either party's relationships with their respective customers, vendors, lenders, operating results and businesses generally, the outcome of any legal proceedings related to the proposed merger, the general risks associated with the respective businesses of Sysco and US Foods, including the risk of interruption of supplies due to lack of long-term contracts, intense competition, severe weather, crop conditions, with stoppages, inflation risks, the impact of fuel prices, adverse publicity, labor issues, and risk impacting the economy generally. The outcome conditional factors impacting Sysco's business, see Sysco

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Sysco's Merger with US Foods

December 9, 2013



Forward-Looking Statements

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Additional Information for US Foods Stockholders

consent solicitation statement of US Foods. Sysco also plans to file other relevant materials with the SEC. Stockholders of US Foods are relevant materials, including any documents incorporated by reference therein, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at the stockholders of US Foods at no expense to them. The consent solicitation statement/prospectus, Registration Statement and other are not currently available. You may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by Sysco with the SEC at www.sec.gov or for free from Sysco at <u>www.sysco.com/investors</u> or by emailing <u>investor relations@corp.sysco.com</u>. Such documents because these materials will contain important information about the proposed transaction. These materials will be made available to In connection with the proposed transaction, Sysco currently intends to file a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at (800) 732-0330 or urged to read the consent solicitation statement/prospectus contained in the Registration Statement and other relevant materials visit the SEC's website for further information on its public reference room.

securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.



Bringing Together the Best of Both







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Consistent with Sysco's Strategic Focus

Sustainable Profitable Growth

🥢 Leverage customer insights Enhance and expand channels

Increase customer retention

regional acquisitions Execute fold-in and

Expand international 🌱 Build human capital

growth

and Free Cash Flow **Asset Optimization**

🎸 Invest prudently in the core

🌱 Increase working capital efficiency

🌱 Increase capital efficiency

Vise our capital structure as a competitive advantage

Operating Margin

🛷 Reduce operating costs 🛷 Lower product costs

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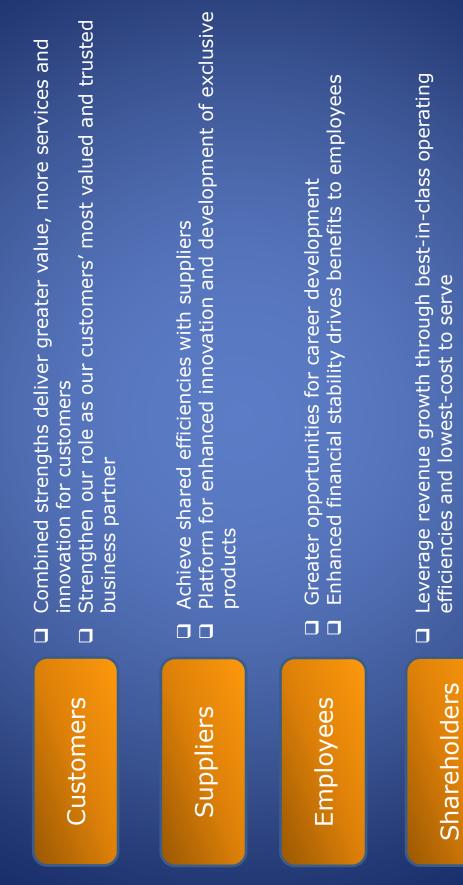
Continue to develop Sysco Ventures

enterprise structure Further develop

<u> Integrate higher</u> margin products



<u>Benefits all stakeholders</u>





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Strong EPS growth and substantial cash flow

Complementary core strengths

Sysco operations and service fit nicely with US Foods food and innovation focus

Scale advantages

More leverage to lower cost of goods, accelerate innovation, and improve overall service

Improved offerings

New ability to create a compelling product portfolio and differentiated solutions by segment

Enhanced productivity

Streamlined operations will enhance productivity and lower cost to serve

Multi-channel approach

US Foods' mobile app and "Cash & Carry" stores complement Sysco's ISR and MA strength



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Represents 9.9x US Foods LTM adjusted EBITDA of \$826 million¹

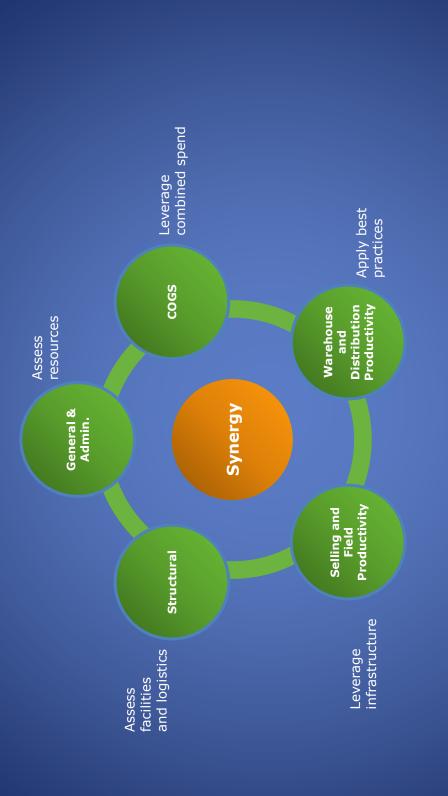
Equity	3.0B	 3.0B □ Equity holders of US Foods will own approx. 87 million shares or, 13%, of combined company at closing, and □ A representative of each of US Foods' majority shareholders will join Sysco's Board of Directors
Cash	0.5B	
US Foods Net Debt	\$4.7B	\$4.7B Sysco to assume or refinance
Total Enterprise Value	\$8.2B	

Approximate Total Transaction Value:

Transaction Financing Structure

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We Will Continue To Move Forward With Our Business **Transformation Initiatives**



At Least \$600 Million in Estimated Annual Synergies¹

35	combination Creates Significant Shareholder Value	 Immediately accretive to earnings after adjusting for transaction-related costs and amortization of intangit Annual synergies of at least \$600 million realized afte three to four years Approximate sales of \$65 billion Approximate cash flows of \$2 billion Balance sheet flexibility retained Commitment to maintaining a strong investment gradit rating 	
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended June 28, 2014

OR

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

Commission File Number 1-6544

Sysco

Sysco Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 1390 Enclave Parkway Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) **74-1648137** (*IRS employer* identification number) **77077-2099** (*Zip Code*)

Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange

Title of Each Class Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

> Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

> Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (281) 584-1390 Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large Accelerated Filer Non-accelerated Filer

ed Filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated Filer Smaller Reporting Company

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

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of the registrant held by stockholders who were not affiliates (as defined by regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission) of the registrant was approximately \$20,952,930,000 as of December 28, 2013 (based on the closing sales price on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Tape on December 27, 2013, as reported by The Wall Street Journal (Southwest Edition)). As of August 13, 2014, the registrant had issued and outstanding an a ggregate of 586,765,938 shares of its common stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Portions of the company's 2014 Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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Item 1. Business

Unless this Form 10-K indicates otherwise or the context otherwise requires, the terms "we," "our," "us," "Sysco," or "the company" as used in this Form 10-K refer to Sysco Corporation together with its consolidated subsidiaries and divisions.

Overview

Sysco Corporation, acting through its subsidiaries and divisions, is the largest North American distributor of food and related products primarily to the foodservice or food-away-from-home industry. We provide products and related services to approximately 425,000 customers, including restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other foodservice customers.

Founded in 1969, Sysco commenced operations as a public company in March 1970 when the stockholders of nine companies exchanged their stock for Sysco common stock. Since our formation, we have grown from \$115.0 million to \$46.5 billion in annual sales, both through internal expansion of existing operations and through acquisitions.

Sysco's fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to June 30th. This resulted in a 52-week year ending June 28, 2014 for fiscal 2014, June 29, 2013 for fiscal 2013 and June 30, 2012 for fiscal 2012.

Sysco Corporation is organized under the laws of Delaware. The address and telephone number of our executive offices are 1390 Enclave Parkway, Houston, Texas 77077-2099, (281) 584-1390. This annual report on Form 10-K, as well as all other reports filed or furnished by Sysco pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, are available free of charge on Sysco's website at *www.sysco.com* as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Proposed Merger with US Foods

In the second quarter of fiscal 2014, Sysco announced an agreement to merge with US Foods, Inc. (US Foods). US Foods is a leading foodservice distributor in the United States (U.S.) that markets and distributes fresh, frozen and dry food and non-food products to more than 200,000 foodservice customers including independently owned single location restaurants, regional and national chain restaurants, healthcare and educational institutions, hotels and motels, government and military organizations and retail locations. Following the completion of the proposed merger, the combined company will continue to be named Sysco and headquartered in Houston, Texas.

As of the time the merger agreement was announced in December 2013, Sysco agreed to pay approximately \$3.5 billion for the equity of US Foods, comprised of \$3 billion of Sysco common stock and \$500 million of cash. As part of the transaction, Sysco will also assume or refinance US Foods' net debt, which was approximately \$4.7 billion as of September 28, 2013, bringing the total enterprise value to \$8.2 billion at the time of the merger announcement. As of August 13, 2014, the merger consideration is estimated as follows: approximately \$3.7 billion for the equity of US Foods, comprised of \$3.2 billion of Sysco common stock valued using the seven day average through August 13, 2014, and \$500 million of cash. US Foods' net debt to be assumed or refinanced was approximately \$4.8 billion as of June 28, 2014, bringing the total enterprise value to \$8.5 billion as of August 13, 2014. The value of Sysco's common stock and the amount of US Foods' net debt will fluctuate. As such, the components of the transaction and total enterprise value noted above will not be finalized until the merger is consummated.

We have secured a fully committed bridge financing and expect to issue longer-term financing prior to closing. After completion of the transaction, the equity holders of US Foods will own approximately 87 million shares, or roughly 13%, of Sysco. A representative from each of US Foods' two majority shareholders will join Sysco's Board of Directors upon closing. This merger is currently pending a regulatory review process by the Federal Trade Commission. We expect the transaction to close by the end of the third quarter or in the fourth quarter of calendar 2014. Under certain conditions, including lack of regulatory approval, Sysco would be obligated to pay \$300 million to the owners of US Foods if the merger were cancelled, which would be recognized as an expense.

Operating Segments

Sysco provides food and related products to the foodservice or food-away-from-home industry. Under the accounting provisions related to disclosures about segments of an enterprise, we have aggregated our operating companies into a number of segments, of which only Broadline and SYGMA are reportable segments as defined by accounting standards. Broadline operating companies distribute a full line of food products and a wide variety of non-food products to their customers. SYGMA operating companies distribute a full line of food products and a wide variety of non-food products to chain restaurant customer locations. Our other segments include our specialty produce and lodging industry products segments, a company that distributes specialty imported products, a company that distributes to international customers and the company's Sysco Ventures platform, a suite of technology

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solutions that help support the business needs of Sysco's customers. Specialty produce companies distribute fresh produce and, on a limited basis, other foodservice products. Our lodging industry products company distributes personal care guest amenities, equipment, housekeeping supplies, room accessories and textiles to the lodging industry. Selected financial data for each of our reportable segments, as well as financial information concerning geographic areas, can be found in Note 21, "Business Segment Information," in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8.

Customers and Products

Sysco's customers in the foodservice industry include restaurants, hospitals and nursing homes, schools and colleges, hotels and motels, industrial caterers and other similar venues where foodservice products are served. Services to our customers are supported by similar physical facilities, vehicles, material handling equipment and techniques, and administrative and operating staffs.

The products we distribute include:

- a full line of frozen foods, such as meats, seafood, fully prepared entrees, fruits, vegetables and desserts;
- a full line of canned and dry foods;
- fresh meats and seafood;
- dairy products;
- beverage products;
- · imported specialties; and
- fresh produce.

We also supply a wide variety of non-food items, including:

- paper products such as disposable napkins, plates and cups;
- tableware such as china and silverware;
- cookware such as pots, pans and utensils;
- restaurant and kitchen equipment and supplies; and
- cleaning supplies.

A comparison of the sales mix in the principal product categories during the last three years is presented below:

	2014	2013	2012
Fresh and frozen meats	19 %	19 %	19 %
Canned and dry products	18	19	19
Frozen fruits, vegetables, bakery and other	13	14	14
Dairy products	11	10	10
Poultry	10	10	10
Fresh produce	8	8	8
Paper and disposables	7	8	8
Seafood	5	5	5
Beverage products	4	4	4
Janitorial products	2	2	2
Equipment and smallwares	2	1	1
Medical supplies (1)	1	-	-
	100 %	100 %	<u>100 %</u>

⁽¹⁾Sales are less than 1% of total for years shown with a "-".

Our distribution centers, which we refer to as operating companies, distribute nationally-branded merchandise, as well as products packaged under our private brands. Products packaged under our private brands have been manufactured for Sysco according to specifications that have been developed by our quality assurance team. In addition, our quality assurance team certifies the manufacturing and processing plants where these products are packaged, enforces our quality control standards and identifies supply sources that satisfy our requirements.

We believe that prompt and accurate delivery of orders, competitive pricing, close contact with customers and the ability to provide a full array of products and services to assist customers in their foodservice operations are of primary importance in the marketing and distribution of foodservice products to our customers. Our operating companies offer daily delivery to certain customer locations and have the capability of delivering special orders on short notice. Through our approximately 12,800 sales and marketing representatives and support staff of Sysco and our operating companies, we stay informed of the needs of our customers and acquaint them with new products and services. Our operating companies also provide ancillary services relating to foodservice distribution,

such as providing customers with product usage reports and other data, menu-planning advice, food safety training and assistance in inventory control, as well as access to various third party services designed to add value to our customers' businesses.

No single customer accounted for 10% or more of Sysco's total sales for the fiscal year ended June 28, 2014.

W e estimate that our sales by type of customer during the past three fiscal years were as follows:

Type of Customer	2014	2013	2012
Restaurants	62 %	61 %	63 %
Healthcare	9	10	10
Education, government	9	8	8
Travel, leisure, retail	8	8	8
Other ⁽¹⁾	12	13	11
Totals	100 %	100 %	100 %

⁽¹⁾ Other includes cafeterias that are not stand alone restaurants, bakeries, caterers, churches, civic and fraternal organizations, vending distributors, other distributors and international exports. None of these types of customers, as a group, exceeded 5% of total sales in any of the years for which information is presented.

Sources of Supply

We purchase from thousands of suppliers, both domestic and international, none of which individually accounts for more than 10% of our purchases. These suppliers consist generally of large corporations selling brand name and private label merchandise, as well as independent regional brand and private label processors and packers. Purchasing is generally carried out through both centrally developed purchasing programs and direct purchasing programs established by our various operating companies.

We administer a consolidated product procurement program designed to develop, obtain and ensure consistent quality food and non-food products. The program covers the purchasing and marketing of Sysco Brand merchandise, as well as products from a number of national brand suppliers, encompassing substantially all product lines. Sysco's operating companies purchase product from the suppliers participating in these consolidated programs and from other suppliers, although Sysco Brand products are only available to the operating companies through these consolidated programs. We also focus on increasing profitability by lowering operating costs and by lowering aggregate inventory levels, which reduces future facility expansion needs at our broadline operating companies, while providing greater value to our suppliers and customers. This includes the construction and operation of regional distribution centers (RDCs), which aggregate inventory demand to optimize the supply chain activities for certain products for all Sysco broadline operating companies in the region. Currently, we have two RDCs in operation, one in Virginia and one in Florida.

Working Capital Practices

Our growth is funded through a combination of cash flow from operations, commercial paper issuances and long-term borrowings. See the discussion in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Liquidity and Capital Resources" at Item 7 regarding our liquidity, financial position and sources and uses of funds.

Credit terms we extend to our customers can vary from cash on delivery to 30 days or more based on our assessment of each customer's credit worthiness. We monitor each customer's account and will suspend shipments if necessary.

A majority of our sales orders are filled within 24 hours of when customer orders are placed. We generally maintain inventory on hand to be able to meet customer demand. The level of inventory on hand will vary by product depending on shelf-life, supplier order fulfillment lead times and customer demand. We also make purchases of additional volumes of certain products based on supply or pricing opportunities.

We take advantage of suppliers' cash discounts where appropriate and otherwise generally receive payment terms from our suppliers ranging from weekly to 30 days or more.

Corporate Headquarters and Shared Services Center

Our corporate staff makes available a number of services to our operating companies. Members of the corporate staff possess experience and expertise in, among other areas, accounting and finance, treasury, legal, cash management, information technology, employee benefits, engineering, real estate and construction, risk management and insurance, sales and marketing, payroll, human resources, training and development, strategy, and tax compliance services. The corporate office also makes available warehousing and distribution services, which provide assistance in operational best practices including space utilization, energy conservation, fleet management and work flow.

Our shared services center performs support services for employees, suppliers and customers, payroll administration, human resources, customer and vendor contract administration, financial services such as vendor payments, invoicing, cash application, certain credit services, accounting and sales and use tax administration, procurement and maintenance support and sales support for some of our operating companies.

Capital Improvements

To maximize productivity and customer service, we continue to modernize, expand and construct new distribution facilities. During fiscal 2014, 2013 and 2012, approximately \$523.2 million, \$511.9 million and \$784.5 million, respectively, were invested in delivery fleet, facilities, technology and other capital asset enhancements. From time to time, we dispose of assets in the normal course of business; we consider proceeds from these asset sales to be an offset to capital expenditures. During fiscal 2014, 2013 and 2012, capital expenditures, net of proceeds from sales of assets, were \$497.4 million, \$496.3 million and \$776.3 million, respectively. We estimate our capital expenditures, net of proceeds from sales of assets, were \$497.4 million, \$496.3 million to \$550 million. During the three years ended June 28, 2014, capital expenditures were financed primarily by internally generated funds, our commercial paper program and bank and other borrowings. We expect to finance our fiscal 2015 capital expenditures from the same sources.

Employees

As of June 28, 2014, we had approximately 50,300 full-time employees, approximately 17% of whom were represented by unions, primarily the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Contract negotiations are handled by each individual operating company. Approximately 21% of our union employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements that have expired or will expire during fiscal 2015 and are subject to renegotiation. Since June 28, 2014, there have been no contract renegotiations. We consider our labor relations to be satisfactory.

Competition

Industry sources estimate that there are more than 15,000 companies engaged in the distribution of food and non-food products to the foodservice industry in the U.S. Our customers may also choose to purchase products directly from wholesale or retail outlets, including club, cash and carry and grocery stores, or negotiate prices directly with our suppliers. Online retailers and e-commerce companies are also participants in the foodservice industry. While we compete primarily with local and regional distributors, some organizations compete with us on a multi-region basis. In addition, these local, regional and multi-regional distributors can create purchasing cooperatives and marketing groups to enhance their competitive abilities by expanding their product mix, improving purchasing power and extending their geographic capabilities. We believe that the principal competitive factors in the foodservice industry are effective customer contacts, the ability to deliver a wide range of quality products and related services on a timely and dependable basis and competitive prices. Our customers are accustomed to purchasing from multiple suppliers and channels concurrently. Product needs, service requirements and price are just a few of the factors they evaluate when deciding where to purchase. Customers can choose from many broadline foodservice distributors that focus on specific categories such as produce, meat or seafood, other wholesale channels, club stores, cash and carry stores, grocery stores and numerous online retailers. Since switching costs are very low, customers can make supplier and channel changes relatively quickly to serve new markets or customers.

We consider our primary market to be the foodservice market in the U.S. and Canada and estimate that we serve about 17.4% of this approximately \$255 billion annual market based on a measurement as of the end of calendar 2013. We believe, based upon industry trade data, that our sales to the U.S. and Canada food-away-from-home industry were the highest of any foodservice distributor during fiscal 2014. While adequate industry statistics are not available, we believe that in most instances our local operations are among the leading distributors of food and related non-food products to foodservice customers in their respective trading areas. We believe our competitive advantages include our more than 7,000 marketing associates, our diversified product base, which includes a differentiated group of high quality Sysco brand products, the diversity in the types of customers we serve, our economies of scale and our multi-region portfolio in the U.S. and Canada, which mitigates some of the impact of regional economic declines that may occur over time. We believe our liquidity and access to capital provides us the ability to continuously invest in business improvements. We are the only distributor in the food-away-from-home industry in the U.S. with publicly traded equity. While our public company status provides us with some advantages over many of our competitors, including access to capital, we believe it also provides us with some disadvantages that most of them do not have in terms of additional costs related to complying with regulatory requirements.

Government Regulation

Our company is required to comply, and it is our policy to comply, with all applicable laws in the numerous countries throughout the world in which we do business. In many jurisdictions, compliance with competition laws is of special importance to us, and our operations may come under special scrutiny by competition law authorities due to our competitive position in those jurisdictions. In general, competition laws are designed to protect businesses and consumers from anti-competitive behavior.



In the U.S., as a marketer and distributor of food products, we are subject to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA regulates food safety through various statutory and regulatory mandates, including manufacturing and holding requirements for foods through good manufacturing practice regulations, hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) requirements for cretain foods, and the food and color additive approval process. The agency also specifies the standards of identity for certain foods, prescribes the format and content of information required to appear on food product labels, regulates food contact packaging and materials, and maintains a Reportable Food Registry for the industry to report when there is a reasonable probability that an article of food will cause serious adverse health consequences. For certain product lines, we are also subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, the Packers and Stockyard Act and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to interpret and implement these statutory provisions. The USDA imposes standards for product safety, quality and sanitation through the federal meat and poultry inspection program. The USDA reviews and approves the labeling of these products and also establishes standards for the grading and commercial acceptance of produce shipments from our suppliers. We are also subject to the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, which imposes certain registration and record keeping requirements on facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for human or animal consumption.

We and our products are also subject to state and local regulation through such measures as the licensing of our facilities; enforcement by state and local health agencies of state and local standards for our products; and regulation of our trade practices in connection with the sale of our products. Our facilities are subject to inspections and regulations issued pursuant to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act by the U.S. Department of Labor. These regulations require us to comply with certain manufacturing, health and safety standards to protect our employees from accidents and to establish hazard communication programs to transmit information on the hazards of certain chemicals present in products we distribute.

We are also subject to regulation by numerous federal, state and local regulatory agencies, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Labor, which sets employment practice standards for workers, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, which regulates transportation of perishable and hazardous materials and waste, and similar state, provincial and local agencies. In addition, we are also subject to the U.S. False Claims Act, and similar state statutes, which prohibit the submission of claims for payment to the government that are false and the knowing retention of overpayments.

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) prohibits bribery of public officials to obtain or retain business in foreign jurisdictions. The FCPA also requires us to keep accurate books and records and to maintain internal accounting controls to detect and prevent bribery and to ensure that transactions are properly authorized. We have implemented and continue to develop a robust anti-corruption compliance program applicable to our global operations to detect and prevent bribery and to comply with these and other anti-corruption laws in countries where we operate.

Outside the U.S., our business is subject to numerous similar statutes and regulations, as well as other legal and regulatory requirements.

All of our company's facilities and other operations in the U.S. and elsewhere around the world are subject to various environmental protection statutes and regulations, including those relating to the use of water resources and the discharge of wastewater. Further, most of our distribution facilities have ammonia-based refrigeration systems and tanks for the storage of diesel fuel and other petroleum products which are subject to laws regulating such systems and storage tanks. Our policy is to comply with all such legal requirements. We are subject to other federal, state, provincial and local provisions relating to the protection of the environment or the discharge of materials; however, these provisions do not materially impact the use or operation of our facilities.

General

We have numerous trademarks that are of significant importance, including the SYSCO [®] trademark and our privately-branded product trademarks that include the SYSCO [®] trademark. These trademarks and the private brands on which they are used are widely recognized within the foodservice industry. Approximately half of our privately-branded sales are from products labeled with our SYSCO [®] trademark without any other trademark. We believe the loss of the SYSCO [®] trademark would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Our U.S. trademarks are effective for a ten-year period and the company generally renews its trademarks before their expiration dates unless a particular trademark is no longer in use. The company does not have any material patents or licenses.

We are not engaged in material research and development activities relating to the development of new products or the improvement of existing products.

Our sales do not generally fluctuate significantly on a seasonal basis; therefore, the business of the company is not deemed to be seasonal.

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As of June 28, 2014, we operated 194 distribution facilities throughout the U.S., Bahamas, Canada, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following discussion of "risk factors" identifies the most significant factors that may adversely affect our business, operations, financial position or future financial performance. This information should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in this report. The following discussion of risks is not all inclusive, but is designed to highlight what we believe are the most significant factors to consider when evaluating our business. These factors could cause our future results to differ from our expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements identified on page 48 and from historical trends.

Merger-Related Risks

The closing and consummation of the merger with US Foods, Inc. (US Foods) is subject to regulatory approval and the satisfaction of certain conditions, and we cannot predict whether the necessary conditions will be satisfied or waived and the requisite regulatory approvals received.

The completion of the merger with US Foods is subject to regulatory approvals, including anti-trust approval, and customary conditions, including, without limitation:

- the approval of the stockholders of US Foods;
- the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended;
- the accuracy of the representations and warranties in the merger agreement and compliance with the respective covenants of the parties, subject to certain qualifiers;
- the absence of any law, proceeding, order or injunction that prohibits the consummation of the merger;
- the absence of certain governmental actions;
- the absence of a material adverse effect on US Foods; and
- the receipt by US Foods of a customary tax opinion with respect to the merger.

Sysco and US Foods may fail to secure the requisite approvals in a timely manner or on terms desired or anticipated, and the merger with US Foods may not close in the anticipated time frame, if at all. Sysco has no control over certain conditions in the merger agreement, and cannot predict whether such conditions will be satisfied or waived. Regulatory authorities may impose conditions on the completion of the merger or require changes to the terms of the transaction. Such conditions or changes may prevent the closing of the merger or cause the merger to be delayed, and delays may cause Sysco to incur additional, potentially burdensome transaction costs.

Sysco and US Foods may be required to accept certain remedies in order to obtain regulatory approval for the merger, and any such remedies could reduce the projected benefits of the merger and negatively impact the combined company.

The imposition of remedies as a condition to obtaining regulatory approval for the transaction could limit the revenues of the combined company and negatively impact the combined company. The potential remedies may negatively impact the projected benefits of the proposed merger, along with the business, financial condition and competitiveness of Sysco, as the combined company. Even if regulatory approval for the merger is obtained, any remedies could result in the total revenues of the combined post-merger entity being less than the combined historical revenues of Sysco and US Foods.

Termination of the merger agreement or failure to consummate the merger with US Foods could adversely impact Sysco and, under certain conditions, could require Sysco to make a termination payment of \$300 million, which could adversely impact Sysco's stock price and would adversely impact Sysco's liquidity and financial condition.

The merger agreement contains certain termination rights, including the right of either party to terminate the merger agreement if the merger has not occurred by March 8, 2015, subject to extension under certain circumstances. Furthermore, if the merger agreement is terminated due to a failure to obtain required antitrust approvals, in certain circumstances Sysco will be required to pay US Foods a termination fee of \$300 million. The payment of such fee would have an adverse impact on our liquidity and financial condition. In addition, if the merger agreement is terminated, we may suffer other negative consequences. Our business may be negatively impacted by our management having focused its attention on acquiring US Foods instead of pursuing other advantageous business opportunities or plans. Furthermore, we will incur substantial expenses and costs related to the merger, whether or not it is consummated, including legal, accounting and advisory fees. Also, failure to consummate the merger may result in negative market reactions, and may have an adverse impact on Sysco's stock price and future financial results.

Business uncertainties during the pendency of the proposed merger may adversely impact our current business operations and relationships with employees, vendors and customers.

Prospective suppliers, customers or other third parties may delay or decline to enter into agreements with us as a result of the uncertainties surrounding the proposed merger, and we may also lose current suppliers and customers as a result of these uncertainties. Furthermore, uncertainties as to the effect of the merger transaction may adversely impact employee morale, and impede our ability to retain key employees. The loss of key employees or union-related work stoppages could impact our ability to successfully integrate the businesses of Sysco and US Foods and fully realize the anticipated benefits of the merger.

The pending merger and our current pre-merger integration planning efforts may divert resources from Sysco's day-to-day operations and ongoing efforts related to other strategies and initiatives.

The pending merger and our current pre-merger integration planning efforts may divert our management's attention from day-to-day business operations and the execution and pursuit of strategic plans and initiatives, including the initiatives related to our Business Transformation Project, which has and will continue to require a substantial amount of resources. The diversion of management attention from ongoing business operations and strategic efforts could result in performance shortfalls, which could adversely impact Sysco's business and operations.

The integration of the businesses of Sysco and US Foods may be more difficult, costly or time consuming than expected, and the merger may not result in any or all of the anticipated benefits, including cost synergies.

The success of the merger between Sysco and US Foods, including the realization of the anticipated benefits, will depend, in part, on the ability of Sysco, as the combined company, to successfully integrate the businesses of Sysco and US Foods. Failure to effectively integrate the businesses could adversely impact the expected benefits of the merger, including cost synergies stemming from supply chain efficiencies, merchandising activities and overlapping general and administrative functions.

The integration of two large independent companies will be complex, and we will be required to devote significant management attention and incur substantial costs to integrate Sysco's and US Foods' business practices, policies, cultures and operations. This diversion of our management's attention from day-to-day business operations and the execution and pursuit of strategic plans and initiatives, including the initiatives related to our Business Transformation Project, could result in performance shortfalls, which could adversely impact the combined company's business, operations and financial results. The integration process could also result in the loss of key employees, which could adversely impact the combined company's future financial results.

Furthermore, during the integration planning process and after the closing of the merger, we may encounter additional challenges and difficulties, including those related to, without limitation, managing a larger combined company; streamlining supply chains, consolidating corporate and administrative infrastructures and eliminating overlapping operations; retaining our existing vendors and customers; unanticipated issues in integrating information technology, communications and other systems; and unforeseen and unexpected liabilities related to the merger or US Foods' business. Delays encountered in the integration could adversely impact the business, financial condition and operations of the combined company.

We may not be able to retain some of US Foods' vendors and customers after the proposed merger, which could negatively impact the anticipated benefits of the merger.

US Foods' vendors or customers may have termination rights that are triggered upon completion of the merger, and such vendors or customers may decide to not renew their existing relationship with us, and may instead select one of our competitors. If we are unable to retain and maintain these vendor and customer relationships, then the business, financial condition and operations of Sysco, as the combined company, could be adversely impacted.

Consummation of the merger will require Sysco to incur significant additional indebtedness, which could adversely impact our financial condition and may hinder our ability to obtain additional financing and pursue other business and investment opportunities.

In connection with the merger, Sysco will assume or refinance all of US Foods' outstanding debt, which was approximately \$ 4.8 billion, as of June 28, 2014. Any refinancing of US Foods' indebtedness is expected to be financed with a combination of new debt and cash on Sysco's balance sheet. Sysco has secured fully committed bridge financing.

Incurrence of additional indebtedness could have negative consequences, including increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions, and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing and implement and pursue strategic initiatives and opportunities. Additionally, if we do not achieve the expected benefits and cost savings from the merger with US Foods, or if the financial performance of Sysco, as the combined company, does not meet current expectations, then our ability to service the debt will be adversely impacted. Our credit ratings may also be impacted as a result of the incurrence of additional acquisition-related indebtedness. Currently, certain credit rating agencies have put us on watch for a potential downgrade.

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The merger will dilute the ownership interests of Sysco's existing stockholders .

At the time of the consummation of the proposed merger, Sysco will issue approximately 87 million shares, or roughly 13% of Sysco's outstanding common stock after the transaction is completed. As a result, the ownership amounts of Sysco's pre-merger stockholders will be diluted. Generally, dilution will impact a stockholder's ownership percentage and ability to influence voting results, and will likely reduce earnings per share, which could impact stock price.

Industry and General Economic Risks

Periods of significant or prolonged inflation or deflation affect our product costs and may negatively impact our profitability.

Volatile food costs have a direct impact on our industry. Periods of product cost inflation may have a negative impact on our profit margins and earnings to the extent that we are unable to pass on all or a portion of such product cost increases to our customers, which may have a negative impact on our business and our profitability. In addition, periods of rapidly increasing inflation may negatively impact our business due to the timing needed to pass on such increases, the impact of such inflation on discretionary spending by consumers and our limited ability to increase prices in the current, highly competitive environment. Conversely, our business may be adversely impacted by periods of product cost deflation, because we make a significant portion of our sales at prices that are based on the cost of products we sell plus a percentage margin. As a result, our profit levels may be negatively impacted during periods of product cost deflation, even though our gross profit percentage may remain relatively constant.

Our results of operations and financial condition may be directly, adversely affected by unfavorable conditions in the US economy and local markets, as well as negative trends in consumer confidence.

The foodservice distribution industry, which is characterized by relatively low profit margins with limited demand growth expected in the near-term, is especially susceptible to negative trends and economic uncertainty. The United States (U.S.) has experienced an uneven economic environment over the past several years. Despite job growth experiencing a positive trend, it has yet to translate into a significant impact on overall unemployment. The housing segment is struggling to maintain consistent, positive trends, and this segment historically has been a key driver of economic growth. These factors indicate that consumer disposable income is increasing modestly. In addition, our results of operations are substantially affected by local operating and economic conditions, which can vary substantially by market. The difficult economic conditions can affect us in the following ways:

- Unfavorable conditions can depress sales and/or gross margins in a given market.
- Food cost and fuel cost inflation experienced by the consumer can lead to reductions in the frequency of dining out and the amount spent by consumers for food-away-from-home purchases, which could negatively impact our business by reducing demand for our products.
- Heightened uncertainty in the financial markets negatively affects consumer confidence and discretionary spending, which can cause disruptions with our customers and suppliers.
- Liquidity issues and the inability of our customers, vendors and suppliers to consistently access credit markets to obtain cash to support operations can cause
 temporary interruptions in our ability to conduct day-to-day transactions involving the payment to or collection of funds from our customers, vendors and
 suppliers.

The uncertainty in the economic environment has adversely affected the rate of improvement in both business and consumer confidence and spending, and uncertainty about the long-term investment environment could further depress capital investment and economic activity.

Competition in our industry may adversely impact our margins and our ability to retain customers, and makes it difficult for us to maintain our market share, growth rate and profitability.

The foodservice distribution industry is fragmented and highly competitive, with local, regional, multi-regional distributors and specialty competitors. Furthermore, barriers to entry by new competitors, or geographic or product line expansion by existing competitors, are low. Additionally, increased competition from non-traditional sources (such as club stores and commercial wholesale outlets with lower cost structures), and group purchasing organizations have served to further increase pressure on the industry's profit margins, and continued margin pressure within the industry may have a material adverse impact on our operating results and profitability. Finally, demand for food-away-from-home products is volatile and price sensitive, imposing limits on our customers' ability to absorb cost increases. New and increased competitive sources may result in increased focus on pricing and on limiting price increases, or may require increased discounting. Such competition or other industry pressures may result in margin erosion and/or make it difficult for us to attract and retain customers.

Although our sales historically have grown faster than the market, industry growth rates have slowed over the past several years, and industry sources expect the lower growth rates to continue in the near-term. These trends have placed pressure on our profit margins and made it more difficult to leverage our cost structure and pass along cost increases. We expect these trends to continue for

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the foreseeable future. If we are unable to effectively differentiate ourselves from our competitors, our market share, sales and profitability, through increased expenditures or decreased prices, could be adversely impacted.

We may not be able to fully compensate for increases in fuel costs, and forward purchase commitments intended to contain fuel costs could result in above market fuel costs.

Volatile fuel prices have a direct impact on our industry. We require significant quantities of fuel for our delivery vehicles and are exposed to the risk associated with fluctuations in the market price for fuel. The price and supply of fuel can fluctuate significantly based on international, political and economic circumstances, as well as other factors outside our control, such as actions by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, and other oil and gas producers, regional production patterns, weather conditions and environmental concerns. On average, on-highway diesel fuel prices decreased approximately 1% in fiscal 2014 and increased approximately 2% in 2013, respectively, as compared to the prior year. The cost of fuel affects the price paid by us for products, as well as the costs we incur to deliver products to our customers. Although we have been able to pass along a portion of increased fuel costs to our customers in the past, there is no guarantee that we will continue to be able to do so in the future. If fuel costs increase further in the future, we may experience difficulties in passing all or a portion of these costs along to our customers, which may have a negative impact on our business and our profitability. We routinely enter into forward purchase commitments for a portion of our projected monthly diesel fuel requirements at prices equal to the then-current forward price for diesel. If fuel prices decrease significantly, these forward purchases may prove ineffective and result in our paying higher than market costs for a portion of our diesel fuel.

Business and Operational Risks

Our ability to meet our long-term strategic objectives to grow the profitability of our business depends largely on the success of the Business Transformation Project .

Our multi-year Business Transformation Project consists of:

- the design and deployment of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to implement an integrated software system to support a majority of our business
 processes and further streamline our operations;
- initiatives to lower our cost structure ; and
- initiatives to lower our product costs.

Successfully managing deployment is critical to our business success. While we expect all of the components of the Business Transformation Project to enhance our value proposition to customers and suppliers and improve our long-term profitability, there can be no assurance that we will realize our expectations within the time frame we have established, if at all.

The actual cost of the ERP system may be greater than currently expected and continued delays in the execution of deployment may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

ERP implementations are complex and time-consuming projects that involve substantial investments in system software and implementation activities over a multiyear timeframe. Our cost estimates related to our ERP system are based on assumptions which are subject to wide variability, require a great deal of judgment, and are inherently uncertain. Thus, the actual costs of the project in fiscal 2015 (and beyond) may be greater than currently expected. We have encountered, and we may continue to encounter, the need for changes in design or revisions of the project calendar and budget, including incurring expenses at an earlier or later time than currently anticipated. For example, we deployed our ERP system to five additional locations in fiscal 2014 and are continuing to experience improved functionality in many areas compared to past deployments; however, while the majority of the system functionality is performing as designed, we have continued to identify issues that we want to address before we continue deploying to additional locations.

In addition, implementation of the ERP system requires significant management attention and resources over an extended period of time and any significant design errors or delays in the implementation of the systems could materially and adversely affect our operating results. In addition, because the implementation is expected to continue to involve a significant financial commitment, our business, results of operations and liquidity may also be adversely affected if the ERP system, and the associated process changes, do not prove to be cost effective or do not result in the cost savings and other benefits at the levels that we anticipate. There can be no guarantee that we will be able to realize the intended results of the system software and implementation activities.

We may not realize anticipated benefits from our operating cost reduction efforts .

We have implemented a number of cost reduction initiatives that we believe are necessary to position our business for future success and growth. Our future success and earnings growth will be significantly impacted by our ability to achieve a lower cost structure and operate efficiently in the highly competitive food and beverage industry, particularly in an environment of increased competitive activity and low growth rates. A variety of factors could cause us not to realize some of the expected cost savings,

[Remainder of Form 10-K omitted]

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Exhibit 2.1

EXECUTION COPY

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

among

USF HOLDING CORP.,

SYSCO CORPORATION,

SCORPION CORPORATION I, INC. and

SCORPION COMPANY II, LLC

Dated as of December 8, 2013

[The antitrust-relevant provisions are highlighted]

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER is made as of December 8, 2013, by and among USF Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Company</u>"), Sysco Corporation, a Delaware corporation, ("<u>Parent</u>"), Scorpion Corporation I, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Merger Sub One</u>") and Scorpion Company II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Merger Sub Two</u>" and together with Merger Sub One, the "<u>Merger Subs</u>"). Certain capitalized terms used herein are defined in <u>Article I</u>.

$\underline{W} \underline{I} \underline{T} \underline{N} \underline{E} \underline{S} \underline{S} \underline{E} \underline{T} \underline{H}$:

WHEREAS, the boards of directors of Parent (on its own behalf and as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub One and sole member of Merger Sub Two) and each Merger Sub have approved the acquisition of the Company by Parent, by means of a merger of Merger Sub One with and into the Company (the "<u>Initial Merger</u>"), with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, followed by the merger of the Company with and into Merger Sub Two (the "<u>Follow-On Merger</u>" and together with the Initial Merger, the "<u>Mergers</u>"), with Merger Sub Two continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (as such, the "<u>Surviving Company</u>"), on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Company (i) has determined that the Mergers are advisable and fair to, and in the best interests of, the Company and its stockholders, (ii) has approved this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) is recommending the adoption of this Agreement by the stockholders of the Company;

WHEREAS, the parties intend that the Initial Merger and the Follow-On Merger, taken together, will constitute a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (the "<u>Treasury Regulations</u>"), and that this Agreement be, and be hereby adopted as, a "plan of reorganization" for purposes of Section 368 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, Parent, CDR, KKR and the Significant Stockholders have entered into a Stockholders Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Stockholders Agreement"), which shall become effective on the Closing Date.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants, agreements and warranties herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

1.1. <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the following meanings for the purposes of this Agreement:

"2013 Adjusted EBITDA " shall mean the Operating Subsidiary's Adjusted EBITDA for 2013 calculated in a manner consistent with the calculation thereof in the Company SEC

Documents (which is itself consistent with the Operating Subsidiary's debt documents, as referred to in the Company SEC Documents) prior to the date hereof; provided that for purposes of the calculation of the Purchase Price, 2013 Adjusted EBITDA may not exceed 2013 EBITDA by greater than the Maximum Adjustment Amount. An illustrative calculation is set forth in Exhibit B.

"2013 EBITDA" shall mean the Operating Subsidiary's net income (loss), plus interest expense, net, provision (benefit) for income taxes and depreciation and amortization expense for 2013, in each case calculated in a manner consistent with the calculation thereof in the Company SEC Documents prior to the date hereof.

" 2013 EBITDA Statement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.10(a).

" ABL Credit Agreement " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(f) .

" ABS Credit Agreement " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(f) .

"<u>Affiliate</u>" shall mean, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, Controls, is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, such first Person. For the purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Control</u>" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of securities, by contract, management control, or otherwise. "<u>Controlled</u>" and "<u>Controlling</u>" shall be construed accordingly. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all purposes of this Agreement, in no event shall an Affiliate of the Company include any "portfolio company" (as such term is customarily used among institutional investors) of CDR, KKR, or any of their respective Affiliates.

"Affiliate Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.18.

"Aggregate Cash Amount " shall mean \$500,000,000 minus the Transaction Bonus Pool.

<u>"Aggregate Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration</u>" shall mean, with respect to each share of Common Stock, the per share amount determined by dividing (a) the sum of (i) the Aggregate Cash Amount, (ii) the product of (x) the Aggregate Share Amount multiplied by (y) the Closing Parent Common Stock Price, and (iii) the Option/EAR Proceeds, by (b) the Fully-Diluted Outstanding Stock immediately prior to the Effective Time. For purposes of this definition, all relevant calculations shall be performed in such manner as is necessary to identify and to disregard any Underwater Option/EAR.

"<u>Aggregate Share Amount</u>" means a number of shares of Parent Common Stock determined by dividing (a) the excess of the Purchase Price over the sum of (i) the Aggregate Cash Amount and (ii) the Transaction Bonus Pool by (b) the Reference Price.

"<u>Agreement</u>" shall mean this Agreement, including the Company Disclosure Letter, the Parent Disclosure Letter and the exhibits hereto, as it and they may be amended from time to time.

"Assets" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.5.

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"Balance Sheet Date" shall mean September 28, 2013.

"Benefit Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(a).

"Burdensome Condition " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.5(e) .

"<u>Business Day</u>" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or required by law or other action of a Governmental Authority to close.

"Canceled Shares " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(c)(i).

" CDR " shall mean Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, LLC.

"Certificate "shall mean a stock certificate which, immediately prior to the Effective Time, represents shares of Common Stock.

"Certificate of Incorporation" shall mean the certificate of incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time.

"Closing " shall mean the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein.

"Closing Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(a).

"<u>Closing Parent Common Stock Price</u>" shall mean the volume weighted average, rounded to the nearest one tenth of a cent, of the last reported sale price of Parent Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange (as reported in <u>The Wall Street Journal</u>) on the last trading day immediately preceding the date of the Effective Time.

"<u>Closing Underfunded Amount</u>" shall mean the Underfunded Amount as of the last day of the quarter prior to the quarter in which the Closing occurs (or, if the Underfunded Amount has not yet been calculated for such immediately preceding quarter pursuant to Section 2.10(c), the immediately preceding quarter (or, as applicable, the Signing Underfunded Amount)), as determined by Mercer in accordance with their customary terms and procedures prior to the date hereof, net of taxes calculated at a 37.8% tax rate.

"CMBS Transaction " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(g).

"Code " shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

" Common Stock " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b).

"Common Stockholder " shall mean a holder of Common Stock.

"Company " shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Company Disclosure Letter" shall have the meaning set forth in the introductory language to Article III .

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"Company Material Adverse Effect" shall mean any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence that has, or would reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business, assets or results of operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that in determining whether there has been a Company Material Adverse Effect or whether a Company Material Adverse Effect could or would occur, any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence attributable to, arising out of, or resulting from any of the following shall be disregarded: (i) general political, economic, business, industry, credit, financial or capital market conditions in the United States or internationally, including conditions affecting generally the principal industries in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate; (ii) the taking of any action required by this Agreement; (iii) the announcement of this Agreement or pendency of the Mergers, including any Litigation arising from the Mergers and including any termination of, reduction in or similar negative impact on relationships, contractual or otherwise, with any customers, suppliers, distributors, partners, sales representatives or employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries, in each case to the extent attributable to, arising out of or resulting from the announcement of this Agreement or pendency of the Mergers; (iv) the taking of any action expressly with the prior written approval of Parent; (v) pandemics, earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, floods and acts of God; (vi) acts of war (whether declared or not declared), sabotage, terrorism, military actions or the escalation thereof; (vii) any change in applicable Law or GAAP (or authoritative interpretation or enforcement thereof) which is proposed, approved or enacted on or after the date hereof; and (viii) the failure, in and of itself, of the Company to meet any internal or published projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions in respect of revenues, earnings or other financial or operating metrics before, on or after the date hereof (it being understood that the underlying facts giving rise or contributing to such change may be taken into account in determining whether there has been a Company Material Adverse Effect); provided, further, that changes, events, facts, effects or occurrences set forth in clauses (i), (v), (vi) or (vii) may be taken into account in determining whether there has been, could or would be a Company Material Adverse Effect to the extent such changes, events, facts, effects or occurrences negatively and disproportionately adversely affect the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as whole, in relation to other Persons in the principal industries of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

- "Company Real Property " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.16(b).
- "Company SEC Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.4(b).
- "Company Securities " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b).
- "Company Specified Representations" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.1.
- "Competing Transaction " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.4.

"<u>Competition Laws</u>" shall mean all Laws that are designed or intended to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions having the purpose or effect of monopolization or lessening of competition through merger or acquisition or restraint of trade.

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"<u>Confidentiality Agreement</u>" shall mean that certain confidentiality letter agreement, dated as of October 9, 2013, between the Company and Parent relating to the transactions contemplated hereby.

"Consent Solicitation " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(a).

"<u>Contamination</u>" or "<u>Contaminated</u>" shall mean the presence of Hazardous Substances in, on or under the soil, groundwater, surface water, air or other environmental media to an extent that any Response Action is legally required by any Governmental Authority under any Environmental Law with respect to such presence of Hazardous Substances.

"Continuing Employee " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(a).

"Continuing Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.7(c)(ii).

"Controlled Group Liability " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(h).

"Credit Agreements" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(f).

"Debt Offers " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(a).

"Debt Offer Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(a).

"DGCL" shall mean the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as amended from time to time.

"DLLCA" shall mean the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Delaware, as amended from time to time.

"Discharge" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(e).

"Dissenting Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.8.

"<u>D&O Insurance</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.11(b)</u>.

"<u>DOJ</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 5.5(c)</u>.

"EAR " shall mean an equity appreciation right in respect of shares of Common Stock granted under a Benefit Plan that is settled in cash.

"Effective Time" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"<u>Environmental Law</u>" shall mean any applicable Law, common law doctrine or Permit pertaining to the protection of the environment, or to the extent relating to exposure to Hazardous Substances, the protection of human health and/or safety.

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"Equity Award " shall mean an Option, EAR, Restricted Stock Award or RSU Award.

" ERISA " shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"ERISA Affiliate" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any trade or business, whether or not incorporated, which, together with such Person, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Exchange Act " shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exchange Agent" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.9(a).

" Exchange Fund " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.9(a).

"Existing Credit Facility Terminations" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(f).

"Financing " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.14.

"<u>Financing Sources</u>" means any Person (other than Parent or any of its Affiliates) that has committed to provide or otherwise entered into agreements in connection with the Financing, each together with their respective Affiliates and permitted successors and assigns.

"Follow-On Certificate of Merger" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"Follow-On Merger" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"FTC " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.5(c).

"<u>Fully-Diluted Outstanding Stock</u>" shall mean, as of any date, the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of such date, determined on a fully-diluted, as-if exercised basis and assuming the exercise (as applicable) and settlement of all Options, EARs, Restricted Stock Awards and RSU Awards (assuming that all shares of Common Stock underlying Options, EARs, Restricted Stock Awards and RSU Awards are delivered to the applicable holders and that no shares of Common Stock are withheld in payment of any applicable exercise price (or, in the case of EARs, "base value") or tax obligations), whether or not exercised, exercisable, settled, eligible for settlement or vested; provided, however, that any Underwater Option/EAR shall be disregarded for purposes of this definition.

"GAAP" shall mean U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied.

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" shall mean any U.S., state, local or foreign government, any governmental, regulatory or administrative body, agency or authority, any court or judicial authority or arbitration tribunal, whether national, federal, state or local or otherwise, or any Person lawfully empowered by any of the foregoing to enforce or seek compliance with any applicable Law.

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"<u>Hazardous Substance</u>" shall mean any substance, material or waste that is or contains asbestos, urea formaldehyde insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum or any petroleum-based products or constituents, radon gas, microbiological contamination or related materials or any other substance, material, pollutant, contaminant or waste, that is defined, classified, listed or regulated under, or requires a Response Action pursuant to, any Environmental Law.

"<u>HSR Act</u>" shall mean the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, as of the date of determination (i) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, including accrued and unpaid interest, and any prepayment fees or penalties, (ii) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (iii) all obligations of such Person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property (including any potential future earn-out, purchase price adjustment, release of "holdback" or similar payment, but excluding obligations of such Person incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice), (iv) all lease obligations of such Person capitalized on the books and records of such Person, (v) all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on property or assets owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby have been assumed, (vi) all obligations of such Person under interest rate, currency or commodity derivatives or hedging transactions or similar arrangement (valued at the termination value thereof), (vii) all letters of credit or performance bonds issued for the account of such Person, to the extent drawn upon, and (viii) all guarantees and keepwell arrangements of such Person of any Indebtedness of any other Person other than a wholly owned subsidiary of such Person. Section 1.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth all Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement, in each case in an amount in excess of \$5,000,000.

"Independent Accountant" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.10(a).

"Initial Certificate of Merger" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"Initial Merger" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"<u>Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean any patents and patent applications, inventions (whether or not patentable), trademarks, trade names, service marks, domain names, copyrights and copyrightable works, trade secrets, know-how and other confidential or proprietary information.

"Interim Period " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"IRS " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(b).

"KKR " shall mean Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P.

"Knowledge of Parent" shall mean the actual knowledge of the individuals set forth on Section 1.1(c) of the Parent Disclosure Letter.

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"<u>Knowledge of the Company</u>" shall mean the actual knowledge of the individuals set forth on Section 1.1(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter.

"<u>Latest Company Balance Sheet</u>" shall mean the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Operating Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries, dated as of September 28, 2013, as set forth in the Company SEC Documents.

"<u>Latest Parent Balance Sheet</u>" shall mean the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Parent and its Subsidiaries, dated as of September 28, 2013, as set forth in the Parent SEC Documents.

"Laws " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.12(a).

"<u>Leased Real Property</u>" shall mean real property which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as of the date of this Agreement, leases, subleases or occupies as tenant, subtenant or occupant pursuant to any Lease.

"Leases" shall mean leases, subleases or other occupancy agreements (together with any and all amendments and modifications thereto and any guarantees thereof).

"Letter of Transmittal" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.9(b)(i).

"Liabilities " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.4(a).

"License" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(b).

"<u>Liens</u>" shall mean liens, encumbrances, mortgages, charges, claims, restrictions, pledges, security interests, title defects, easements, rights-of-way, covenants, encroachments or other similar adverse claims of any kind with respect to a property or asset.

"Litigation" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.11.

"Material Contracts " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.7(a).

"<u>Maximum Adjustment Amount</u>" shall mean the sum of (i) \$161,000,000.00, (ii) the non-cash impact of LIFO (but only to the extent that such non-cash impact of LIFO is included in 2013 EBITDA) and (iii) the aggregate amount of expenses incurred by the Company and its Subsidiaries as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (solely to the extent such expenses have reduced 2013 EBITDA, and which aggregate amount of expenses shall in no event include any amounts paid or payable to the Significant Stockholders either pursuant to the letter agreements between the Company and each of CDR and KKR, each dated as of November 23, 2009, or otherwise).

"<u>Mergers</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Merger Sub One" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Merger Sub Two" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

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"Merger Subs " shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Multiemployer Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(37) of ERISA.

"<u>Multiple Employer Plan</u>" shall mean a plan that has two or more contributing sponsors at least two of whom are not under common control, within the meaning of Section 4063 of ERISA.

"Non-Recourse Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.11.

"Note Indenture" means the Indenture, dated as of May 11, 2011, among the Operating Subsidiary, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust, National Association as Trustee (the "Note Trustee"), governing the Notes.

"Notes " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(a).

"Operating Subsidiary " shall mean US Foods, Inc.

"<u>Option/EAR Proceeds</u>" shall mean the aggregate exercise price (or, in the case of EARs, "base value") that would be payable to the Company upon exercise of all Options and EARs that are outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (assuming that an amount in cash equal to the full exercise price (or base value) of each Option or EAR were delivered to the Company, regardless of whether the Option or EAR requires payment of an exercise price or base value); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any Underwater Option/EAR shall be disregarded for purposes of this definition.

" Options " shall mean the outstanding options to purchase shares of Common Stock granted under a Benefit Plan.

"<u>Order</u>" shall mean any award, judgment, injunction, determination, consent, ruling, decree or order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) issued, adopted, granted, awarded or entered by any Governmental Authority or private arbitrator of competent jurisdiction.

"<u>Organizational Documents</u>" shall mean the articles of incorporation, certificate of incorporation, charter, by-laws, articles of formation, certificate of formation, regulations, operating agreement, certificate of limited partnership, partnership agreement and all other similar documents, instruments or certificates executed, adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of a Person, including any amendments, restatements and supplements thereto.

"Owned Intellectual Property" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(a).

"<u>Owned Real Property</u>" shall mean all real property owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement, together with all structures, facilities, improvements and fixtures presently or hereafter located thereon or attached thereto.

"Parent" shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

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"<u>Parent Blackout Period</u>" shall mean any regular quarterly period during which directors and executive officers of Parent are not permitted to trade Parent securities under the insider trading policy of Parent then in effect.

"Parent Common Stock " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(a).

"Parent Disclosure Letter" shall have the meaning set forth in the introductory language to Article IV .

"Parent Material Adverse Effect" shall mean any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence that has, or would reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business, assets or results of operations of Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that in determining whether there has been a Parent Material Adverse Effect or whether a Parent Material Adverse Effect could or would occur, any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence attributable to, arising out of, or resulting from any of the following shall be disregarded: (i) general political, economic, business, industry, credit, financial or capital market conditions in the United States or internationally, including conditions affecting generally the principal industries in which Parent and its Subsidiaries operate; (ii) the taking of any action required by this Agreement; (iii) the announcement of this Agreement or pendency of the Mergers, including any Litigation arising from the Mergers and including any termination of, reduction in or similar negative impact on relationships, contractual or otherwise, with any customers, suppliers, distributors, partners, sales representatives or employees of Parent or its Subsidiaries, in each case to the extent attributable to, arising out of or resulting from the announcement of this Agreement or pendency of the Mergers; (iv) the taking of any action expressly with the prior written approval of the Company; (v) pandemics, earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, floods and acts of God; (vi) acts of war (whether declared or not declared), sabotage, terrorism, military actions or the escalation thereof; (vii) any change in applicable Law or GAAP (or authoritative interpretation or enforcement thereof) which is proposed, approved or enacted on or after the date hereof; and (viii) the failure, in and of itself, of Parent to meet any internal or published projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions in respect of revenues, earnings or other financial or operating metrics before, on or after the date hereof (it being understood that the underlying facts giving rise or contributing to such change may be taken into account in determining whether there has been a Parent Material Adverse Effect); provided, further, that changes, events, facts, effects or occurrences set forth in clauses (i), (v), (vi) or (vii) may be taken into account in determining whether there has been, could or would be a Parent Material Adverse Effect to the extent such changes, events, facts, effects or occurrences negatively and disproportionately adversely affect Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as whole, in relation to other Persons in the principal industries of Parent and its Subsidiaries.

"Parent Preferred Stock " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(a).

"Parent Related Parties" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.3(a).

"Parent SEC Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.7(b).

"Parent Securities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2(a).

"Parent Specified Representations" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.1.

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"Payoff Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.5.

"Payoff Letter" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.5.

"PBGC " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(g).

"<u>Per Option/EAR Merger Consideration</u>" shall mean (a) with respect to each Option or EAR that is not an Underwater Option/EAR, an amount equal to (i) the Aggregate Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration, <u>minus</u> (ii) the exercise price (or, in the case of EARs "base value") of such Option or EAR, and (b) with respect to each Underwater Option/EAR, an amount equal to zero.

"<u>Per Share Cash Amount</u>" means the quotient of (x) the difference of (i) the Aggregate Cash Amount <u>minus</u> (ii) the aggregate Per Option/EAR Merger Consideration <u>divided</u> by (y) the Fully-Diluted Outstanding Stock (but determined without regard to Options or EARs) immediately prior to the Effective Time.

"<u>Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration</u>" shall mean, with respect to each share of Common Stock, the sum of (i) the Per Share Cash Amount and (ii) the Per Share Stock Amount.

"<u>Per Share Stock Amount</u>" shall mean, with respect to each share of Common Stock, the quotient of the Aggregate Share Amount divided by the Fully-Diluted Outstanding Stock (but determined without regard to Options or EARs) immediately prior to the Effective Time.

"Permits " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.12(b).

"<u>Permitted Liens</u>" shall mean (a) Liens for Taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves are maintained on the consolidated financial statements included in the Company SEC Documents filed prior to the date hereof, in accordance with GAAP; (b) materialmen's, mechanics', carriers', workmen's and repairmen's liens, any statutory Liens arising in the ordinary course of business by operation of applicable Law with respect to a liability that is not yet due or delinquent or being contested in good faith, and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business; (c) pledges or deposits to secure obligations under workers' compensation laws or similar legislation or to secure public or statutory obligations; (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice; (e) all matters set forth in the title insurance policies for Owned Real Property provided to Parent, none of which materially and adversely interferes with the present use of, such real property; (f) Liens (other than Liens securing indebtedness for borrowed money), defects or irregularities in title, easements, rights-of-way, covenants, restrictions, and other, similar matters that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to materially impair the continued use and operation of the assets to which they relate; (g) all applicable zoning, entitlement, conservation restrictions, building and similar codes and regulations and other land use regulations, none of which materially detracts from the value of or materially and adversely interferes with the present use of, such real property; and (h) Liens set forth on Section 1.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter.

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"<u>Person</u>" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, association, estate, joint stock company, limited liability company, Governmental Authority or any other organization or entity of any kind (other than the Company or its Subsidiaries).

"Purchase Offer " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(a).

"<u>Purchase Price</u>" shall mean \$3,500,000,000 <u>minus</u> (a) the product of (i) 9.5 and (ii) the amount, if any, by which (A) \$840,000,000 exceeds (B) 2013 Adjusted EBITDA and <u>minus</u> (b) the lesser of (i) the Signing Underfunded Amount and (ii) the Closing Underfunded Amount.

"Reference Price" shall mean \$33.67.

"<u>Release</u>" shall mean any releasing, disposing, discharging, injecting, spilling, leaking, leaching, pumping, dumping, emitting, escaping, emptying or seeping into or upon, any land, soil, surface water, groundwater or air, or otherwise entering into the indoor or outdoor environment.

"Released Claim " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.12 .

"Released Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.12.

"Releasing Party " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.12.

"Representatives" shall have the meaning specified in Section 5.14.

"<u>Response Action</u>" shall mean any action taken by any Person to investigate, abate, monitor, remediate, remove, mitigate or otherwise address any violation of Environmental Law by the Company or its Subsidiaries, any Contamination of any property owned, leased or occupied by the Company or its Subsidiaries or any Release or threatened Release of Hazardous Substances, including any such action that would be a "response" as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 (25).

"Restricted Stock Award " shall mean an award of restricted shares of Common Stock granted under a Benefit Plan.

"<u>Reverse Termination Fee</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 8.3(a)</u>.

"<u>RSU Award</u>" shall mean an award of restricted stock units denominated in respect of shares of Common Stock granted under a Benefit Plan.

"Runoff D&O Insurance" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.11(b).

"SEC " shall mean the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Secured Term Loan Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.15(f).

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"Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"<u>Significant Stockholders</u>" shall mean Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VII, L.P., Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VII (Co-Investment), L.P., CD&R Parallel Fund VII, L.P., CDR USF Co-Investor L.P., and CDR USF Co-Investor No. 2, L.P., and KKR 2006 Fund, L.P., KKR PEI Investments, L.P., KKR Partners III, L.P. and OPERF Co-Investment LLC.

"Signing Underfunded Amount" shall mean \$68.9 million.

"SOX " means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended.

"Stockholders Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"<u>Subsidiary</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, another Person, an amount of the voting securities, other voting ownership or voting partnership interests of which is sufficient to elect at least a majority of its board of directors or other governing person or body (or, if there are no such voting interests, more than fifty (50%) of the equity interests of which) is owned directly or indirectly by such first Person.

"Subsidiary Securities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c).

"Surviving Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"<u>Takeover Law</u>" shall mean any "moratorium," "control share acquisition," "business combination," "fair price" or other form of anti-takeover Laws of any jurisdiction or other applicable Laws that purport to limit or restrict business combinations or the ability to limit or restrict business combinations or the ability to acquire or to vote shares.

"<u>Tax</u>" shall mean all U.S. federal, state, local or foreign taxes, imposts, levies or other assessments, including any net income, capital gains, gross income, gross receipts, sales, use, transfer, ad valorem, franchise, profits, license, capital, withholding, payroll, estimated, employment, excise, goods and services, severance, stamp, occupation, premium, property, social security, environmental (including Section 59A of the Code), alternative or add-on, value added, registration, escheat or unclaimed property, occupancy, capital stock, unincorporated business, unemployment, disability, workers compensation, accumulated earnings, personal holding company, annual reports, windfall profits or other taxes, duties, charges, fees, levies or other assessments of any nature whatsoever imposed by any Governmental Authority, together with all interest, penalties or additions to tax imposed with respect thereto.

"<u>Tax Proceeding</u>" shall mean any audit, examination, investigation, claim, contest, dispute, litigation or other proceeding with respect to Taxes or by or against any Taxing Authority.

"<u>Tax Returns</u>" shall mean any report, return (including any information return), declaration, claim for refund or other document filed or required to be filed with any Taxing Authority or jurisdiction with respect to Taxes, including any attachment thereto and any amendment thereof.

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"Taxing Authority "shall mean any Governmental Authority having or purporting to exercise jurisdiction with respect to any Tax.

"<u>Termination Date</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 8.1(b)</u>.

"<u>Third Party Interests</u>" shall mean any shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in (including any securities exercisable or exchangeable for or convertible into shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in) any third party Person.

"Title IV Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(g).

"Transaction Bonus Pool" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.2(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedule.

"Treasury Regulations" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Underfunded Amount" shall mean the excess (if any) of (a) the "pension benefit obligation" over (b) the "fair value of plan assets" as of the measurement date required under this Agreement, in each case as such terms are used in, and such amounts are calculated, in accordance with GAAP, consistent with the methodology used for purposes of presentation in the Operating Subsidiary's Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for its fiscal year ended December 29, 2012 as filed with the SEC prior to the date of this Agreement. For purposes of clarification, (i) the "pension benefit obligation" shall be determined using the appropriate discount rate as of each date for which this amount is required to be calculated under this Agreement, and such discount rates shall be determined using a methodology consistent with that used in the Operating Subsidiary's Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for its fiscal year ended December 29, 2012 as filed with the SEC prior to the date of this Agreement and (ii) the "fair value of plan assets" referenced above shall be as of each date for which this amount is required to be calculated under this Agreement and (ii) the "fair value of plan assets" referenced above shall be as of each date for which this amount is required to be calculated under this Agreement.

"<u>Underwater Option/EAR</u>" shall mean any Option or EAR with an exercise price (or in the case of an EAR, "base value") equal to or in excess of the Aggregate Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration.

"Union Employee " shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(a).

"<u>WARN Act</u>" shall mean the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988, as amended from time to time, and any applicable state or local mass layoff or plant-closing Laws.

ARTICLE II

MERGERS

2.1. Mergers .

(a) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, at the Effective Time, Merger Sub One shall be merged with and into the Company in accordance with

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the terms of, and subject to the conditions set forth in, this Agreement and the DGCL. Following the Initial Merger, the Company shall continue as the surviving corporation and the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub One shall cease.

(b) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, immediately following the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Company to be merged with and into Merger Sub Two, in accordance with the terms of, and subject to the conditions set forth in, this Agreement, the DGCL and the DLLCA. Following the Follow-On Merger, Merger Sub Two shall continue as the Surviving Company and the separate corporate existence of the Company shall cease.

2.2. Closing .

(a) The Closing shall take place at the offices of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019 at 10:00 A.M. on the later of (i) the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date of the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Article VI</u> and <u>Article VII</u> (other than those conditions that by their terms are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of those conditions at such time) and (ii) the date on which the 2013 Adjusted EBITDA has been finally determined in accordance with <u>Section 2.10</u> or such other date, time and place as may be agreed by Parent and the Company; provided that, in the event that on any date on which the Closing would have otherwise occurred, the Company shall have failed to deliver to Parent the Audited Annual Financials for each of the three most recently ended fiscal years that have ended at least 95 days (or 80 days in the case of any fiscal year ended at least 45 days prior to such date, or failed to deliver the Quarterly Financials for each subsequent interim quarterly period that has ended at least 45 days prior to such date, the Closing shall occur no earlier than the date that is the later of (x) the 20 th calendar day after the date such Audited Annual Financials and Quarterly Financials have been delivered and (y) in the event that such financials are delivered during a Parent Blackout Period, the 10 th Business Day after the end of such Parent Blackout Period, unless Parent shall otherwise consent, in its sole discretion; provided further that in no event shall the Closing be delayed pursuant to the immediately preceding proviso to a date that is later than the Termination Date (as it may be extended pursuant to Section 8.1(b)). The date on which the Closing actually occurs in accordance with the preceding sentence is referred to in this Agreement as the "Closing Date ."

(b) At or prior to the Closing, the Company shall deliver the following to Parent:

(i) a certificate, dated the Closing Date, of a senior executive officer of the Company to the effect set forth in Section 6.1 and Section 6.2; and

(ii) (A) a duly executed certificate, dated as of the Closing Date, satisfying the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1445-2(c)(3), to the effect that no interest in the Company is a "United States real property interest" within the meaning of Section 897(c)(1) of the Code and (B) a notice of such certification to the Internal Revenue Service satisfying the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.897-2(h).

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(c) At or prior to the Closing, Parent and the Merger Subs shall deliver to the Company certificates, dated the Closing Date, of a senior executive officer of Parent to the effect set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2.

2.3. Effective Time . Contemporaneously with the Closing, the parties hereto shall cause a certificate of merger meeting the requirements of Section 251 of the DGCL (the "Initial Certificate of Merger") to be properly executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DGCL. The Initial Merger shall become effective at the time of filing of the Initial Certificate of Merger as the effective time of the DGCL, or at such later time which the parties hereto shall have agreed and designated in the Initial Certificate of Merger as the effective time of the Initial Merger (the "Effective Time"). Immediately following the Effective Time, the parties hereto shall cause a certificate of merger meeting the requirements of Section 251 of the DGCL and Section 18-209 of the DLLCA (the "Follow-On Certificate of Merger") to be properly executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DGCL and the DLLCA. The Follow-On Merger shall become effective at the time of filing of the Follow-On Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of Delaware in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DGCL and the DLLCA. The Follow-On Merger shall become effective at the time of filing of the Follow-On Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of Delaware in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DGCL and the DLLCA. The Follow-On Certificate of Merger as the effective of the State of Delaware in accordance with the parties hereto shall have agreed and designated in the Follow-On Certificate of Merger as the effective time of the State of Delaware in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DGCL and the DLLCA. The Follow-On Certificate of Merger as the effective time of the State of Delaware in accordance with the parties hereto shall have agreed and designated in the Follow-On Certificate of Merger as the effective time of the Follow-On Certificate of Merger as the

2.4. Effects of the Mergers . The Mergers shall have the effects set forth in the applicable provisions of the DGCL and the DLLCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and subject thereto, (a) at the Effective Time, all the property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of the Company and Merger Sub One shall vest in the Company as the surviving corporation in the Initial Merger, and all debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub One shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger, and (b) at the effective time of the Follow-On Merger, all the property, rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall vest in Merger Sub Two as the Surviving Company, and all debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall vest in Merger Sub Two as the Surviving Company, and all debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Company and Merger Sub Two shall become the debts, liabilities, obligations and duties of the Surviving Company.

2.5. <u>Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws</u>. The certificate of incorporation of the Company in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the certificate of incorporation of the surviving company in the Initial Merger as of the Effective Time, and the bylaws of Merger Sub One in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the by-laws of the surviving company in the Initial Merger as of the Effective Time, until amended in accordance with applicable Law. The articles of formation of Merger Sub Two in effect immediately prior to the effective time of the Follow-On Merger shall be the articles of formation of the Surviving Company, and the limited liability company agreement of Merger Sub Two in effect immediately prior to the effective time of the Follow-On Merger shall be the articles of the Follow-On Merger shall be the limited liability company agreement of the Surviving Company.

2.6. <u>Directors and Officers</u>. Until duly removed or until successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified, the directors of Merger Sub Two immediately prior to the effective time of the Follow-On Merger shall be the initial directors of the Surviving Company as of the

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effective time of the Follow-On Merger, and the officers of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the initial officers of the Surviving Company as of the effective time of the Follow-On Merger.

2.7. <u>Conversion of Shares and Equity Awards</u>. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Initial Merger and without any action on the part of any party:

(a) Each share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Merger Sub One issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into and become one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the surviving corporation in the Initial Merger.

(b) Each share of Common Stock (including any share of Common Stock underlying a Restricted Stock Award, as set forth in Section 2.9(a)) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than Canceled Shares, Continuing Shares or Dissenting Shares) and all rights in respect thereof, shall, by virtue of the Initial Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, be converted into the right to receive the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration, and such shares shall otherwise cease to be outstanding, shall automatically be canceled and retired and cease to exist, and each holder of a Certificate (or uncertificated shares as reflected in the books and records of the Company) that immediately prior to the Effective Time represented any such shares of Common Stock shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the right to receive the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration and any cash in lieu of fractional shares of Parent Common Stock to be issued or paid in consideration therefor and any dividends or other distributions to which holders become entitled upon the surrender of such shares of Common Stock in accordance with <u>Section 2.9(b)</u>, without interest. For the avoidance of doubt, as provided in <u>Section 2.9(b)(vi)</u>, the right of any holder of a share of Common Stock to receive the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration shall be subject to and reduced by the amount of any required withholding under applicable Tax Law.

(c) (i) Each share of Common Stock held by the Company as treasury stock or held directly by Parent, or a Merger Sub, in each case, immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "<u>Canceled Shares</u>"), shall be canceled and retired without any conversion thereof, and no payment or distribution shall be made with respect thereto.

(ii) Each share of Common Stock held by any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company, any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of Parent (other than a Merger Sub) or any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of a Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "<u>Continuing Shares</u>") shall be converted into such number of shares of Parent Common Stock equal to the sum of (A) such number of shares of Parent Common Stock equal to the quotient of the Per Share Cash Amount divided by the Closing Parent Common Stock Price and (B) the Per Share Stock Amount (provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that it is understood that in the event there are any Continuing Shares outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, the Aggregate Share Amount and related calculations will be adjusted as necessary to preserve the original intent of the parties).

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(d) Each Option and EAR outstanding and unexercised immediately prior to the Effective Time and each Restricted Stock Award and RSU Award, and all rights in respect thereof, shall become fully vested upon the Initial Merger and by virtue of the Initial Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, shall be converted into, and shall represent solely, the right to receive the applicable payments set forth in <u>Section 2.9(a)</u>, and all such Equity Awards shall otherwise cease to be outstanding, shall be canceled and cease to exist.

2.8. <u>Dissenting Shares</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, shares of Common Stock that are outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and which are held by stockholders who shall have not voted in favor of the Mergers or consented thereto in writing and who shall have properly demanded and are entitled to appraisal for such shares in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL (collectively, the "<u>Dissenting Shares</u>") shall not be converted into or represent the right to receive the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration. Such stockholders instead shall only be entitled to receive payment of the appraised value of such shares of Common Stock held by them in accordance with the provisions of Section 262 of the DGCL, except that all Dissenting Shares held by stockholders who shall have failed to perfect or who effectively shall have waived, withdrawn, or otherwise are not entitled to, the right to appraisal of such shares of Common Stock under Section 262 of the DGCL shall thereupon be deemed to have been canceled and converted into and to have become exchangeable, as of the Effective Time, for the right to receive, without any interest thereon, the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration upon surrender in the manner provided in <u>Section 2.9</u>. The Company shall (i) give Parent prompt notice of any notice or demand for appraisal or payment for shares of Common Stock or any withdrawals of such demands received by the Company, (ii) give Parent the opportunity to participate in all negotiations and proceedings with respect to any such demands and (iii) not, without the prior written consent of Parent, make any payment with respect to, or settle or offer to settle any such demands.

2.9. Payment of Merger Consideration .

(a) Prior to the Closing, Parent shall appoint a bank or trust company of national recognition reasonably acceptable to the Company, or Parent's transfer agent, to act as exchange agent (the "<u>Exchange Agent</u>") hereunder. At the Closing, Parent shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, with the Exchange Agent, in trust for the benefit of the holders of shares of Common Stock, for exchange in accordance with this <u>Section 2.9</u>, (i) certificates or evidence of book-entry shares representing the shares of Parent Common Stock included in the Aggregate Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration and (ii) cash representing the sum of (A) the Aggregate Cash Amount *plus* (B) cash necessary to pay in lieu of fractional shares pursuant to <u>Section 2.9(b)(ix)</u> (such shares of Parent Common Stock together with such cash, the "<u>Exchange Fund</u>"). On the Closing Date, Parent shall cause the Exchange Agent to pay from the Exchange Fund to each Common Stockholder who has surrendered its Certificates, if applicable, and a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration for each share of Common

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Stock held by such Common Stockholder, and following the Closing Date, Parent shall cause the Exchange Agent to pay from the Exchange Fund to each other Common Stockholder the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration for each share of Common Stock held by such Common Stockholder, in each case in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, and Parent shall pay (i) to the Surviving Company for payment to each holder of Restricted Stock Awards or RSU Awards, the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration for each outstanding Restricted Stock Award or RSU Award held by such individual, less any applicable withholding Taxes and (ii) cash to the Surviving Company for payment to each holder of Options or EARs, the Per Option/EAR Merger Consideration for each outstanding and unexercised Option or EAR held by such individual, less any applicable withholding Taxes.

(b) The following provisions shall be applicable to payment of the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration and the Per Option/EAR Merger Consideration:

(i) Prior to the Effective Time, the Company will deliver or mail or will cause to be delivered or mailed to each record holder of shares of Common Stock a letter of transmittal in a form prepared by Parent and reasonably satisfactory to the Company (the "Letter of <u>Transmittal</u>"), which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, only upon proper delivery of the related Certificates (or, for holders of uncertificated shares, upon proper delivery of a fully executed Letter of Transmittal) in accordance therewith to the Company or the Surviving Company, as applicable, and instructions for use in surrendering such shares of Common Stock and receiving the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration in respect of the Common Stock evidenced thereby. Upon the surrender of each such Certificate, if applicable , and a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Exchange Agent shall, at the Effective Time, pay the holder of such shares of Common Stock the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration therefor, and such shares of Common Stock and any related Certificate shall forthwith be canceled. Upon the surrender of each such Certificate, if applicable, and a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal any time after the date that is two (2) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Exchange Agent shall, no earlier than at the Closing and as soon as reasonably practicable, pay the holder of such shares of Common Stock the Per Share Consideration, in consideration, in consideration shares of Common Stock the Per Share Consideration, in consideration, in Consideration Stock and any related Certificate shall forthwith be canceled. Upon the surrender of each such Certificates, if applicable, and a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal any time after the date that is two (2) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Exchange Agent shall, no earlier than at the Closing and as soon as reasonably practicabl

(ii) After the Effective Time, there shall be no transfers on the stock transfer books of the Surviving Company of any shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time. If, after the Effective Time, shares of Common Stock are presented to the Exchange Agent, they shall be surrendered and canceled against delivery of the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration as provided in this <u>Article II</u>.

(iii) No interest shall accrue or be paid on the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration payable upon the delivery of Certificates or Letters of Transmittal.

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None of Parent, the Surviving Company, the Exchange Agent or any of their respective Affiliates shall be liable to a Common Stockholder or holder of Equity Awards for any cash or interest thereon delivered to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar Laws. Any portion of the Exchange Fund remaining unclaimed by Common Stockholders or amounts unclaimed by holders of Equity Awards twelve (12) months after the Effective Time (or such earlier date immediately prior to such time when the amounts would otherwise escheat to or become property of any Governmental Authority) shall become, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, the property of the Surviving Company free and clear of any claim or interest of any Person previously entitled thereto. The Exchange Agent will notify Parent prior to the time that any portion of the Exchange Fund which remains unclaimed would have to be delivered to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar laws and, at Parent's option, such portion shall be paid to Parent.

(iv) After the Effective Time, any Common Stockholders or holder of Equity Awards will be entitled to look only to the Surviving Company for payment of their respective claims for the consideration set forth in this <u>Article II</u>, without interest thereon, but will have no greater rights against the Surviving Company than may be accorded to general creditors thereof under applicable Law.

(v) In the event that any Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the Person claiming such Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed, the Exchange Agent will issue, or will cause to be issued, in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate the payments with respect to such Certificate to which such Person is entitled pursuant to this <u>Article II</u>; <u>provided</u>, that the Person to whom such payments are made shall, as a condition precedent to the payment thereof, indemnify Parent and the Surviving Company against any claim that may be made against Parent, a Merger Sub or the Surviving Company with respect to the Certificate claimed to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

(vi) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Exchange Agent, Parent, the Merger Subs and the Surviving Company shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from any amounts otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement such amounts as are required to be deducted or withheld with respect to the making of such payment under the Code or any applicable provision of state, local or foreign Tax law. To the extent that amounts are so deducted or withheld, such deducted or withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such deduction or withholding was made.

(vii) If payment of the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration in respect of a share of Common Stock is to be made to a Person other than the Person in whose name a surrendered Certificate is registered, it shall be a condition to such payment that the Certificate so surrendered shall be properly endorsed or shall be otherwise in proper form for transfer and that the Person requesting such payment shall have paid any transfer and other Taxes required by reason of such payment in a name other than that of the registered holder of the Certificate surrendered or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of Parent that such Taxes either have been paid or are not payable.

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(viii) No dividends or other distributions declared or made with respect to Parent Common Stock with a record date after the Effective Time shall be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Certificate (or uncertificated shares of Common Stock) with respect to the shares of Parent Common Stock issuable upon surrender thereof, and no cash payment with respect any cash portion of Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration or in lieu of fractional shares shall be paid to any such holder, until the surrender of such Certificate (or uncertificated shares of Common Stock) in accordance with this <u>Article II</u>. Subject to escheat, Tax or other applicable Law, following surrender of any such Certificate (or uncertificated shares of Common Stock issued in exchange therefor, without interest, at the time of such surrender, (1) the amount of any cash payable in lieu of a fractional share of Parent Common Stock to which such holder is entitled pursuant to <u>Section 2.9(b)(ix)</u> and (2) the amount of dividends or other distributions declared on the shares of Parent Common Stock with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date prior to such surrender that is payable with respect to such whole shares of Parent Common Stock and, at the appropriate payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time and a paymen

(ix) No certificates or scrip representing fractional shares of Parent Common Stock shall be issued upon the conversion of Common Stock pursuant to this <u>Article II</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each holder of shares of Common Stock converted pursuant to the Initial Merger who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fraction of a share of Parent Common Stock (after taking into account all shares of Common Stock exchanged by such holder) shall receive, in lieu thereof, cash (without interest) in an amount equal to such fractional amount multiplied by the Closing Parent Common Stock Price.

(x) The Exchange Agent shall invest any cash included in the Exchange Fund, as directed by Parent, on a daily basis. Any interest and other income resulting from such investments shall be paid to Parent upon termination of the Exchange Fund pursuant to this <u>Section 2.9</u> and any losses resulting from such investments will be made up by Parent to the extent necessary to pay the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration.

2.10. Adjustment of Purchase Price .

(a) On or prior to March 28, 2014, the Company shall provide Parent with a statement setting forth the calculation of 2013 EBITDA, 2013 Adjusted EBITDA and the Maximum Adjustment Amount, prepared in good faith (the "<u>2013 EBITDA Statement</u>"), which shall reflect the same 2013 Adjusted EBITDA included in the Operating Subsidiary's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013 (without giving effect to the Maximum Adjustment Amount). Not less than five (5) Business Days following the receipt of the 2013 EBITDA Statement, Parent shall notify the Company in writing

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in the event that it disputes any aspect of the 2013 EBITDA Statement, which note shall include reasonable detail about such disputes (it being understood and agreed by Parent that any disputes must be limited to disputes relating to whether 2013 Adjusted EBITDA has been properly calculated in accordance with the definitions and procedures set forth in this Agreement and the Exhibits hereto, and may not include any disputes relating to proposed changes or modifications to such definitions or procedures). During such five (5) Business Day period, the Company and its accountants will provide Parent and its accountants with reasonable access to such individuals and such information, books, records and work papers as may be reasonably required by Parent in order to reasonably verify such calculations; provided, however, that external accountants shall not be obliged to make any work papers available to Parent except in accordance with such accountants' normal disclosure procedures and then only after Parent and/or Parent's accountants, as applicable, has signed a customary agreement relating to such access to work papers in form and substance reasonably acceptable to such accountants. If Parent does not provide such notice of dispute within such five (5) Business Day period, the amount set forth on the 2013 EBITDA Statement shall be the 2013 Adjusted EBITDA for the purposes of the Closing. If Parent provides such notice of dispute within such five (5) Business Day period, the Company and Parent shall promptly negotiate in good faith to expeditiously resolve any such dispute. The amount so agreed following such negotiations shall be the 2013 Adjusted EBITDA for the purposes of the Closing. If the Company and Parent are unable to resolve any differences that they may have with respect to the 2013 EBITDA Statement within five (5) Business Days, the Company and Parent shall submit all matters that remain in dispute with respect to the 2013 EBITDA Statement (along with a copy of the 2013 EBITDA Statement marked to indicate those line items that are not in dispute) to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, or, if such firm is unable or unwilling to act, such other independent certified public accountant reasonably mutually acceptable to Parent and the Company (in any such case, the "Independent Accountant,"). The Independent Accountant, acting as an expert and not an arbitrator, shall be jointly instructed by Parent and the Company to, within fifteen (15) Business Days after such Person's selection, make a final determination, binding on the parties to this Agreement and the holders of Common Stock, of the appropriate calculation of 2013 Adjusted EBITDA as to which Parent and the Company disagree. With respect to each disputed calculation, such determination, if not in accordance with the position of either Parent, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, shall not be in excess of the higher, nor less than the lower, of the calculation advocated by the Company and Parent with respect to such disputed line item. The Independent Accountant's determination shall be made in accordance with the definition in this Agreement of 2013 EBITDA, 2013 Adjusted EBITDA and the Maximum Adjustment Amount, as applicable. If after the delivery of the 2013 EBITDA Statement but prior to the Closing, there shall be a change in any component of the 2013 EBITDA Statement, the Company shall update the 2013 EBITDA Statement accordingly to reflect such change, and Parent shall be given an equivalent opportunity to dispute any such updated portion of the 2013 EBITDA Statement as applied with respect to the original delivery of such statement.

(b) The cost of the Independent Accountant's review and determination shall be shared equally by Parent on the one hand and the Company on the other hand. During the review by the Independent Accountant, the Company and its accountants will make available to the Independent Accountant interviews with such individuals, and such information, books, records and work papers as may be reasonably required by the Independent Accountant to fulfill its obligations under <u>Section 2.10(c)</u>; provided, however, that the external accountants shall not

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be obliged to make any work papers available to the Independent Accountant except in accordance with such accountants' normal disclosure procedures and then only after the Independent Accountant has signed a customary agreement relating to such access to work papers in form and substance reasonably acceptable to such accountants. In acting under this Agreement, the Independent Accountant will be entitled to the privileges and immunities of an arbitrator.

(c) The Company shall, during the Interim Period, engage Mercer to calculate the Underfunded Amount as of the last day of each quarter following the date hereof, beginning with the quarter ending December 28, 2013, with such calculation to be performed in accordance with their customary terms and procedures prior to the date hereof and to be completed no later than the 18 th day following the last day of such applicable quarter and promptly delivered in writing to Parent with a copy of the calculation prepared by Mercer.

2.11. <u>Certain Adjustments</u>. If, during the Interim Period (and as permitted by <u>Section 5.2</u>), the outstanding shares of Common Stock or Parent Common Stock shall have been changed into a different number of shares or a different class of shares by reason of any stock dividend, subdivision, reorganization, reclassification, recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, combination or exchange of shares, or any similar event shall have occurred, then the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration and the Per Option/EAR Merger Consideration shall be equitably adjusted, without duplication, to proportionally reflect such change; provided that nothing in this <u>Section 2.11</u> shall be construed to permit the Company or Parent to take any action with respect to its securities that is prohibited by the terms of this Agreement.

2.12. <u>Conversion of Shares in the Follow-On Merger</u>. At the effective time of the Follow-On Merger, by virtue of the Follow-On Merger and without any action on the part of any party, each share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company as the surviving corporation in the Initial Merger issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Follow-On Merger shall be converted into and become one limited liability company interest of the Surviving Company.

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ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

Except as disclosed in and reasonably apparent from the Company SEC Documents filed prior to the date hereof (excluding any disclosures set forth in any such Company SEC Document in any risk factor section, any forward-looking disclosure in any section relating to forward-looking statements or any other statements that are non-specific, predictive or primarily cautionary in nature other than historical facts included therein) or in the disclosure schedule delivered by the Company to Parent immediately prior to the execution of this Agreement (the "Company Disclosure Letter") (each section or subsection of which qualifies the correspondingly numbered representation, warranty or covenant if specified therein and any such other representations, warranties or covenant is reasonably apparent on its face), the Company represents and warrants to Parent and the Merger Subs as follows:

3.1. Due Incorporation; Capitalization .

(a) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is duly organized, validly existing and, where such concept is applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with all requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its respective assets and properties as they are now being owned, leased and operated and to carry on its business as now conducted, except, with respect to the Company's Subsidiaries other than the Operating Subsidiary, where the failure to be so duly organized, validly existing or in good standing would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and, where such concept is applicable, is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which it is required to be so qualified or in good standing, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company has delivered to Parent complete copies of the Organizational Documents of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries as of the date hereof and as currently in effect, and none of the Company and its Subsidiaries is in violation of any provision of such Organizational Documents in any material respect.

(b) The entire authorized capital stock of the Company is 600,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock "), 456,647,231 of which are issued and outstanding as of the date of this Agreement, including 605,604 shares of Common Stock currently subject to Restricted Stock Awards. Of such authorized shares, as of the date of this Agreement, (w) 24,749,110 shares of Common Stock are currently subject to Options, (x) 1,724,000 phantom shares of Common Stock are currently subject to EARs, (y) 3,247,638 shares of Common Stock are currently subject to RSU Awards and (z) 18,355,916 shares of Common Stock are reserved for issuance pursuant to future awards under the Benefit Plans. Section 3.1(b)(i) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a complete and correct list, as of the date of this Agreement, of (1) each holder of Common Stock, including the number of shares of Common Stock held by such holder, (2) each holder of Equity Awards, specifying, on a holder-by-holder basis (i) the name of each holder, (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock subject to each such award, (iii) the grant date of each such award, (iv) the exercise price for each Option or the base value for each EAR and (v) the expiration date of each Option. No Option is intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code. All of the outstanding shares of Common Stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Such shares have been issued in compliance with all applicable state and federal Laws concerning the issuance of securities. No shares of the Common Stock are subject to or were issued in violation of the preemptive rights of any shareholder or any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation or by-laws of the Company or any agreement to which the Company is a party or otherwise bound. Except as set forth in this Section 3.1 and in Section 3.1(b)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as of the date of this Agreement, there are no (i) issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in the Company, (ii) securities of the Company convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in the Company, (iii) options, warrants or other rights or agreements to acquire from the Company, or other obligation of the Company to issue, deliver, transfer or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered, transferred or sold,

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any shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in the Company or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in the Company, (iv) voting trusts, proxies or other similar agreements to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (v) obligations restricting the transfer of, or requiring the registration for sale of, any shares of capital stock of or other voting or authorized appreciation rights, rights of first offer, performance shares, "phantom" stock rights or other agreements or obligations of any character (contingent or otherwise) pursuant to which any Person is or may be entitled to receive any payment or other value based on the revenues, earnings or financial performance, or stock price performance or other attribute of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their businesses or assets are calculated in accordance therewith (the items in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) being referred to collectively as the "Company Securities "). There are no outstanding obligations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any Company Securities. No Subsidiary of the Company or any shares of capital stock of the Company or any shares of capital stock of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any Company Securities. No Subsidiary of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase,

(c) All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of and other voting or equity interests in each of the Company's Subsidiaries have been and are duly authorized and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and are owned beneficially and of record wholly by the Company or one of the Company's wholly owned Subsidiaries as set forth in Section 3.1(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter, free and clear of any Liens other than Permitted Liens. Such shares have been issued in compliance with all applicable state and federal Laws concerning the issuance of securities. No shares of capital stock of any of the Company's Subsidiaries are subject to or were issued in violation of the preemptive rights of any shareholder or any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the DGCL, the Organizational Documents of any of the Company's applicable Subsidiaries or any agreement to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or otherwise bound. Except as set forth in Section 3.1(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter, there are no outstanding (i) shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in any of the Company's Subsidiaries, (ii) securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in any Subsidiary of the Company or (iii) options or other rights or agreements to acquire from the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or other obligation of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to issue, transfer or sell, or cause to be issued, transferred or sold, any shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in any of the Company's Subsidiaries or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in any of the Company's Subsidiaries (the items in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) being referred to collectively as the "Subsidiary Securities"). There are no outstanding obligations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any Subsidiary Securities. Section 3.1(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of all of the Company's Subsidiaries. There are no restrictions of any kind which prevent the payment of dividends or distributions by any of the Company's Subsidiaries.

(d) As of the date hereof, the Company and its Subsidiaries have no outstanding Indebtedness in a principal amount (in any one case) in excess of \$5,000,000, other than as set

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forth in Section 3.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has outstanding bonds, debentures, notes or, other than as referred to in this <u>Section 3.1</u>, other securities, the holders of which have the right to vote (or which are convertible into or exercisable for securities having the right to vote) with the stockholders of the Company on any matter.

(e) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries owns any Third Party Interests. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries have any rights to, or are bound by any commitment or obligation to, acquire by any means, directly or indirectly, any Third Party Interests or to make any investment in, or equity contribution or similar advance to, any Person.

3.2. Due Authorization .

(a) The Company has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and, subject to approval by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of this Agreement and the Mergers (the "<u>Company</u><u>Stockholder Approval</u>"), to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other corporate actions or proceedings on the part of the Company or its stockholders shall be necessary to authorize this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. The board of directors of the Company has adopted resolutions, by unanimous written consent of the directors in lieu of a meeting, (i) approving the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, (ii) determining that entering into this Agreement is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, (iii) declaring this Agreement advisable and (iv) recommending that the Company's stockholders adopt this Agreement and directing that this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium, reorganization or similar Laws now or hereafter in effect which affect the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by rules of Law governing specific performance, injunctive relief and equitable principles.

(b) Prior to the date of this Agreement, the Company and its board of directors have taken all action necessary to exempt under or make not subject to (i) the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL, (ii) any other applicable Takeover Law or (iii) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Company and its Subsidiaries that would require any corporate approval other than that otherwise required by the DGCL or other applicable state Law, each of the execution of this Agreement, the Mergers and any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Company does not have in effect any "poison pill" or shareholder rights plan.

3.3. <u>Consents and Approvals; No Violations</u>. Except for (a) filings under <u>Section 2.3</u>, (b) filings under the HSR Act and (c) as set forth in Section 3.3 of the Company Disclosure Letter, the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (i) violate any Law applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or by which any of their respective properties or assets are bound or affected; (ii) require any notification to or filing or registration by the Company or

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any of its Subsidiaries with, or consent or approval with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of, or other action by, any Governmental Authority; (iii) violate or conflict with any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or by-laws of the Company or any of the Organizational Documents of the Company's Subsidiaries; (iv) require any consent of or other action by any Person under, constitute a default or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit termination, cancelation, acceleration or other change of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit under, any provision of any Material Contract or any material Permit affecting the assets or business of the Company and its Subsidiaries; or (v) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien other than Permitted Liens on any properties or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except in the case of clauses (i), (ii), (iv) and (v), where any such violation, conflict, breach or default would not be reasonably expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on the ability of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

3.4. Financial Statements; No Undisclosed Liabilities .

(a) There are no liabilities, debts, claims or obligations of any nature of the Company or its Subsidiaries, whether known, unknown, accrued, absolute, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, whether due or to become due (the "Liabilities"), except (i) Liabilities disclosed in Section 3.4(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (ii) Liabilities to the extent reflected or reserved against in the Latest Company Balance Sheet, (iii) Liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or pursuant to this Agreement and (iv) Liabilities incurred since the date of the Latest Company Balance Sheet that would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except as set forth on Section 3.4(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Company has no assets, liabilities, debts, claims or obligations of any nature, whether known, unknown, accrued, absolute, direct or indirect, other than the ownership by the Company of all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Operating Subsidiary.

(b) Each report, schedule, form, statement and other document (including exhibits and other information incorporated therein and any amendments or supplements thereto) required to be furnished or filed by the Operating Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries with the SEC since December 28, 2012 (such documents, together with any documents filed with the SEC by the Operating Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries during such period, including all exhibits and other information incorporated therein and any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively referred to as the "Company SEC Documents") (i) at the time filed (and giving effect to any amendments or supplements thereto filed prior to the date of this Agreement), complied in all material respects with the applicable requirements of SOX and the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder applicable to such Company SEC Document and (ii) did not at the time it was filed (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then at the time of such filing or amendment) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Company is not, and has not been since December 28, 2012, required to furnish or file any report, schedule, form, statement or other document with the SEC. Each of the consolidated financial

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statements included in the Company SEC Documents (A) complied at the time it was filed as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto and (B) was prepared in accordance with GAAP (except, in the case of unaudited statements, as permitted by Form 10-Q or Form 8-K of the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto) and fairly presented in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the applicable Subsidiaries of the Company as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the periods shown (except that the unaudited statements may not contain footnotes and are subject to normal year-end audit adjustments).

(c) The Company and its Subsidiaries have established and maintained systems of internal accounting controls with respect to their businesses sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) all transactions are executed in accordance with the general or specific authorization of the management of the Company, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets and (iii) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) utilized by the Company are reasonably designed to ensure that material information required to be disclosed by the Company and its Subsidiaries in the reports that they file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that all such information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the management of the Company as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to enable the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Operating Subsidiary to make the certifications required under the Exchange Act with respect to such reports.

(d) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar contract, agreement or arrangement (including any contract, agreement or arrangement relating to any transaction or relationship between or among the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated Affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or Person, on the other hand, or any "off-balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act)), where the result, purpose or intended effect of such contract, agreement or arrangement is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the Company's or such Subsidiary's financial statements.

(e) Since January 1, 2010, the Operating Subsidiary's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer have disclosed to the Operating Subsidiary's auditors and the audit committee of the Operating Subsidiary's board of directors (i) all known "significant deficiencies" and "material weaknesses" in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect in any material respects the Operating Subsidiary's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information, and (ii) any known fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Operating Subsidiary's internal controls over financial reporting. For purposes of this Agreement, the terms "significant deficiency" and "material weakness" shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Auditing Standard No. 2.

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(f) Other than the Operating Subsidiary, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is, or has at any time since January 1, 2008 been, subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(g) The Signing Underfunded Amount is equal to the Underfunded Amount as of November 30, 2013 net of taxes calculated at a 37.8% tax rate, as determined by an unaffiliated third party in accordance with the customary terms and procedures utilized for the calculation of such number with respect to the Operating Subsidiary prior to the date hereof and the terms and procedures that will be utilized for the calculation of the Closing Underfunded Amount.

3.5. <u>Title to Assets, etc.</u> Except as disclosed in Section 3.5 of the Company Disclosure Letter and except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has good and valid title to, or a valid leasehold interest in or valid license to, each of its assets and properties reflected in the consolidated financial statements included in the Company SEC Documents or that are material to its business as conducted as of the date of this Agreement (the "<u>Assets</u>"), except for inventory sold following the date of such financial statements in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, in each case, free and clear of any Lien, except for Permitted Liens, (ii) any Permitted Liens on the Assets, individually or in the aggregate, do not materially interfere with the current use of any such Asset by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or materially detract from the value of any such Asset, and (iii) to the Knowledge of the Company, there are no facts or conditions affecting any Assets that, with or without notice or the lapse of time, or both, would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to interfere with the use, occupancy or operation of such Assets as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing.

3.6. Intellectual Property.

(a) Section 3.6(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a true and complete list as of the date of this Agreement of all of the registered or applied for Intellectual Property that is owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries ("<u>Owned Intellectual Property</u>"). Except as disclosed in Section 3.6(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect: (A) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has granted any license to a third party or agreed to pay to or receive from a third party any royalty or other payment in respect of any of such Owned Intellectual Property, (B) the operation of the businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted does not infringe on the Intellectual Property rights of any Person (provided that, with respect to patents, the foregoing representation is qualified by the Knowledge of the Company), (C) there are no claims, proceedings or litigation pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened alleging infringement or misappropriation of any third party Intellectual Property rights by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (D) since January 1, 2010, no third party has asserted any claim in writing or otherwise against the Company or its Subsidiaries (1) challenging or seeking to deny or restrict in any material respect the rights of the Company or its Subsidiaries in the Owned Intellectual Property or (2) alleging

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that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated in any material respect any Intellectual Property of any third party. To the Knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is using any material Owned Intellectual Property in a manner that would reasonably be expected to result in the cancelation or unenforceability of such Owned Intellectual Property.

(b) Section 3.6(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter lists all agreements (other than "shrink-wrap," "click-wrap" or "web-wrap" licenses in respect of commercially available software and other than any non-exclusive trademark licenses granted to customers or vendors in the ordinary course of business) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them is otherwise bound as of the date hereof, that provide for (i) licenses of Intellectual Property to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries by any other Person (a "License") and (ii) agreements otherwise granting or restricting the right to use Owned Intellectual Property, in each case of (i) and (ii) to the extent material to their businesses.

(c) Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company or one of its Subsidiaries is the sole and exclusive owner (including, as applicable, record owner) of all Owned Intellectual Property, and (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries own all right, title and interest in and to, or have the right to use, all other Intellectual Property used in and necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as conducted as of the date of this Agreement, in each case free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens.

3.7. Contracts .

(a) Section 3.7(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains an accurate and complete list, as of the date of this Agreement of all written contracts, agreements, commitments, arrangements and other instruments (and solely in the case of any customer contract required to be described below, an accurate and complete summary of any such contract which is not written), in effect as of the date hereof, of the following types to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or bound or to which any of the Assets is subject (whether or not actually listed in Section 3.7 of the Company Disclosure Letter, the "<u>Material Contracts</u>"):

- (i) any collective bargaining agreement;
- (ii) any Affiliate Agreement;

(iii) any contract or agreement that (A) materially restricts the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or the Surviving Company after the Closing) from engaging in any material line of business, developing, marketing or distributing products or services or obligates the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or the Surviving Company after the Closing) not to compete with another Person or in any geographic area or during any period of time or that would otherwise materially limit the freedom of the Surviving Company from engaging in any material line of business after the Effective Time or (B) contains exclusivity obligations or restrictions binding on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or the Surviving Company after the Closing);

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(iv) any agreement or series of related agreements, including any option agreement, providing for the acquisition or disposition, directly or indirectly, of any business, capital stock or material assets or any real property (whether by merger, sale of stock, sale of assets or otherwise), in the case of real property involving potential payments, proceeds or carrying value in excess of \$5 million;

(v) any agreement relating to any interest rate, foreign exchange, derivatives or hedging transaction;

(vi) any agreement relating to Indebtedness of the Company and any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$5,000,000;

(vii) any "take or pay" agreements involving obligations of the Company or its Subsidiaries in excess of \$20,000,000;

(viii) any Licenses or agreements governing the provision of any information technology related services, by or to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case, to the extent material to their respective businesses;

(ix) all agreements that prohibit the payment of dividends or distributions in respect of the capital stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, prohibit the pledging of the capital stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or prohibit the issuance of guarantees by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case that will not be terminated at or prior to the Effective Time;

(x) any (A) agreement that is a settlement or similar agreement (1) with any Governmental Authority, (2) that binds the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any conduct or equitable relief or (3) that requires the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to pay an amount of money in excess of \$ 1,000,000 that has not been completely paid as of the date of this Agreement, and was not entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or (B) an Order or consent of a Governmental Authority to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is subject, involving material performance by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries after the date of this Agreement;

(xi) any agreement pursuant to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has an obligation to make an investment in or loan to any other Person;

(xii) any agreement or series of related agreements (other than purchase orders) with each of the twenty (20) most significant suppliers from which the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, purchased materials, supplies, services and other goods (measured by dollar volume of purchases from such suppliers) for the twelve-month period ended September 28, 2013;

(xiii) any customer agreement with the twenty (20) most significant customers (measured by dollar volume of sales to such customer for the twelve-month period ended September 28, 2013) of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

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(xiv) any contract containing most favored nation pricing provisions with a total contract value in excess of \$20,000,000 annually;

(xv) any partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other similar agreements or arrangements (including any material agreement providing for joint research, development or marketing).

(b) Each Material Contract is a valid and binding agreement of the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and to the Knowledge of the Company, each other party thereto, on the other hand, and is in full force and effect, and none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party thereto, is in default or breach in any material respect under (or is alleged to be in default or breach in any material respect under) the terms of, or has provided or received any notice of any intention to terminate, any such Material Contract and no event or circumstance has occurred that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute an event of default thereunder or result in or give any Person a right of acceleration or early termination thereof (other than pursuant to <u>Section 5.12</u> hereof). The Company has made available to Parent and the Merger Subs a true and complete copy of (x) each Material Contract (including all material modifications and amendments thereto and waivers thereunder as of the date hereof) or, if applicable, form of Material Contract and (y) all form customer and vendor contracts used in and material to the businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries).

3.8. <u>Insurance</u>. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, all material insurance policies maintained by or for the benefit of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, the Assets or otherwise covering the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries are in full force and effect in accordance with their terms and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no notice of cancelation or non-renewal of such policies has been received, and there is no existing breach, default or event which, with or without notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute a material breach or default or permit termination or modification of any such policies. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is, and since January 1, 2010 has been, insured with respect to the Assets and the conduct of each of their respective businesses in such amounts and against such risks as are sufficient for compliance with Laws and as are adequate to protect the Assets and the conduct of their respective businesses in accordance with customary industry practice.

3.9. Employee Benefit Plans .

(a) <u>General</u>. Section 3.9(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter lists each material "Benefit Plan." For purposes of this Agreement, " <u>Benefit Plan</u>" means each "employee benefit plan" (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) and each other equity incentive, compensation, severance, employment, change-in-control, retention, fringe benefit, bonus, incentive, savings, retirement, deferred compensation, or other compensatory or benefit plan, agreement, program, policy or arrangement, whether or not subject to ERISA (including any related funding mechanism), in each case other than a Multiemployer Plan, under which any current or former employee, officer, director, contractor or consultant of the Company or any of

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its Subsidiaries has any present or future right to compensation or benefits and which has been entered into, contributed to, sponsored by or maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or with respect to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has any present or potential future liability.

(b) <u>Plan Documents and Reports</u>. With respect to each material Benefit Plan, a true and correct copy of each of the following documents, and all amendments and modifications to such documents, has been made available to Parent: (i) the written document evidencing such Benefit Plan or, with respect to any such plan that is not in writing, a written description of the material terms thereof, and all amendments, modifications or material supplements to such Benefit Plan, (ii) the annual report (Form 5500), if any, filed with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("<u>IRS</u>") for the last two plan years, (iii) the most recently received IRS determination letter, if any, relating to such Benefit Plan, (iv) the two most recent actuarial reports and/or financial statements, if any, relating to such Benefit Plan, (v) results of nondiscrimination testing for the two most recent years, if applicable, (vi) all material correspondence with a Governmental Authority in respect of such Benefit Plan, and (vii) any related trust agreements, annuity contracts, insurance contracts or documents of any other funding arrangements. No Benefit Plan is maintained outside the jurisdiction of the United States, or covers any employee residing or working outside of the United States.

(c) <u>Compliance with Laws; Liabilities</u>. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) each Benefit Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is the subject of a favorable determination letter or opinion letter from the IRS, and there are no existing circumstances or events that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the qualified status of each such Benefit Plan; (ii) all Benefit Plans comply and have been operated in all material respects in accordance with their terms and the requirements of Law applicable thereto; (iii) there are no actions, suits or claims (other than routine claims for benefits) pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, involving any Benefit Plan; (iv) the Company and its Subsidiaries have not engaged in, and to the Knowledge of the Company, there has not been, any non-exempt transaction prohibited by ERISA or by Section 4975 of the Code with respect to any Benefit Plan or their related trusts which would reasonably be expected to result in a material liability of the Company; (v) no Benefit Plan is under audit or is the subject of an audit, investigation or other administrative proceeding by the IRS, the Department of Labor, or any other Governmental Authority, nor is any such audit, investigation or other administrative proceeding, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened; and (vi) all contributions, reimbursements, premium payments and other payments required to have been made under or with respect to each Benefit Plan as of or prior to the date hereof have been made or accrued (as applicable) on a timely basis in accordance with applicable Law.

(d) <u>Post-Retirement Benefits</u>. Except as set forth on Section 3.9(e) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any liability under any Benefit Plan or otherwise for providing post-retirement health, medical and life insurance benefits for retired, former or current employees, other than statutory liability for providing group health plan continuation coverage under Part 6 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA and Section 4980B of the Code or applicable Law.

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(e) <u>Multiemployer Plans</u>. Except as set forth on Section 3.9(e) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of its ERISA Affiliates contributes to or is obligated to contribute to, or within the six (6) years preceding this Agreement contributed to, or was obligated to contribute to, a Multiemployer Plan or a Multiple Employer Plan. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or is reasonably expected to incur, any liability to a Multiemployer Plan or Multiple Employer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal (as those terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA) from any such plan, and the Company and its ERISA Affiliates have timely satisfied all of their respective contribution obligations with respect to any such Multiemployer Plan and Multiple Employer Plan under any such plan, applicable collective bargaining agreement or applicable Law. With respect to each Multiemployer Plan to which the Company or one of its ERISA Affiliates contributes or is obligated to contribute, to the extent applicable, the Company has provided to Parent a true and accurate statement, as of the date of this Agreement, of (i) the approximate number of participants in the plan who are employees or former employees of the Company or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, (ii) the current contribution rate (both by individual participant and in the aggregate) of the Company or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, and (iii) a good faith estimate of the Company's or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, and (iii) a good faith estimate of the Company's or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, and (iii) a good faith estimate of the Company's or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, and (iii) a good faith estimate of the Company's or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, and (iii) a good faith estimate of the Company's or its applicable ERISA Affiliate, and (iii) a good faith estimate

(f) Section 409A. Each Benefit Plan that is a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" (as defined for purposes of Section 409A(d)(1) of the Code) has, in all material respects, (i) been maintained and operated since January 1, 2005 in good faith compliance with Section 409A of the Code and all applicable IRS guidance promulgated thereunder so as to avoid any Tax, penalty or interest under Section 409A of the Code and, as to any such Benefit Plan in existence prior to January 1, 2005, has not been "materially modified" (within the meaning of IRS Notice 2005-1) at any time after October 3, 2004 or has been amended in a manner that conforms with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and (ii) since January 1, 2009, been in documentary and operational compliance with Section 409A of the Code and all applicable IRS guidance promulgated thereunder. Each Option has been granted with a per share exercise price at least equal to the per share fair market value, as reasonably and in good faith determined by the Board or a committee thereof under Section 409A of the Code, of a share of Common Stock on the applicable date of grant.

(g) <u>Title IV Plans</u>. Section 3.9(g) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth each Benefit Plan that is subject to Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412, 430 or 4971 of the Code (each, a "<u>Title IV Plan</u>"). Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, with respect to each Title IV Plan: (i) there does not exist any failure to meet the "minimum funding standard" of Section 412 of the Code or 302 of ERISA (whether or not waived), (ii) no such plan is in "at-risk" status for purposes of Section 430 of the Code, (iii) no reportable event within the meaning of Section 4043(c) of ERISA for which the thirty (30)-day notice requirement has not been waived has occurred, (iv) all premiums due to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "<u>PBGC</u>") have been timely paid in full, and (v) as of the date of this Agreement, the PBGC has not instituted proceedings to terminate any such Title IV Plan and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no circumstances exist which could serve as a basis for the institution of such proceedings. As of

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the date of this Agreement, (x) the information contained in the actuarial reports referenced in Section 3.9(a)(iv) is complete and accurate in all material respects, and (y) to the Knowledge of the Company, no material changes have occurred with respect to the financial condition of any Title IV Plan since the date of the most recent actuarial valuation report of such Title IV Plan.

(h) <u>Controlled Group Liability</u>. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) there does not now exist any Controlled Group Liability that would be a liability following the Closing of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates and (ii) without limiting the generality of the foregoing, none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates has engaged in any transaction described in Section 4069, Section 4204 or Section 4212 of ERISA. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Controlled Group Liability" means any and all liabilities (i) under Title IV of ERISA, (ii) under Section 302 of ERISA, and (iii) under Sections 412, 430 and 4971 of the Code.

(i) <u>Change-in-Control Benefits</u>. Except as expressly provided under this Agreement or as set forth in the Company Disclosure Letter or as required by applicable Law, the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Company and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will (alone or in combination with any other event): (i) entitle any current or former employee, consultant, officer or director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to severance pay or any other payment, (ii) result in any payment becoming due, accelerate the time of payment or vesting of benefits, or increase the amount of compensation due to any such employee, consultant, officer or director, (iii) result in any forgiveness of Indebtedness, trigger any funding obligation under any Benefit Plan or impose any restrictions or limitations on the Company's rights to administer, amend, merge, terminate or receive a reversion of assets from any Benefit Plan or (iv) result in any payment (whether in cash or property or the vesting of property) to any "disqualified individual" (as such term is defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1) that could reasonably be construed, individually or in combination with any other such payment, to constitute an "excess parachute payment" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(1) of the Code).

3.10. Taxes . Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(a) All Tax Returns required to be filed by or with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries have been timely filed and all such Tax Returns are true, complete and correct.

(b) All Taxes required to be paid by or with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries have been timely paid, and there are no Liens for Taxes upon any assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than Permitted Liens.

(c) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has complied in all respects with all applicable Laws relating to the payment, collection, withholding and remittance of Taxes (including information reporting requirements), including with respect to payments made to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, stockholder or other third party, and has timely collected, deducted or withheld and paid over to the appropriate Taxing Authority all amounts required to be so collected, deducted or withheld and paid over in accordance with applicable Laws.

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(d) There are no waivers or extensions of any statute of limitations or any periods for assessment or collection currently in effect with respect to any Taxes or Tax Returns of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. There are no Tax Proceedings with respect to Taxes or Tax Returns of or with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pending or threatened in writing. No Taxing Authority has asserted in writing any deficiency, claim or issue with respect to Taxes or any adjustment to Taxes against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to any taxable period for which the period of assessment or collection remains open or that has not been finally settled. No jurisdiction (whether within or without the United States) in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has not filed a particular type of Tax Return has asserted in writing that the Company or such Subsidiary is required to file such Tax Return in such jurisdiction.

(e) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has received or applied for a Tax ruling or entered into a "closing agreement" within the meaning of Section 7121 of the Code (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law), in each case, that would be binding upon the Company or any of its Subsidiaries after the Closing Date, (ii) is or has been a member of any affiliated, consolidated, combined, unitary or similar group for purposes of filing Tax Returns or paying Taxes (other than a group the common parent of which is the Company), (iii) is a party to, bound by, or obligated under any Tax sharing, allocation, indemnity or similar agreement or arrangement (other than (x) any such agreement or arrangement that is solely between or among the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries, or (y) customary provisions in commercial arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of its business and the primary purpose of which is not related to Taxes), or (iv) has any liability for the Taxes of any Person (other than the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law), as a transferee or successor, or otherwise.

(f) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries will be required to include any item of income in, or exclude any item of deduction from, taxable income for any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date, as a result of any (i) change in method of accounting pursuant to Section 481(c) of the Code (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law) prior to the Closing, (ii) installment sale, intercompany transaction or open transaction disposition made on or entered into prior to the Closing Date, (iii) prepaid amount received on or prior to the Closing Date, (iv) "closing agreement" within the meaning of Section 7121(a) of the Code (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law) or (v) election pursuant to Section 108(i) of the Code (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law). Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has participated in a "listed transaction," or to the Knowledge of the Company, a "reportable transaction," in each case, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b) (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law). Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has been a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" within the meaning of Section 355(a)(1)(A) of the Code in a distribution intended to qualify for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code in the two (2) years prior to the date of this Agreement.

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(g) The accruals and reserves for Taxes reflected in the consolidated financial statements included in the Company SEC Documents are adequate, in accordance with GAAP, for Taxes of the Company and its Subsidiaries for periods ending on or prior to the date of such consolidated financial statements.

3.11. Litigation . Except as set forth on Section 3.11 of the Company Disclosure Letter or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (a) none of the Company, its Subsidiaries or the Assets is subject to any outstanding or unsatisfied Order (b) and there is no charge, complaint, claim, action, suit, arbitration, prosecution, proceeding, hearing or, to the Knowledge of the Company, inquiry or investigation, of any nature (civil, criminal, regulatory or otherwise) in Law or in equity ("Litigation"), of, before or in any, Governmental Authority, court or quasi-judicial or administrative agency or official of any federal, state, local or foreign jurisdiction, arbitrator or mediator, pending, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or the Assets and (c) as of the date hereof, there is no Litigation involving the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or the Assets, pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, which questions or challenges (i) the validity of this Agreement, or (ii) any action taken or to be taken by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

3.12. Regulatory Matters .

(a) Except with respect to matters that are the subject of <u>Section 3.13</u> or <u>Section 3.15</u>, as set forth in Section 3.12 of the Company Disclosure Letter, or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is, and since January 1, 2010 has been, in compliance in all material respects with all applicable laws, statutes, Orders, rules, and regulations (collectively, "<u>Laws</u>") and (ii) neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents has made or offered any payment, gratuity or other thing of value that is prohibited by any Law to personnel of any Governmental Authority.

(b) Except with respect to matters that are the subject of <u>Section 3.13</u> or <u>Section 3.15</u>, as set forth in Section 3.12 of the Company Disclosure Letter or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) all material approvals, permits, franchises, licenses, consents, exemptions and similar authorizations (collectively, "<u>Permits</u>") of all Governmental Authorities that are required to permit the Company and its Subsidiaries to carry on their businesses have been obtained and are in full force and effect and (ii) there has been no violation, default, cancelation or revocation, nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any threatened cancelation or revocation, of any Permit.

3.13. <u>Environmental Matters</u>. Except as described in Section 3.13 of the Company Disclosure Letter or except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(a) the Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance and, since January 1, 2010, have complied with all applicable Environmental Laws, including the possession of all Permits required under applicable Environmental Laws to operate all facilities owned, operated or leased and the business as currently conducted, and in compliance with their terms and conditions;

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(b) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received written notice of a civil, criminal or administrative suit, claim, action, proceeding or investigation under any Environmental Law relating to the operation of its facilities, to the business or to any property or facility currently or formerly owned, operated or leased by any of them;

(c) since January 1, 2010 until the date of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received from any Governmental Authority written notice that it has been named or may be named as a responsible or potentially responsible party under any Environmental Law for any site Contaminated by Hazardous Substances;

(d) to the Knowledge of the Company, no portion of any property currently or formerly owned, leased or occupied by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is Contaminated, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has caused or taken any action that would reasonably be expected to result in any material liability or obligation relating to the environmental conditions at, on, above, under or about any properties or assets currently or formerly owned, leased, operated or used by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(e) to the Knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has arranged, by contract, agreement, or otherwise, for the transportation, disposal or treatment of Hazardous Substances at any location that is subject to liability for Response Actions pursuant to Environmental Laws; and

(f) the Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with all applicable health and safety Laws, and with all applicable Laws pertaining to anhydrous ammonia, including those promulgated under the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7401 *et seq*. and under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 651 *et seq*. and any other similar state or local Law.

3.14. <u>Absence of Changes</u>. Except as disclosed in Section 3.14 of the Company Disclosure Letter, since the Balance Sheet Date and prior to the date hereof, the businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been conducted only in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and there has not been any commitment made or action taken, or authorized or agreed to be taken, by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that, if made, taken or authorized or agreed to be taken during the Interim Period, would constitute a breach of <u>Sections 5.2(g)</u>, <u>5.2(h)</u>, <u>5.2(j)</u>, <u>or 5.2(n)</u>. Since the Balance Sheet Date, there has not been any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence (or with respect to any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence existing prior to the Balance Sheet Date, any worsening thereof) that has had, or would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

3.15. Labor Relations; Compliance .

(a) <u>Collective Bargaining Agreements and Labor Relations</u>. Except as set forth in Section 3.15 of the Company Disclosure Letter and as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (a) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to, or otherwise bound by, any collective

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bargaining agreement or other labor contract and there are no labor unions representing, purporting to represent or attempting to represent any employees employed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) since January 1, 2010, there has not occurred and, to the Knowledge of the Company, there is not threatened, (i) any strike, slowdown, picketing, work stoppage, employee grievance, concerted refusal to work overtime by, or lockout of, or union organizing campaign with respect to, any employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) any proceeding or suit against or materially affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries relating to the alleged violation of any Laws pertaining to labor relations or employment matters, including any charge or complaint filed by an employee or union with the National Labor Relations Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or any comparable Governmental Authority, or (iii) any application for certification of a collective bargaining agent seeking to represent any employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (c) each individual who renders services to Company or any of its Subsidiaries who is classified by Company or such of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, as having the status of an independent contractor or other non-employee status for any purpose (including for purposes of taxation and Tax reporting and under Benefit Plans) is properly so characterized.

(b) <u>Compliance with Law</u>. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries is in compliance with all applicable Laws respecting labor, employment, fair employment practices, terms and conditions of employment, applicant and employee background checking, immigration and required documentation, workers' compensation, occupational safety and health requirements, plant closings, wages and hours, worker classification, withholding of Taxes, employment discrimination, disability rights or benefits, equal opportunity, labor relations, employee leave issues and unemployment insurance and related matters.

(c) <u>WARN Act</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has effectuated a "plant closing" or "mass layoff" as those terms are defined in the WARN Act, affecting in whole or in part any site of employment, facility, operating unit or employee of the Company, without complying with all provisions of the WARN Act, or implemented any early retirement, separation or window program within the twenty-four (24) months prior to the date of this Agreement, nor, as of the date of this Agreement, has the Company or any of its Subsidiaries announced any such action or program for the future.

3.16. Real Property .

(a) Leased Real Property . Section 3.16(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a complete and correct list of all Leases pursuant to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as of the date of this Agreement, leases, subleases or occupies any Leased Real Property, in each case, with annual rental payments in excess of \$500,000. Section 3.16(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth the address, landlord and tenant for each such Lease as described in the Lease. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company or the applicable Subsidiary of the Company party to the respective Leases pertaining to each Leased Real Property has good and valid title to the leasehold estate under the Leases free and clear of any Liens other than Permitted Liens and none of the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in

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default under any such Lease. Except as set forth in Section 3.16(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a lessor, sublessor or grantor under any lease, sublease or other instrument granting to another Person any right to the possession, lease, occupancy or enjoyment of the Leased Real Property or the Owned Real Property.

(b) <u>Owned Real Property</u>. Section 3.16(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter contains a complete and correct list, as of the date hereof, of all Owned Real Property (together with the Leased Real Property, the "<u>Company Real Property</u>"). Section 3.16(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth the address and owner of each parcel of Owned Real Property. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company or the Company's Subsidiaries, as applicable, have good, valid and marketable fee simple title to all of the Owned Real Property, free and clear of any Lien other than Permitted Liens, (ii) there is issued and in effect with respect to all of the Owned Real Property valid and enforceable owner's title insurance policies, (and true and correct copies of title insurance policies relating to all material Owned Real Property have been provided to Parent) and (iii) none of the Owned Real Property is subject to any first refusal, purchase option, right to purchase or other similar right.

(c) There does not exist any actual or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened condemnation or eminent domain proceedings that materially and adversely interfere with the use, or could materially adversely affect the value of, any Company Real Property or any part thereof, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice of the intention of any Governmental Authority or other Person to take or use all or any part thereof.

(d) There are no outstanding options or rights of first refusal to purchase or lease the Owned Real Property, or any portion thereof or interest therein.

3.17. <u>Brokers and Finders</u>. There is no investment banker, broker or finder retained by or authorized to act on behalf of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of the Company's stockholders or Affiliates who might be entitled to any fee, commission or reimbursement of expenses from the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

3.18. <u>Affiliate Agreements</u>. Section 3.18 of the Company Disclosure Letter lists all agreements and transactions to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any Affiliate (other than the Company or its Subsidiaries), any immediate family member of such Affiliate, or any holder of more than 5% of the Common Stock of the Company (other than the Company or its Subsidiaries) on the other hand, are parties (each, an "<u>Affiliate Agreement</u>"), other than any employee agreements and agreements entered into under any Benefit Plan (and such agreements and transactions shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Agreements). No Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than the Company or its Subsidiaries), stockholder of the Company or controlled Affiliate of such a stockholder, owns any material Asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

3.19. Information Supplied . None of the information supplied or to be supplied by the Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Form S-4 will, at the time the Form S-4

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or any amendment or supplement thereto is declared effective under the Securities Act or at the time it is first sent to the Company's stockholders, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. The portions of the Form S-4 relating to the solicitation of written consents from the Company's stockholders will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by the Company with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information supplied by Parent or either Merger Sub for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein.

3.20. <u>Reorganization</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is aware of the existence of any fact, or has taken or agreed to take any action, that would reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the Initial Merger and the Follow-On Merger, taken together, from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

3.21. <u>No Additional Representations</u>. Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this <u>Article III</u>, neither the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, nor any other Person acting on their behalf, makes any representations or warranties of any kind or nature, express or implied, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including, without limitation, any representations or warranties with respect to any projections, forecasts, estimates or budgets of future revenues, future results of operations or future financial condition (or any component thereof) of any of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT AND MERGER SUBS

Except as disclosed in and reasonably apparent from the Parent SEC Documents filed prior to the date hereof (excluding any disclosures set forth in any such Parent SEC Document in any risk factor section, any forward-looking disclosure in any section relating to forward-looking statements or any other statements that are non-specific, predictive or primarily cautionary in nature other than historical facts included therein) or in the disclosure schedule delivered by Parent to the Company immediately prior to the execution of this Agreement (the "<u>Parent Disclosure</u> <u>Letter</u>") (each section or subsection of which qualifies the correspondingly numbered representation, warranty or covenant if specified therein and any such other representations, warranties or covenants where its applicability to, relevance as an exception to, or disclosure for purposes of, such other representation, warranty or covenant is reasonably apparent on its face), Parent and the Merger Subs jointly and severally represent and warrant to the Company that:

4.1. <u>Due Incorporation; Capitalization</u>. Each of Parent and its Subsidiaries is duly organized, validly existing and, where such concept is applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with all requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its respective assets and properties as they are now being owned, leased and operated and to carry on its business as now conducted, except, with respect to Parent's Subsidiaries, where the failure to be so duly organized, validly existing or in good standing would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Parent

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Material Adverse Effect. Each of Parent and its Subsidiaries is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and, where such concept is applicable, is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which it is required to be so qualified or in good standing, except, with respect to Parent's Subsidiaries other than the Merger Subs, where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Parent is not in violation of any provision of its Organizational Documents in any material respect. All of the issued and outstanding equity interests of each Merger Sub is owned directly by Parent free and clear of Liens of any kind.

4.2. Capital Structure .

(a) The entire authorized capital stock of Parent consists of 2,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the " Parent Common Stock ") and 1,500,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Parent Preferred Stock"). At the close of business on November 22, 2013, (i) 582,708,913 shares of Parent Common Stock were issued and outstanding, (ii) no shares of Parent Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding, (iii) 182,465,987 shares of Parent Common Stock were held by Parent in its treasury, (iv) 32,027,774 shares of Parent Common Stock were subject to options to purchase Parent Common Stock, (v) 23,955 shares of Parent Common Stock were subject to awards with respect to restricted Parent Common Stock, (vi) 2,911,298 shares of Parent Common Stock were subject to restricted stock unit awards with respect to Parent Common Stock) and (vii) 53,247,770 shares of Common Stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to future awards under benefit plans of Parent. No shares of Parent Common Stock are subject to or were issued in violation of the preemptive rights of any shareholder or any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the DGCL, the Organizational Documents of Parent or any agreement to which Parent is a party or otherwise bound. Except as set forth in this Section 4.2 and in Section 4.2 of the Parent Disclosure Letter, as of the date of this Agreement, there are no (i) issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in Parent, (ii) securities of Parent convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in Parent, (iii) options, warrants or other rights or agreements to acquire from Parent, or other obligation of Parent to issue, deliver, transfer or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered, transferred or sold, any shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in Parent or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in Parent, (iv) voting trusts, proxies or other similar agreements to which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is bound with respect to the voting of any shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, (v) obligations restricting the transfer of, or requiring the registration for sale of, any shares of capital stock of or other voting or equity interests in Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or (vi) outstanding or authorized appreciation rights, rights of first offer, performance shares, "phantom" stock rights or other agreements or obligations of any character (contingent or otherwise) pursuant to which any Person is or may be entitled to receive any payment or other value based on the revenues, earnings or financial performance, or stock price performance or other attribute of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their businesses or assets are calculated in accordance therewith (the items in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) being referred to collectively as the "Parent Securities"). There are no outstanding obligations of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any Parent Securities.

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(b) All of the shares of Parent Common Stock are, and the shares of Parent Common Stock constituting the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration when issued will be, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to, or issued in violation of, any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, preemptive right, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the DGCL, the Organizational Documents of Parent, or any agreement to which Parent is a party or otherwise bound. Such shares have been issued in material compliance with all applicable state and federal Laws concerning the issuance of securities.

4.3. Due Authorization . Each of Parent and each Merger Sub has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution, delivery and performance by each of Parent and the Merger Subs of this Agreement, and the consummation by Parent and the Merger Subs of the applicable transactions contemplated hereby, including the Mergers, have been duly and validly approved by the unanimous vote of the boards of directors of Parent and each Merger Sub and no other corporate actions or proceedings on the part of Parent or either Merger Sub or their respective stockholders shall be necessary to authorize this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Each of Parent and each Merger Sub has duly and validly executed and delivered this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each of Parent and each Merger Sub, enforceable against them in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium, reorganization or similar Laws now or hereafter in effect which affect the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by rules of Law governing specific performance, injunctive relief and equitable principles.

4.4. Consents and Approvals: No Violations . Except for (a) filings under Section 2.3 (b) filings under the HSR Act and (c) the filing with the SEC and declaration of effectiveness under the Securities Act of a registration statement on Form S-4 in connection with the issuance of the shares of Parent Common Stock to be issued in the Mergers, the execution, delivery and performance by Parent and the Merger Subs of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (i) violate any Law applicable to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or by which any of their respective properties or assets are bound or affected; (ii) require any notification to or filing or registration by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries with, or consent or approval with respect to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of, or other action by, any Governmental Authority; (iii) violate or conflict with any provision of the Organizational Documents of Parent or Parent's Subsidiaries; (iv) require any consent of or other action by any Person under, constitute a default or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit termination, cancelation, acceleration or other change of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit under, any provision of any material contract to which Parent or a Merger Sub is a party or by which Parent or a Merger Sub or any of their assets or properties is bound or any material Permit affecting the assets or business of Parent or a Merger Sub; or (v) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien other than Permitted Liens on any properties or assets of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, except, in the case of clauses (i), (iii), (iv) and (v) where any such violation, conflict, breach or default would not be reasonably expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Parent Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on the ability of Parent or the Merger Subs to consummate the transactions contemplated by

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4.5. <u>Brokers and Finders</u>. There is no investment banker, broker or finder retained by or authorized to act on behalf of Parent, any of its Subsidiaries or any of Parent's stockholders or Affiliates who might be entitled to any fee, commission or reimbursement of expenses from Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, other than Goldman Sachs & Co.

4.6. <u>Operations of Merger Subs</u>. Each Merger Sub was formed specifically for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and has conducted no operations and incurred no obligations other than those incident to its formation and in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Merger Sub Two is, and at the effective time of the Follow-On Merger will be, treated as a "disregarded entity" of Parent for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

4.7. Financial Statements .

(a) There are no Liabilities of Parent and its Subsidiaries, except (i) Liabilities disclosed in Section 4.7(a) of the Parent Disclosure Letter, (ii) Liabilities to the extent reflected or reserved against in the Latest Parent Balance Sheet, (iii) Liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or pursuant to this Agreement and (iv) Liabilities incurred since the date of the Latest Parent Balance Sheet that would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Each report, schedule, form, statement and other document (including exhibits and other information incorporated therein and any amendments or supplements thereto) required to be furnished or filed by Parent and its Subsidiaries with the SEC since January 1, 2011 (such documents, together with any documents filed with the SEC by Parent and its Subsidiaries during such period, including all exhibits and other information incorporated therein and any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively referred to as the "Parent SEC Documents") (i) at the time filed (and giving effect to any amendments or supplements thereto filed prior to the date of this Agreement), complied in all material respects with the applicable requirements of SOX and the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder applicable to such Parent SEC Document and (ii) did not at the time it was filed (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then at the time of such filing or amendment) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Each of the consolidated financial statements included in the Parent SEC Documents complied at the time it was filed as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, was prepared in accordance with GAAP (except, in the case of unaudited statements, as permitted by Form 10-Q or Form 8-K of the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto) and fairly presented in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the periods shown (except that the unaudited statements may not contain footnotes and are subject to normal year-end audit adjustments).

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(c) Parent and its Subsidiaries have established and maintained systems of internal accounting controls with respect to their businesses sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) all transactions are executed in accordance with the general or specific authorization of the management of Parent, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets and (iii) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) utilized by Parent are reasonably designed to ensure that material information required to be disclosed by Parent and its Subsidiaries in the reports that they file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that all such information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the management of Parent as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to enable the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of Parent to make the certifications required under the Exchange Act with respect to such reports.

(d) Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar contract, agreement or arrangement (including any contract, agreement or arrangement relating to any transaction or relationship between or among Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated Affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or Person, on the other hand, or any "off-balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act)), where the result, purpose or intended effect of such contract, agreement or arrangement is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in Parent's or such Subsidiary's financial statements.

(e) Since January 1, 2010, Parent's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer have disclosed to Parent's auditors and the audit committee of Parent's board of directors (i) all known "significant deficiencies" and "material weaknesses" in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect in any material respects Parent's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information, and (ii) any known fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees of Parent who have a significant role in Parent's internal controls over financial reporting.

(f) Other than Parent, none of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is, or has at any time since January 1, 2008 been, subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

4.8. <u>Litigation</u>. Except as set forth on Section 4.8 of the Parent Disclosure Letter or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (a) none of the Parent, its Subsidiaries or any of their material assets is subject to any outstanding or unsatisfied Order, (b) there is no Litigation of, before or in any, Governmental Authority, court or quasi-judicial or administrative agency or official of any federal, state, local or foreign jurisdiction, arbitrator or mediator, pending, or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened against or affecting any of Parent, its Subsidiaries or their material assets,

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(c) there are no settlements or similar written agreements with any Governmental Authority affecting any of Parent, its Subsidiaries or their material assets and (d) as of the date hereof, there is no Litigation involving Parent, its Subsidiaries or their material assets, pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened, which questions or challenges (i) the validity of this Agreement, or (ii) any action taken or to be taken by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

4.9. Regulatory Matters .

(a) Except as set forth in Section 4.9(a) of the Parent Disclosure Letter or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) each of Parent and its Subsidiaries is, and since January 1, 2010 has been, in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws and (ii) none of Parent and its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Knowledge of Parent, any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents has made or offered any payment, gratuity or other thing of value that is prohibited by any Law to personnel of any Governmental Authority.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 4.9(b) of the Parent Disclosure Letter or as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) all material Permits of all Governmental Authorities that are required to permit Parent and its Subsidiaries to carry on their businesses have been obtained and are in full force and effect and (ii) there has been no violation, default, cancelation or revocation, nor, to the Knowledge of Parent, any threatened cancelation or revocation, of any Permit.

4.10. <u>Absence of Changes</u>. Except as disclosed in Section 4.10 of the Parent Disclosure Letter, since June 29, 2013 and prior to the date hereof, the businesses of Parent and its Subsidiaries have been conducted only in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice. Since June 29, 2013, there has not been any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence (or with respect to any change, event, fact, effect or occurrence existing prior to June 29, 2013, any worsening thereof) that has had, or would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

4.11. <u>Financial Ability</u>. Parent has, or will have at Closing, all funds necessary to pay the Aggregate Cash Amount and all other amounts required to be paid in cash pursuant to this Agreement, including as contemplated by Section 5.15 and all fees and expenses, and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

4.12. <u>Information Supplied</u>. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by Parent or either Merger Sub for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Form S-4 will, at the time the Form S-4 or any amendment or supplement thereto is declared effective under the Securities Act or at the time it is first sent to the Company's stockholders, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. The Form S-4 will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent or either Merger Sub with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information supplied by the Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein.

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4.13. <u>Taxes</u>. Neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries is aware of the existence of any fact, or has taken or agreed to take any action, that would reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the Initial Merger and the Follow-On Merger, taken together, from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

4.14. <u>No Additional Representations</u>. Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this <u>Article IV</u>, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor any other Person acting on their behalf, makes any representations or warranties of any kind or nature, express or implied, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including, without limitation, any representations or warranties with respect to any projections, forecasts, estimates or budgets of future revenues, future results of operations or future financial condition (or any component thereof) of any of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS

5.1. Access to Information and Facilities .

(a) From the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the Effective Time or the date this Agreement is terminated (the "Interim Period "), the Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, give Parent and the Merger Subs and Parent's and the Merger Subs' representatives, upon reasonable notice, reasonable access during normal business hours to the offices, facilities, books and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and shall make the officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries available to Parent and the Merger Subs and their representatives as Parent, the Merger Subs and their representatives shall from time to time reasonably request, in each case to the extent that such access and disclosure would not obligate the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to take any actions that would unreasonably interfere with the normal course of their businesses or otherwise result in any significant interference with the prompt and timely discharge by their employees of their normal duties or violate any applicable Law (provided that the Company uses its commercially reasonable efforts to make alternative arrangements to provide such access and disclosure); provided, however, that this Section 5.1 does not authorize any invasive or destructive environmental testing or sampling of the Company Real Property; provided further, that nothing herein shall require the Company to provide access or to disclose any information to Parent if such access or disclosure would be in violation of applicable Laws or confidentiality agreements entered into by the Company or its Subsidiaries prior to the date of this Agreement (provided that the Company uses its commercially reasonable efforts to make alternative arrangements to provide such access or disclosure in a way that does not violate applicable Laws or confidentiality agreements). If any of the information or material furnished pursuant to this Section 5.1 includes material or information subject to the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or any other applicable privilege concerning pending or threatened Litigation or governmental investigations, each party hereto understands and agrees that the parties hereto have a commonality of interest with respect to such matters and it is the desire, intention and mutual understanding of the parties hereto that the sharing of such material or information is not intended to, and shall not, waive or

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diminish in any way the confidentiality of such material or information or its continued protection under the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or other applicable privilege. All such information provided by the Company that is entitled to protection under the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or other applicable privilege shall remain entitled to such protection under these privileges, this Agreement and the joint defense doctrine. 5.2. <u>Preservation of Company Business</u>. During the Interim Period, other than as required or expressly permitted by this Agreement, with the prior written consent of Parent (not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), as required by applicable Law or as set forth in Section 5.2 of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to (1) be operated only in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice in all material respects, and (2) use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact their businesses and the Assets in all material respects. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company shall not, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to, other than as otherwise required or expressly permitted by this Agreement, with the prior written consent of Parent (not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), as required by applicable Law or as set forth in Section 5.2 of the Company Disclosure Letter:

(a) amend or otherwise change in any material respect their respective Organizational Documents;

(b) sell, lease, transfer, license, assign or otherwise dispose of any Asset having a value in excess of \$1,000,000 or in the aggregate in excess of \$5,000,000, other than the disposition of fleet, excess real property or inventory in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(c) except as required by applicable Law or as required under the terms of any collective bargaining agreement or Benefit Plan as in effect on the date hereof, (i) increase or agree to increase the compensation or employee benefits payable or to become payable to any current or former employees, directors or consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or pay any amount not required to be paid to any such individual, other than with respect to customary and ordinary course of business adjustments to base salaries or base wages of employees and service providers as set forth on Section 5.2(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (ii) grant, accelerate or modify the period of exercisability or vesting of equity compensation awards, (iii) except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or as set forth on Section 5.2(c) of the Disclosure Letter, establish, adopt, enter into or amend any collective bargaining agreement, or any other contract or work rule or practice with any labor union, labor organization or works council, (iv) other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, hire or terminate (other than for cause) any employee or consultant, (v) other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice to fill positions or roles at the Company in existence as of the date hereof (even if such position or role becomes vacant following the date hereof), promote any employee, (vi) except as set forth on Section 5.2(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter, establish, adopt, enter into, materially amend or terminate any Benefit Plan or any plan, contract, policy or program that would be a Benefit Plan if in effect as of the date hereof, or (vii) fund (or agree to fund) any compensation or benefits under any Benefit Plan, other than contributions in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice to such Benefit Plans as listed on Section 5.2(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter;

(d) except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and as set forth on Section 5.2(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter (and not otherwise prohibited by this Section 5.2) and except for the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of existing Options or settlement of existing Equity Awards, in each case, in accordance with the terms thereof, issue, sell or grant options, warrants or rights to purchase or subscribe to, enter into any

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arrangement or contract with respect to the issuance or sale of or, in effect as of the date of this Agreement, redeem, repurchase or otherwise acquire, any Company Securities or any Subsidiary Securities or make any changes (by split, combination, reorganization, reclassification or otherwise) in the capital structure of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(e) incur any Indebtedness, other than (i) borrowings and other extensions of credit under existing credit facilities and other financing arrangements of the Company and its Subsidiaries to fund working capital expenses of the Company and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business or other expenditures permitted under this Section 5.2, (ii) Indebtedness in a principal amount not in excess of \$20,000,000, or (iii) Indebtedness incurred by a Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to another wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company;

(f) create or incur any Lien on any Asset, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or Permitted Liens;

(g) declare, set aside or pay any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, assets, capital stock or otherwise) with respect to the capital stock of the Company, other than dividends or distributions by a Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to another wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company;

(h) split, combine, subdivide or reclassify any of the capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities, or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or other equity interests or voting securities, in each case of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for the capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities of the Company of any of its Subsidiaries;

(i) repurchase, redeem, or otherwise acquire, or offer to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any capital stock or other equity interests or voting securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any such capital stock, equity interests or voting securities, or any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire any such capital stock, equity interests or voting securities, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice pursuant to management equity agreements in effect as of the date of this Agreement;

(j) merge or consolidate with any other Person or acquire a material amount of stock or assets of any other Person or effect any business combination, recapitalization or similar transaction (other than the Mergers) having a value in excess of \$25 million in the aggregate, other than (A) any such action solely between or among the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries or (B) purchases of inventory or other assets in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or pursuant to agreements existing as of the date hereof;

(k) except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice (including extensions at the end of a term in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and entering into new customer agreements and supplier agreements) or as expressly permitted in this Section 5.2, (i) enter into, transfer or terminate (except for any termination upon

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expiration of a term in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof), or materially modify or amend, or (ii) release, assign or otherwise change any material rights under or (iii) waive any material right under or discharge any other party of any material obligation under, any Material Contract;

(1) make any material loan, advance or capital contribution to or investment in any Person, other than loans, advances or capital contributions to or investments in its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(m) except for dispositions of excess real estate in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, acquire or dispose of any real property or any direct or indirect interest in any real property;

(n) make any material change to its accounting methods, policies or practices with respect to the maintenance of books of account and records, except as required by GAAP or applicable Law;

(o) (i) make, change or revoke any material Tax election, (ii) change any Tax accounting period or any material method of Tax accounting, (iii) amend any material Tax Return or file any claim for a material Tax refund, (iv) enter into any "closing agreement" within the meaning of Section 7121(a) of the Code (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Law) or other material agreement with any Taxing Authority or request any ruling from any Taxing Authority that would have binding effect on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries after the Closing, (v) settle or compromise any material Tax claim or Tax Proceeding or surrender any right to claim a material Tax refund, offset or other reduction in Tax liability, (vi) enter into any Tax sharing, allocation, indemnity or similar agreement or arrangement (other than customary provisions in commercial arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of its business and the primary purpose of which is not related to Taxes) or (vii) other than in the ordinary course of business, consent to any extension or waiver of any statute of limitations or period for assessment or collections of any material Taxes;

(p) make any capital expenditures or commitments for capital expenditures, or enter into any fleet capital leases, in each case other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(q) forgive, cancel or compromise any material debt or claim, or waive, release or assign any right or claim of material value, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(r) enter into any settlement, compromise or release contemplating or involving any admission of wrongdoing or misconduct or providing for any relief or settlement other than the payment of money not in excess of \$5,000,000 individually or \$25,000,000 in the aggregate;

(s) adopt or enter into a plan or agreement of complete or partial liquidation or dissolution, merger, consolidation, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than the Mergers); or

(t) authorize any of, or agree or commit to do any of, the foregoing actions.

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Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, nothing contained in this Agreement shall give Parent, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of the Company prior to the Closing. Prior to the Closing, the Company shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over the operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

5.3. <u>Preservation of Parent Business</u>. During the Interim Period, Parent shall not, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to, other than as otherwise required or expressly permitted by this Agreement, with the prior written consent of the Company, as required by applicable Law or as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Parent Disclosure Letter:

(a) amend or otherwise change the Organizational Documents of Parent such that any of the Significant Stockholders' rights under the Stockholders Agreement would not be given full effect;

(b) merge or consolidate with any other Person or acquire a material amount of the stock or assets of any other Person or effect any business combination, recapitalization or similar transaction (other than the Mergers) if such action would reasonably be expected to materially delay or prevent the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 6.3 or Section 7.3.;

(c) declare or pay any dividend on shares of Parent Common Stock, other than ordinary course quarterly dividends in accordance with past practice (including increases in the amount thereof);

(d) engage in any action or activity that would require Parent to obtain the approval of its stockholders in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement prior to Closing or

(e) authorize any of, or agree or commit to do any of, the foregoing actions.

5.4. Exclusivity . During the Interim Period, except as otherwise provided herein, the Company and its Affiliates shall not, and shall cause their Subsidiaries and their respective Representatives not to, directly or indirectly, solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage or assist, or respond to the submission of any proposal or offer from any Person relating, with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, to any (i) liquidation, dissolution or recapitalization, (ii) merger or consolidation, (iii) acquisition or purchase of all or a significant portion of the assets of, or any equity interest in, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (iv) similar transaction or business combination (a "<u>Competing Transaction</u>"), nor participate in any or continue any ongoing discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any other Person any information with respect to, or otherwise cooperate in any way with, or assist or participate in, or knowingly facilitate or encourage, any effort or attempt by any Person to pursue or effect a Competing Transaction or enter into any agreement with respect to a Competing Transaction. The Company shall, and shall instruct all Representatives acting on its and its Affiliates' behalf to immediately cease any existing activities, discussions and negotiations with any Persons with respect to any of the foregoing. As soon as reasonably practicable after the date hereof, the Company shall instruct each Person (other than Parent and the Merger Subs and their representatives) in possession of confidential information about the Company that was furnished pursuant to a

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confidentiality agreement within the prior twelve (12) months in connection with any actual or potential proposal by such Person to acquire the Company (or any portion thereof) to promptly return or destroy all such information, subject to the terms of such confidentiality agreement.

5.5. Efforts .

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each party hereto shall use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, all things reasonably necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Law to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated hereby as promptly as practicable, including using its reasonable best efforts to obtain or make all necessary or appropriate filings required under applicable Law and to lift any injunction or other legal bar to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as promptly as practicable after the date of this Agreement. None of the parties shall knowingly take, cause or permit to be taken any action which such party reasonably expects is likely to materially delay or prevent consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any consents required pursuant to the Material Contracts in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and Parent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Company in such efforts. Anything to the contrary in this Agreement notwithstanding, nothing herein shall obligate or be construed to obligate the Company or any of its Affiliates to make, or to cause to be made, any payment to any third party in order to obtain the consent or approval of such third party under any Material Contract or otherwise and the Company and its Affiliates shall not do or commit to do so without the prior written consent of Parent.

(c) The Company and Parent will, at the time determined by the Parent (but in any event no earlier than ten (10) Business Days after the date hereof) and on no less than five (5) Business Days' notice to the Company, file with the United States Federal Trade Commission (the "<u>FTC</u>") and the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice (the "<u>DOJ</u>") the notification and report forms required for the transactions contemplated hereby, and subsequent to such filings, Parent and the Company will provide any supplemental information that may be requested in connection therewith pursuant to the HSR Act, which notification and report forms and supplemental information will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the HSR Act. Each of Parent and the Company will promptly furnish to the other (x) all necessary information as the other may reasonably request in connection with the preparation of any filing or submission pursuant to the HSR Act and (y) copies of all written communications (and memoranda setting forth the substance of any oral communication) with any Governmental Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Parent or Company can redact discussions of the transaction value and reasonably designate applicable materials as for review by the other's outside counsel only. The Company will consult with Parent prior to any meetings, by telephone or in person, with the staff of a Governmental Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and Parent will have the right to have a representative present at any such meeting to the extent permitted by such Governmental Authority and reasonably practical. Parent will consult with the Company prior to any meetings, by telephone or in person, with the Company prior to any meetings, by

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staff of a Governmental Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and the Company will have the right to have a representative present at any such meeting to the extent permitted by such Governmental Authority and reasonably practical.

(d) The parties shall (i) respond as promptly as practicable to any inquiries or requests for documentation or information or any request for additional information (a "second request") received from the FTC or the DOJ and to all inquiries and requests received from any other Governmental Authority in connection with Competition Law matters, and (ii) use their reasonable best efforts to resolve objections, if any, as may be asserted by any Governmental Authority with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement under any Competition Laws and to cause the waiting periods, approvals or other requirements under the HSR Act and all other Competition Laws to terminate or expire or be obtained prior to the Termination Date.

(e) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in connection with the efforts referenced in Sections 5.5(c) and (d) to obtain all necessary consents, approvals, waivers and authorizations of any Governmental Authority required pursuant to the HSR Act, each party to this Agreement shall: (i) cooperate fully with the other parties hereto, shall execute and deliver such further documents, certificates, agreements and instruments and shall take such other actions as may be reasonably requested by any other party hereto to evidence or reflect the Mergers' (including the execution and delivery of all documents, certificates, agreements and instruments reasonably necessary for all filings hereunder); (ii) use reasonable best efforts to give all notices (if any) required to be made and given by such party to any Governmental Authority in connection with the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (iii) use reasonable best efforts to obtain each approval, consent, ratification, permission, waiver or authorization required to be obtained by such party in connection with the Mergers or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (iv) use reasonable best efforts to lift any restraint, injunction or other legal bar to the Mergers; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Agreement shall require Parent, the Company or a Merger Sub to take, or cause to be taken, any action with respect to any of the assets, businesses or product lines of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries (including the Surviving Company), or any combination thereof, (x) that is not conditioned on the consummation of the Mergers or (y) if such action would require the divestiture or holding separate (or any other remedy) of or with respect to any assets of Parent, the Company or any of their Subsidiaries representing, in the aggregate, in excess of \$2,000,000,000 of revenue generated between (and inclusive of) January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 (any such requirement set forth in clause (y), a "Burdensome Condition"). If requested by Parent, the Company will agree to any action contemplated by this Section 5.5, provided that any such agreement or action is conditioned on the consummation of the Mergers. In furtherance of the foregoing, each of Parent and each Merger Sub agrees to provide such assurances as to financial capability, resources and creditworthiness as may be reasonably requested by any Governmental Authority or other Person whose consent or approval is sought hereunder. The foregoing agreement in this section is made solely to facilitate the closing of the Mergers and does not constitute a representation or admission that the Mergers, if consummated without any modification, would violate any Competition Laws or that agreeing to the divestitures, hold separate conditions or other restrictions permitted herein or suggested by any Person or authority acting under any Competition Law would not be harmful to the parties. Notwithstanding

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anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Parent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to oppose by refusing to consent to, through litigation or otherwise any request, attempt or demand by any Governmental Authority or other Person for any divestiture, hold separate condition or any other restriction with respect to any assets, businesses or product lines of either Parent or the Company and shall have the obligation to defend litigation instituted by such Governmental Authority or other Person with respect to the legality of the Mergers under applicable Competition Laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Parent shall take all actions required under this <u>Section 5.5</u>, in a timely manner, as are necessary to achieve the clearance or approval of the Governmental Authority or other Person prior to the Termination Date, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Parent shall not be required to take actions that would amount to a Burdensome Condition. If there is no decree, order or injunction restricting or prohibiting the Mergers but an appeal is pending, Parent shall not be obligated to proceed to close the Mergers until the Termination Date, as such date may be extended pursuant to Section 8.1(b), and if such appeal remains pending on such Termination Date, Parent shall be obligated to close the Mergers on such date, provided that on such date all other conditions to Closing have then been satisfied. The parties shall take reasonable efforts to share information protected from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, joint defense privilege or any other privilege pursuant to this section so as to preserve any applicable privilege.

5.6. <u>Certain Tax Matters</u>. Each of the parties shall, and shall cause each of its respective Subsidiaries to, use reasonable efforts to obtain the tax opinion referenced in <u>Section 7.8</u> hereof. None of the parties shall (and shall cause their respective Subsidiaries not to) take or fail to take any action which action (or failure to act) would reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the Initial Merger and the Follow-On Merger, taken together, from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

5.7. <u>Maintenance of Insurance</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries shall use reasonable best efforts to continue to carry their existing insurance through the Closing in all material respects, and shall use reasonable best efforts not to allow any material breach, default or cancelation (other than expiration and replacement of policies in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice) by the Company or its Subsidiaries of such insurance policies or agreements that are material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to occur or exist without the consent of Parent (not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned).

5.8. Employment Matters .

(a) <u>Compensation and Benefits</u>. Parent shall provide each employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than any employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement as of the Closing Date (a "<u>Union Employee</u>")) as of the Closing, for so long as they remain employed with Parent or any of its Affiliates (including the Surviving Company) after the Closing (any such employee, a "<u>Continuing Employee</u>") with: (i) from the Closing Date through at least December 31, 2014, an annual rate of base salary or hourly wages, as applicable, that is the same as the annual rate of base salary or hourly wages, as applicable provided to such Continuing Employee immediately prior to the Closing; (ii) subject to the final sentence of this section 5.8(a) (A) if the Closing Date occurs on or prior to the last day of the Company's 2014 fiscal year, within 75 days after the

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Closing Date, a payment to each Continuing Employee (whether or not employed following the Closing Date) of an amount in respect of such Continuing Employee's annual cash bonus otherwise due in respect of the Company's 2014 fiscal year pursuant to the applicable Benefit Plan (the "2014 Bonus Amount"), and such 2014 Bonus Amount shall be prorated based on the period between December 29, 2013 and the Closing Date relative to 365 days; but if (B) the Closing Date occurs in 2015, then (x) the Company shall determine and make payment of each Continuing Employee's 2014 Bonus Amount based on the Company's achievement of the 2014 performance target in the ordinary course of business and (y) within 75 days after the Closing Date, a payment to each Continuing Employee (whether or not employed following the Closing Date) of an amount in respect of such Continuing Employee's annual cash bonus otherwise due in respect of the Company's fiscal year ending on December 31, 2015 pursuant to the applicable Benefit Plan (the "2015 Bonus Amount"), and such 2015 Bonus Amount shall be prorated based on the period between the first day of the Company's 2015 fiscal year and the Closing Date relative to 365 days; and (iii) from the Closing Date through at least the last day of the Company's 2014 fiscal year, employee benefits on the same terms and conditions as provided under the Benefit Plans as in effect immediately prior to the Closing; provided, however, if the Closing occurs in 2015, then such employee benefits as shall be determined by Parent in consultation reasonably and in good faith with the Company's senior management, taking into account the terms of such employee benefits as they existed prior to the Closing; provided, further, that in all cases, the U.S. Foodservice, Inc. Defined Pension Benefit Plan (the "Defined Benefit Plan") shall be maintained as in effect on the date of this Agreement through the last day of the Company's 2014 fiscal year. In respect of clause (ii) of this Section 5.8(a), the 2014 Bonus Amount and the 2015 Bonus Amount shall be based on a bonus opportunity and performance criteria established by the Company reasonably and in good faith in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice under the applicable Benefit Plan that is an annual cash bonus plan in which such Continuing Employee participates (and for the avoidance of doubt the Company may adjust in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice the target opportunity of any Continuing Employee who is promoted in a manner otherwise permitted under Section 5.2(c) of this Agreement).

(b) <u>Recognition of Service; Pre-existing Conditions</u>. Periods of employment with the Company or any of its current or former Affiliates, to the extent previously recognized under any analogous Benefit Plan of the Company and its Affiliates, shall be taken into account for all purposes, including, as applicable, eligibility for participation, vesting, level of benefits, and benefit accrual of any Continuing Employee under the corresponding employee benefit plan offered by Parent or an Affiliate of Parent to the Continuing Employees, including vacation plans or arrangements, defined contribution, and any severance and welfare plans; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Parent and its Affiliates shall not be required to recognize such service (x) for purposes of benefit accrual under defined benefit pension plans (other than the Defined Benefit Plan), (y) for purposes of plans which are frozen to new participants, or (z) to the extent such credit would result in duplication of benefits. Additionally, Parent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) waive any limitation on health insurance coverage of the Continuing Employees and their eligible dependents due to pre-existing conditions under all applicable medical plans of Parent or an Affiliate of Parent to the extent such condition was satisfied or waived under the comparable Benefit Plan prior to the Closing Date and (ii) credit all Continuing Employees and their eligible dependents with all payments credited against out-of-pocket maximums and deductible payments and co-payments paid by such Person, in each case, under the comparable Benefit Plan prior to

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the Closing Date during the plan year in which the Closing Date occurs for the purpose of determining the extent to which any such Person has satisfied his or her deductible and whether he or she has reached the out-of-pocket maximum under any health insurance plans of Parent or an Affiliate of Parent for such year.

(c) <u>Severance</u>. Notwithstanding anything in subsection (a) above, with respect to any Continuing Employee whose employment is terminated by Parent or any of its Affiliates on or prior to June 30, 2015, under any circumstances that would give rise to a right to severance payments and benefits under the US Foods, Inc. Severance Plan, restated effective as of July 31, 2013 (the "<u>Severance Plan</u>"), subject to such Continuing Employee's execution of a release of claims in a form customarily provided by Parent to its similarly situated employees, Parent shall provide each such Continuing Employee with the greater of (a) the severance payments and benefits that such Continuing Employee would have received under the Severance Plan and (b) the severance payments and benefits due to a similarly situated employee of Parent or its Affiliates, as applicable, pursuant to the Sysco Corporation Involuntary Severance Plan or any successor plan thereto in effect on the date of such termination (and for the avoidance of doubt in each case, such Continued Employee shall be credited for all service with the Company, Parent and their respective Affiliates as provided in Section 5.8(b) above); provided , however, if any such Continuing Employee is entitled to severance benefits under an individual severance, employment or similar agreement, the terms of such agreement and not this Section 5.8(c) shall govern.

(d) <u>Union Matters</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Union Employee, Parent shall provide for such compensation and benefits as are required to be provided to such Union Employee pursuant to the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

(e) <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Section 5.8 shall (i) be treated as an amendment of, or undertaking to amend, any employee benefit plan or (ii) prohibit Parent or any of its Affiliates from amending or terminating any employee benefit plan or from terminating the employment of any Continuing Employee or Union Employee. The provisions of this Section 5.8 are solely for the benefit of the respective parties to this Agreement and nothing in this Section 5.8, express or implied, shall confer upon any Continuing Employee or Union Employee, or legal representative or beneficiary thereof or other Person, any rights or remedies, including any right to employment or continued employment for any specified period, or compensation or benefits of any nature or kind whatsoever under this Agreement or a right of any employee or beneficiary of such employee or other Person under an employee benefit plan that such employee or beneficiary or other Person would not otherwise have under the terms of that employee benefit plan without regard to this Agreement.

5.9. Section 280G. Prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall have submitted to a vote of the shareholders of the Company for their determination all payments or benefits that in the absence of such a vote could reasonably be viewed as "parachute payments" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and the regulations thereunder), made to any individuals that are "disqualified individuals" (within the meaning of Section 280G(c) of the Code and the regulations thereunder); provided that in no event shall this <u>Section 5.9</u> be construed to require the Company or any Subsidiary to actually obtain shareholder approval. Such shareholder vote

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shall be carried out pursuant to the procedures and requirements of Section 280G(b)(5)(B) of the Code and the regulations thereunder, and at least five (5) Business Days prior to the date the Company submits all relevant arrangements for such shareholder approval, the Company shall provide Parent, for its review and reasonable comment, a copy of the documentation proposed to be submitted (including any waivers necessary to validly hold the vote referenced above) and the calculations prepared under Section 280G of the Code, upon which the shareholder vote is being sought. Within forty-five (45) days following the date of this Agreement, with respect to each "disqualified individual" of the Company (as defined above), the Company shall furnish (i) a schedule that sets forth (A) the Company's reasonable, good faith estimate of all payments or benefits that could be provided to such disqualified individual as a result of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (alone or in combination with any other event), and (B) the "base amount" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code) for each such individual, and (ii) the underlying data and documentation on which such schedule is based.

5.10. <u>Public Announcements</u> . The Company and Parent shall agree on a press release announcing the entering into of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Thereafter, each party hereto will consult with the other party before issuing any other press release or otherwise making any public statements or disclosures with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the terms hereof, and each party shall not, without the prior written consent of the other party (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), issue any such press release or make any such public statement with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except as may be required by applicable Law or regulation (including any New York Stock Exchange requirement).

5.11. Indemnification of Directors and Officers .

(a) For six (6) years from and after the Effective Time, (i) Parent shall cause the Surviving Company to indemnify and hold harmless all past and present employees, agents, officers and directors of the Company and of its Subsidiaries to the same extent such Persons are currently indemnified by the Company and its Subsidiaries pursuant to the Company's and its Subsidiaries' Organizational Documents as in effect on the date hereof for acts or omissions occurring at or prior to the Effective Time, and for such period of time Parent shall not, and shall not permit the Surviving Company or its Subsidiaries to, amend, repeal or modify any provision in the Surviving Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' Organizational Documents relating to the exculpation or indemnification of present and former officers and directors as in effect in the Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' Organizational Documents immediately prior to the Effective Time, except as required by applicable Law and (ii) Parent shall cause the Surviving Company to honor any indemnification agreements in effect between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any past or present employees, agents, officers or directors of the Company or its Subsidiaries as in effect as of the date hereof. If the Surviving Company or any of its successors or assigns shall: (x) consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or entity and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity, then and in each such case, to the extent necessary, proper provisions shall be made so that the successors and assigns of the Surviving Company shall assume all of the obligations set forth in this <u>Section 5.11</u>.

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(b) Parent shall cause the Surviving Company and its Subsidiaries to maintain in effect for six (6) years from the Closing Date directors' and officers' liability insurance covering those Persons who are currently covered by the Company's and its Subsidiaries' directors' and officers' liability insurance for events occurring at or prior to the Effective Time (" D&O Insurance ") on terms not less favorable than such existing insurance coverage; provided that the Surviving Company and its Subsidiaries shall not be required, and Parent shall not be required to cause the Surviving Company and its Subsidiaries, to pay for the D&O Insurance in an annual amount in excess of two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the annual premium currently paid as of the date hereof by the Company and its Subsidiaries for such insurance; provided, further, that if the annual premiums of such insurance coverage exceed such amount, Parent or the Surviving Company shall be obligated to obtain a policy with the greatest coverage available for a cost not exceeding such maximum amount. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company and its Subsidiaries will, with Parent's prior written consent, and at Parent's request shall, prior to the Effective Time, purchase six (6) years run-off directors' and officers' liability insurance that is dedicated to the Company and its Subsidiaries and not shared with any other entity that is unrelated to the Company and its Subsidiaries (" Runoff D&O Insurance "); provided that payment for such insurance coverage provided by such Runoff D&O Insurance shall not exceed two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the annual premium currently paid as of the date hereof by the Company and its Subsidiaries for such insurance without Parent's prior written consent. If the cost of the Runoff D&O Insurance would require an expenditure that exceeds such amount and Parent does not so consent, the Surviving Company shall, and Parent shall cause the Surviving Company to, obtain policies with the greatest coverage available for a cost not exceeding such maximum amount. Any such Runoff D&O Insurance policies will satisfy Parent's obligation under this Section 5.11(b) to provide D&O Insurance; provided that in the event that any claim is brought under such D&O Insurance, the policy shall be maintained until final disposition thereof.

(c) Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, shall be construed to or shall release, waive or impair any rights to directors' and officers' insurance claims under any policy that is or has been in existence with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for any of their respective directors, officers or other employees, it being understood and agreed that the indemnification provided for in this <u>Section 5.11</u> is not prior to or in substitution for any such claims under such policies.

(d) This covenant is intended to be for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, each of the past and present officers and directors of the Company and of its Subsidiaries and their respective heirs and legal representatives. The rights to indemnification and advancement and the other rights provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such a Person is entitled, whether pursuant to applicable Law, contract or otherwise.

5.12. <u>Termination of Affiliate Agreements</u>. At or prior to the Effective Time, unless otherwise directed in writing by Parent or provided elsewhere herein, the Company shall terminate, or otherwise amend to exclude the Company and any of its Subsidiaries as a party thereto, all Affiliate Agreements to the extent provided on Section 5.12 of the Disclosure Letter and shall take such other actions specified on Section 5.12 of the Company Disclosure Letter.

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5.13. <u>Appraisal Notice</u>. The Company shall prepare and mail (which may be included in the S-4) an appraisal notice as and to the extent required pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL to any holder of Common Stock that has not consented to this Agreement and the Mergers that complies with applicable Law, in a form reasonably acceptable to Parent and at a time reasonably agreed with Parent.

5.14. Financing . The Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause its and its Subsidiaries' officers, directors, employees, agents, and other representatives (collectively, "Representatives") to, provide all cooperation that is reasonably requested by Parent to assist Parent and the Merger Subs in the arrangement of any third party debt financing (including any debt capital markets financing) for the purpose of funding the payment of the Aggregate Cash Amount and the repayment, redemption, purchase, defeasance or discharge of any outstanding Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company and its Subsidiaries (including pursuant to a Debt Offer, the Existing Credit Facility Terminations or a CMBS Transaction)), and the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith (the "Financing"), including but not limited to (i) as promptly as reasonably practicable, furnishing to Parent and the Financing Sources such financial and other information relating to the Company customary or reasonably necessary for the completion of such Financing to the extent reasonably requested by Parent to assist in preparation of customary offering or information documents to be used for the completion of the Financing ("Financing Offering Materials"); (ii) using commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the marketing efforts of Parent and the Financing Sources, including using commercially reasonable efforts to participate in a reasonable number of requested meetings with the parties acting as lead arrangers or agents for, and prospective lenders and purchasers of, the Financing and the Company's senior management and Representatives, presentations, roadshows, due diligence sessions, drafting sessions and sessions with rating agencies in connection with the Financing; (iii) delivering (A) audited consolidated balance sheets and related audited statements of comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Company (the "Audited Annual Financials") for each of the three most recently ended fiscal years that have ended at least 90 days (or 75 days in the case of any fiscal year ended after December 31, 2013) prior to the Closing Date (and the audit reports for such financial statements shall not be subject to any "going concern" qualifications) and (B) unaudited consolidated balance sheets and related unaudited statements of comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows of the Company (the "Quarterly Financials") for each subsequent interim quarterly period that has ended at least 40 days prior to the Closing Date, in the case of each of clauses (iii)(A) and (iii)(B), meeting the requirements of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act as would be applicable to an Annual Report on Form 10-K or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as applicable (it being further agreed that (x) the Company shall deliver to Parent the consolidated financial statements of the Company described in this clause (iii) in respect of any such fiscal period (other than Audited Annual Financials for its 2011 and 2012 fiscal years) no later than the date upon which the corresponding consolidated financial statements of the Operating Subsidiary for such fiscal period are filed with the SEC and (y) the Company shall deliver to Parent the Audited Annual Financials for its 2011 and 2012 fiscal years no later than the date upon which it delivers the Audited Annual Financials for its 2013 fiscal year); (iv) using commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Company's independent accountants to provide reasonable assistance to Parent consistent with their customary practice (including to consent to the use of their audit reports on the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries in any materials

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relating to the Financing or in connection with any filings made with the SEC or pursuant to the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, and to provide any "comfort letters" necessary and reasonably requested by Parent in connection with any debt capital markets transaction comprising a part of the Financing, in each case, on customary terms and consistent with their customary practice); and (v) to the extent that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are to be party to the Financing following the occurrence of the Effective Time, (x) using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain customary legal opinions and executing and delivering customary closing certificates and documents at the Closing as may be reasonably requested by Parent in connection with the Financing, (y) using commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate the execution and delivery at the Closing of definitive documents (including loan agreements, customary guarantee documentation (if applicable) and other applicable loan documents) related to the Financing, and (z) as long as such information is requested by the Financing Sources at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, providing to the Financing Sources, at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, all customary and reasonable documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities with respect to the Company under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including without limitation the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, as amended; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 5.14 shall require such cooperation to the extent it would (A) unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the business or operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the conduct thereof or (B) require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to pay any fees, incur or reimburse any costs or expenses, or make any payment in connection with the Financing, prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time (except to the extent Parent promptly reimburses (in the case of ordinary course out-of-pocket costs and expenses) or provides the funding (in all other cases) to the Company or such Subsidiary therefor), or incur any liability in connection with the Financing that is effective prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time, or (C) subject to Section 5.15 below, require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to enter into any instrument or agreement, or agree to any change or modification to any instrument or agreement, that is effective prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time or that would be effective if the Effective Time does not occur. Without limiting the foregoing proviso, Parent agrees, promptly upon request, to reimburse the Company and its Subsidiaries for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel) in connection with the Financing promptly following the incurrence thereof (limited, in the case of any costs, fees and expenses for preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Company described in clause (iii) of the preceding sentence, to the incremental costs, fees and expenses for preparing such financial statements in excess of the costs, fees and expenses of preparing the corresponding financial statements of the Operating Subsidiary). Parent shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Significant Stockholders, its and their respective Affiliates, and its and their respective Representatives from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, awards, judgments and penalties of any type actually suffered or incurred by any of them in connection with any action taken, or cooperation provided, by the Company or its Subsidiaries or any of their respective Representatives at the request of Parent pursuant to this Section 5.14 and/or the provision of information utilized in connection therewith (other than information provided in writing by the Company or its Subsidiaries specifically for use in connection therewith); in each case, except to the extent that any such obligations, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, awards, judgments and penalties, fees, costs or other liabilities are suffered or incurred as a result of the Company's

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or its Representatives' gross negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct or material breach of this Agreement, as applicable. The Company hereby consents to the use of its and its Subsidiaries' logos in connection with the Financing, provided such logos are used solely in a customary manner that is not intended to or reasonably likely to harm or disparage the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the reputation or goodwill of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and on such other customary terms and conditions as the Company shall reasonably impose. Parent and Merger Sub acknowledge and agree that the obtaining of the Financing, or any alternative financing, is not a condition to the Closing and reaffirm their obligation to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement irrespective and independently of the availability of the Financing or any alternative financing, subject to fulfillment or waiver of the conditions set forth in <u>Article VI</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided herein or in the Confidentiality Agreement, Parent shall be permitted to share all information subject to such agreements with its potential financing sources, subject to customary confidentiality undertakings by such potential financing sources with respect thereto.

5.15. Treatment of Certain Indebtedness .

(a) The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Operating Subsidiary to commence, as soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt of a written request from Parent to do so subsequent to the date of this Agreement, (i) a consent solicitation with respect to any and all of the Operating Subsidiary's outstanding 8.5% Senior Notes due 2019 (the "Notes") on substantially the terms and conditions of the draft Consent Solicitation Statement provided by Parent to the Company on December 8, 2013 (the "Consent Solicitation") and (ii) if the requisite consents are not received in the Consent Solicitation, an offer to purchase any and all of the Notes on or (if required) after the Closing Date on terms and conditions that satisfy the requirements for a "Change of Control Offer" as defined in the Note Indenture (the "Change of Control Offer", and together with the Consent Solicitation, collectively, the "Debt Offers"); provided, that (A) the Company shall not be required to commence any Debt Offer until Parent shall have provided the Company with the necessary offer to purchase, consent solicitation statement, letter of transmittal, supplemental indenture or other related documents in connection with such Debt Offer (collectively, the "Debt Offer Documents") a reasonable period of time in advance of commencing the applicable Debt Offer (it being understood and agreed that Parent has provided the Company the necessary documents related to the Consent Solicitation a reasonable period of time in advance of the date hereof), (B) Parent will consult with the Company regarding the timing and commencement of the Debt Offers and any tender or consent deadlines for the Debt Offers in light of the regular financial reporting schedule of the Operating Subsidiary, the requirements of applicable Law and the requirements of the Note Indenture, (C) Parent shall consult with the Company and afford the Company a reasonable opportunity to review the material terms and conditions of the Debt Offers (it being understood and agreed that the Company has had a reasonable opportunity to review the terms and conditions of the Consent Solicitation prior to the date of this Agreement), (D) the Company shall not be required to commence any Change of Control Offer prior to the date that is 60 days prior to the first date on which the Company and Parent reasonably expect the Closing may occur and (E) the Company will not be required to pay, purchase or otherwise retire any Indebtedness prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time, or seek any waiver or consent from any holder of Indebtedness or agent or representative thereof, in connection with the Change of Control Offer. The closing of the Change of Control Offer, if any, shall be expressly conditioned on the occurrence of the "Change

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of Control" (as defined in the Note Indenture) pursuant to this Agreement at the Closing. Each Debt Offer shall be conducted in compliance with applicable Law, including SEC rules and regulations, to the extent applicable. None of the Notes shall be required to be accepted for purchase or purchased prior to the Closing Date. The Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause its and its Subsidiaries' Representatives to, provide all cooperation reasonably requested by Parent in connection with the Debt Offers; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall (x) require such cooperation to the extent it would unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the business or operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the conduct thereof, or (y) require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to pay any fees, incur or reimburse any costs or expenses, or make any payment, prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time (except to the extent that Parent promptly reimburses (in the case of ordinary course out-of-pocket costs and expenses) or provides the funding (in all other cases) to the Company or such Subsidiary therefor). Without limiting the foregoing, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall, or shall cause their counsel to, furnish legal opinions in customary form and scope relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries or required by the Note Indenture, in each case, required in connection with the Consent Solicitation.

(b) Following the commencement of the Debt Offers, the Company shall not, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to, make any change to the terms and conditions of the Debt Offers, unless such change is previously approved by Parent in writing or is required by Applicable Law, or (in the case of the Change of Control Offer) is required pursuant to the terms of the Note Indenture.

(c) Subject to <u>Section 5.15(a)</u>, the Company shall not, without the written consent of Parent, waive any condition to the Debt Offers other than as agreed in writing between Parent and the Company.

(d) The Company covenants and agrees that, promptly following the expiration date of the Consent Solicitation, if the requisite valid consents from holders of the Notes have been received in accordance with the Note Indenture and the terms of the Consent Solicitation, the Company shall cause the Operating Subsidiary and its other Subsidiaries party to the Note Indenture to, and to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Note Trustee to, execute a supplemental indenture to the Note Indenture for which the requisite consent has been received, to implement the amendments to the Note Indenture described in the Debt Offer Documents with respect to the Consent Solicitation; provided, that no such amendment shall (x) be effective until immediately prior to the Effective Time unless the operative provisions of such supplemental indenture would, by their terms, revert and be deemed never to have been in effect in the event that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof or would cease to apply if the Effective Time never occurs or (y) be operative with respect to any period prior to the Effective Time.

(e) Parent shall prepare all necessary and appropriate documentation in connection with the Debt Offers, including the Debt Offer Documents. Parent and the Company shall, and the Company shall cause its Subsidiaries to, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause its and its Subsidiaries' Representatives to, reasonably cooperate with each other in the preparation of the Debt Offer Documents (including all amendments and supplements proposed by Parent). The Debt Offer Documents (including all amendments or supplements thereto) and

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all other communications with the holders of the Notes in connection with the Debt Offers (including, without limitation, any materials provided, furnished or filed pursuant to the next succeeding sentence) shall be subject to prior review of, and comment by, Parent and the Company and shall be reasonably acceptable to each of them. If at any time prior to the completion of the Debt Offers, any information should be discovered by the Company or Parent that either the Company or Parent reasonably believes should be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the Debt Offer Documents, so that the Debt Offer Documents shall not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, the party that discovers such information shall use reasonable best efforts to promptly notify the other party, and an appropriate amendment or supplement prepared by Parent describing such information shall be disseminated by or on behalf of the Company to the holders of the applicable Notes (which amendment or supplement and dissemination may, at the reasonable direction of Parent, take the form of the furnishing or filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 5.15</u>, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause its Subsidiaries to, comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, to the extent applicable, and (to the extent permitted by the Note Indenture) any other applicable Laws to the extent such Laws are applicable in connection with the Debt Offers and such compliance will not be deemed a breach of this <u>Section 5.15</u>.

(f) In connection with the Consent Solicitation, Parent may select one or more solicitation agents, tabulation agents, information agents, depositaries and other agents, in each case as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company, to provide assistance in connection therewith, and the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to use commercially reasonable efforts to, enter into customary agreements with such parties so selected (subject to Section 5.15(i) hereof). The Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with such parties so selected.

(g) If requested by Parent in writing, in lieu of or in addition to commencing or consummating a Debt Offer for the Notes, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to use commercially reasonable efforts to, (i) issue one or more notices of optional redemption for all of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of such Notes, pursuant the Note Indenture in order to effect a redemption on (or, at the option of Parent, following) the Closing Date; provided that (A) such redemption notice shall be subject to and conditioned upon the occurrence of the Effective Time, and (if Parent elects) the receipt by Parent of financing in an amount sufficient to effect such redemption in full, and (if the Company elects) the receipt by the Company no later than the redemption time specified in such redemption notice of funds in an amount sufficient to effect such redemption in full and (B) the Company shall not be required to issue any such notice while any prior such notice is outstanding, or any notice for any redemption of the Notes (and/or, if elected by Parent, satisfaction and discharge of such Notes pursuant to the Note Indenture) effective as of (or at Parent's election, following) and conditioned upon the occurrence of the Effective Time. The redemption and (if applicable) satisfaction and discharge of the Notes pursuant to the Notes. Parent shall deposit or cause to be deposited funds with the Note Trustee sufficient to fund any such Discharge no later than the redemption notice.

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(h) The Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, (A) deliver all notices and take all other reasonable actions solely in the Company's control required to cause (and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to otherwise effect) (i) the repayment in full on the Closing Date (or in the case of letters of credit, cash collateralization, to the extent that Parent shall not have entered into an alternative arrangement with the issuing bank) of all obligations then outstanding under, (ii) the release on the Closing Date of all Liens securing such obligations in connection with such repayment, and (iii) the termination (to the extent provided therein and pursuant to the terms thereof) on the Closing Date (such repayments, releases, and terminations, the "Existing Credit Facility Terminations") of (x) that certain Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of August 27, 2012 (as amended, the "ABS Credit Agreement"), among RS Funding, Inc., the Operating Subsidiary, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the other agents, lenders, and other parties thereto, including using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a payoff letter in customary form from the lenders under the ABS Credit Agreement (it being understood that a "payoff letter in customary form" shall indicate the total amount required to be paid to fully satisfy all obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries in respect of the applicable indebtedness and state that all Liens in connection therewith relating to the assets of the Company or its Subsidiaries shall be released upon the payment of such amount on the Closing Date), (y) that certain ABL Credit Agreement, dated as of July 3, 2007, among the Operating Subsidiary, the subsidiaries of the Operating Subsidiary party thereto (if any), Citicorp North America, Inc., as administrative agent, and the other agents, lenders, and other parties thereto (as amended, the "ABL Credit Agreement"), including using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a payoff letter in customary form from the agent under the ABL Credit Agreement, and (z) that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of May 11, 2011, among the Operating Subsidiary, Citicorp North America, Inc., as administrative agent, and the other agents, lenders, and other parties thereto (as amended, the "Secured Term Loan Agreement"; and together with the ABS Credit Agreement and the ABL Credit Agreement, collectively, the "Credit Agreements"), including using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a payoff letter in customary form from the agent under the Secured Term Loan Agreement, and (B) deliver all notices and provide Parent any cooperation or assistance reasonably requested by Parent (including, without limitation, by ensuring that USF Propco I, LLC remains a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of and controlled by the Operating Subsidiary from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time) to facilitate the assumption, defeasance or partial defeasance of, or substitution or sublease under, or other modification of the Company's existing commercial-mortgage backed security facility under that certain Loan and Security Agreement between USF Propco I, LLC, dated as of July 3, 2007 and related instruments and agreements, effective as of and conditioned upon the occurrence of the Effective Time (a "CMBS Transaction "); provided, that (A) Parent shall provide all funds required to effect all such repayments and cash collateralization of letters of credit and the Company shall have no obligation to effect any such alternative arrangement for letters of credit and (B) in no event shall this Section 5.15(h) require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to (w) cause any of the Existing Credit Facility Terminations or any CMBS Transaction to be effective until the Closing shall have occurred; or (x) issue any prepayment, commitment termination, commitment reduction or other similar notice under or in connection with the ABS Credit Agreement prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time, unless the requisite agents and requisite lenders party thereto have consented to

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permit such notice to be subject to and conditioned upon the occurrence of the Effective Time (it being understood that the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to request that such agents and lenders so permit), in which case such notice shall be subject to and conditioned upon the occurrence of the Effective Time and (if the Company so elects) receipt by the Company of funds in an aggregate amount sufficient to pay in full all principal, interest, premiums, penalties, breakage costs, fees and other monetary obligations owing under the ABS Credit Agreement); or (y) issue any prepayment, commitment termination, commitment reduction or other similar notice under or in connection with the ABL Credit Agreement or the Secured Term Loan Agreement unless such notice shall be subject to and conditioned upon the occurrence of the Effective Time and (if the Company so elects) receipt by the Company of funds in an aggregate amount sufficient to pay in full all principal, interest, premiums, penalties, breceipt by the Company of funds in an aggregate amount sufficient to pay in full all principal, interest, premiums, penalties, breakage costs, fees and other monetary obligations owing under sufficient to pay in full all principal, interest, premiums, penalties, breakage costs, fees and other monetary obligations owing under such Credit Agreement; or (z) require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to pay any fees, incur or reimburse any costs or expenses, or make any payment in connection with the Existing Credit Facility Terminations or any CMBS Transaction, prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time (it all other cases) to the Company or such Subsidiary therefor) or incur any liability in connection with the Existing Credit Facility Terminations or any CMBS Transaction that is effective prior to the occurrence of the Effective Time.

(i) Parent shall pay the fees and out-of-pocket expenses of any dealer manager, information agent, solicitation agent, tabulation agent, depositary or other agent retained in connection with the Debt Offers upon the incurrence of such fees and out-of-pocket expenses, and Parent further agrees to promptly reimburse the Company and its Subsidiaries for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket costs, fees and expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel) in connection with the Debt Offers, the Discharge of any Notes, the Existing Credit Facility Terminations and any CMBS Transaction promptly following the incurrence thereof. Parent shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Significant Stockholders, its and their respective Affiliates and its and their Representatives from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, awards, judgments and penalties of any type actually suffered or incurred by any of them in connection with the Debt Offer, the Discharge of any Notes, the Existing Credit Facility Terminations and any CMBS Transaction and/or the provision of information utilized in connection therewith (other than information provided in writing by the Company or its Subsidiaries specifically for use in connection therewith); in each case, except to the extent that any such obligations, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, awards, judgments are suffered or incurred as a result of the Company's or its Representatives' gross negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct or material breach of this Agreement, as applicable.

5.16. Preparation of the Form S-4.

(a) Following the date of this Agreement, Parent shall promptly prepare, with the cooperation and assistance of (and after review by) the Company and its counsel and accountant and cause to be filed with the SEC, a registration statement on Form S-4 in connection with the issuance of the shares of Parent Common Stock in the Mergers and the Company shall promptly prepare, with the cooperation and assistance of (and after review by) Parent and its counsel and accountant a consent solicitation statement of the Company with respect to the solicitation of

consents from the Company's stockholders with respect to the Company Stockholder Approval will be included as a prospectus (the "Form S-4"), and Parent shall use its reasonable best efforts to have the Form S-4 declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as reasonably practicable after such filing. Each of the Company and Parent shall furnish all information concerning such Person and its Affiliates to the other, and provide such other assistance, as may be reasonably requested in connection with the preparation, filing and distribution of the Form S-4, and the Form S-4 shall include all information reasonably requested by such other party to be included therein. Parent shall promptly notify the Company upon the receipt of any comments from the SEC or any request from the SEC for amendments or supplements to the Form S-4 and shall provide the Company with copies of any correspondence between it and its Representatives, on the one hand, and the SEC, on the other hand. Parent shall use its reasonable best efforts to respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments from the SEC with respect to the Form S-4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to filing or mailing the Form S-4 (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or responding to any comments of the SEC with respect thereto, Parent (i) shall provide the Company an opportunity to review and comment on such document or response (including the proposed final version of such document or response), (ii) shall consider in good faith all comments reasonably proposed by the Company and (iii) shall not file or mail such document or respond to the SEC prior to receiving the approval of the Company, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Parent shall advise the Company, promptly after receipt of notice thereof, of the time of effectiveness of the Form S-4, the issuance of any stop order relating thereto or the suspension of the qualification of the shares of Parent Common Stock included in the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, and Parent shall use its reasonable best efforts to have any such stop order or suspension lifted, reversed or otherwise terminated. Each of the Company and Parent shall also take any other action (other than qualifying to do business in any jurisdiction in which it is not now so qualified) required to be taken under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, any applicable foreign or state securities or "blue sky" laws and the rules and regulations thereunder in connection with the Mergers and the issuance of the shares of Parent Common Stock included in the Per Share Common Stock Merger Consideration.

(b) If prior to the Effective Time, any event occurs with respect to Parent or any Subsidiary, or any change occurs with respect to other information supplied by Parent for inclusion in the Form S-4, which is required to be described in an amendment of, or a supplement to, the Form S-4, Parent shall promptly notify the Company of such event, and Parent and the Company shall cooperate in the prompt filing with the SEC of any necessary amendment or supplement to the Form S-4 and, as required by Law, in disseminating the information contained in such amendment or supplement to the Company's stockholders. Nothing in this <u>Section 5.16(b)</u> shall limit the obligations of any party under <u>Section 5.16(a)</u>.

(c) If prior to the Effective Time, any event occurs with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary, or any change occurs with respect to other information supplied by the Company for inclusion in the Form S-4, which is required to be described in an amendment of, or a supplement to, the Form S-4, the Company shall promptly notify Parent of such event, and Parent and the Company shall cooperate in the prompt filing with the SEC of any necessary amendment or supplement to the Form S-4 and, as required by Law, in disseminating the information contained in such amendment or supplement to the Company's stockholders. Nothing in this <u>Section 5.16(c)</u> shall limit the obligations of any party under <u>Section 5.16(a)</u>.

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(d) The Company shall cause the consent solicitation statement/prospectus included in the Form S-4 to be mailed to the Company's stockholders as promptly as practicable after the Form S-4 is declared effective under the Securities Act and, upon a request by Parent, seek the Company Stockholder Approval via written consent as soon as practicable after the Form S-4 becomes effective and solicit the Company Stockholder Approval. The Company shall, through the Company Board, recommend to its stockholders that they give the Company Stockholder Approval and shall include such recommendation in the Form S-4, subject to its fiduciary duties under applicable Law and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company Board shall be permitted to take such actions as may be necessary to carry out such fiduciary duties.

(e) Parent shall promptly prepare and submit to the New York Stock Exchange a listing application covering the shares of Parent Common Stock issuable in the Initial Merger, and shall use reasonable best efforts to obtain, prior to the Effective Time, approval for the listing of such Parent Common Stock, subject to official notice of issuance, and the Company shall cooperate with Parent with respect to such listing.

5.17. No Solicitation . Each of Parent and the Company shall not, and shall cause its respective Affiliates not to, without the prior written consent of the other party, directly or indirectly, use information received from the other party, its Subsidiaries or representatives in connection with the evaluation and negotiation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement for purposes of soliciting to employ or hire (whether as an officer, employee or consultant or other independent contractor) any individual who is currently or hereafter becomes a senior officer of the other party or any of its Subsidiaries; provided, however, that the restrictions of this Section 5.17 shall not apply (i) to any general advertisement, or any search firm engagement which, in any such case, is not directed or focused on personnel employed by the other party or its Affiliates or (ii) the solicitation or hiring of any individual whose employment or term in office was terminated by the other party or its Subsidiary.

ARTICLE VI

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS OF PARENT AND MERGER SUBS

The obligations of Parent and the Merger Subs to complete the Closing and effect the Mergers under <u>Article II</u> of this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or written waiver by Parent to the extent permitted by Law) of the following conditions precedent on or before the Effective Time:

6.1. Accuracy of Warranties . Each of the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in the first sentence of Section 3.1(a), <u>Sections 3.1(b)</u>, <u>3.1(c)</u>, <u>3.1(d)</u> and <u>3.2</u>, the last sentence of Section 3.4(a), clause (B) of the last sentence of Section 3.4(b), the first sentence of Section 3.14 (with respect only to the matters set forth in Section 5.2(g)), the last sentence of Section 3.14, and Section 3.17 shall be true and correct in all respects (except, with respect to Section 3.1(b) only, for any *de minimis* inaccuracy) at and as of the date hereof and at and as of the Effective Time with the same effect as though made as of the Effective Time (except to the extent such representations and warranties are made as of an earlier date (in which case, as of such earlier date)). Other than the representations and warranties listed in the

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immediately preceding sentence, each of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement (without giving effect to any materiality, Company Material Adverse Effect or like qualifications therein) shall be true and correct in all respects at and as of the date hereof and the Effective Time with the same effect as though made as of the Effective Time (except to the extent such representations and warranties are made as of an earlier date (in which case, as of such earlier date)), except, in each case, for such failures to be true and correct as would not have or reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

6.2. <u>Compliance with Agreements and Covenants</u>. The Company shall have duly performed and complied with, in all material respects, all of the covenants, obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement to be performed and complied with by it at or prior to the Effective Time.

6.3. <u>HSR Clearance</u>. The applicable approvals, clearances or waiting periods under the HSR Act shall have been obtained, expired or been earlier terminated without the imposition of a Burdensome Condition.

6.4. <u>No Prohibition</u>. No applicable Law shall have been adopted, promulgated or entered by any Governmental Authority which restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.5. Company Stockholder Approval . The Company Stockholder Approval shall have been obtained.

6.6. Form S-4 shall have become effective under the Securities Act and shall not be the subject of any stop order or proceedings seeking a stop order.

ARTICLE VII

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY

The obligations of the Company to complete the Closing and effect the Mergers under <u>Article II</u> of this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or written waiver by the Company to the extent permitted by Law) of the following conditions precedent on or before the Effective Time:

7.1. <u>Accuracy of Warranties</u>. Each of the representations and warranties of Parent and the Merger Subs set forth in <u>Sections 4.1</u>, <u>4.2(a)</u>, <u>4.2(b)</u>, <u>4.3</u>, <u>4.5</u> and the last sentence of <u>Section 4.10</u> shall be true and correct in all respects (except, with respect to <u>Section 4.2(a)</u> only, for any *de minimis* inaccuracy) at and as of the date hereof and at and as of the Effective Time with the same effect as though made as of the Effective Time (except to the extent such representations and warranties are made as of an earlier date (in which case, as of such earlier date)). Other than the representations and warranties listed in the immediately preceding sentence, each of the representations and warranties of Parent and Merger Sub contained in this Agreement (without giving effect to any materiality, Parent Material Adverse Effect or like qualifications therein) shall be true and correct in all respects at and as of the date hereof and the Effective Time with the same effect as though made as of the Effective Time (except to the extent such

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representations and warranties are made as of an earlier date (in which case, as of such earlier date)), except for such failures to be true and correct as would not have or reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

7.2. <u>Compliance with Agreements and Covenants</u>. Parent and the Merger Subs shall have duly performed and complied with, in all material respects, all of their covenants, obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement to be performed and complied with by them at or prior to the Effective Time.

7.3. <u>HSR Clearance</u>. The applicable approvals, clearances or waiting periods under the HSR Act shall have been obtained, expired or been earlier terminated.

7.4. <u>No Prohibition</u>. No applicable Law shall have been adopted, promulgated or entered by any Governmental Authority which restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

7.5. Company Stockholder Approval . The Company Stockholder Approval shall have been obtained.

7.6. Form S-4 shall have become effective under the Securities Act and shall not be the subject of any stop order or proceedings seeking a stop order.

7.7. <u>Listing Approval</u>. The shares of Parent Common Stock issuable in connection with the Initial Merger shall have been approved for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to official notice of issuance.

7.8. <u>Tax Opinion</u>. The Company shall have received a written opinion from the Company's counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, upon which Parent will also be entitled to rely, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company and to Parent, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that, on the basis of certain facts, representations and assumptions set forth or referred to in such opinion, the Initial Merger and the Follow-On Merger, taken together, will qualify, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. In rendering such opinion, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP shall be entitled to receive and rely upon representations, warranties and covenants of Parent, the Merger Subs, the Company and others reasonably requested by such counsel.

ARTICLE VIII

TERMINATION

8.1. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time on or prior to the Closing Date, whether before or after the Company Stockholder Approval has been received:

(a) With the mutual written consent of each of the Company, Parent and the Merger Subs;

(b) By either the Company or Parent, if the Closing of the Mergers shall not have occurred on or before March 8, 2015 (the "<u>Termination</u> <u>Date</u>"); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if all of

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the conditions to Closing, other than the conditions set forth in <u>Section 6.3</u> or <u>Section 7.3</u>, shall have been satisfied or shall be capable of being satisfied at such time, the Termination Date may be extended by either the Company or Parent from time to time by written notice to the other party, in each case for sixty days, up to a date not beyond September 8, 2015, the latest of any of which dates shall thereafter be deemed to be the Termination Date;

(c) By the Company, if Parent shall have breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform (A) would give rise, if occurring or continuing at the Effective Time, to the failure of a condition set forth in <u>Section 7.1</u> or <u>Section 7.2</u> and (B) has not been or is incapable of being cured by Parent prior to the earlier of the (x) Termination Date and (y) sixtieth (60th) calendar day after its receipt of written notice thereof from the Company;

(d) By Parent, if the Company shall have breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform (A) would give rise, if occurring or continuing at the Effective Time, to the failure of a condition set forth in <u>Section 6.1</u> or <u>Section 6.2</u> and (B) has not been or is incapable of being cured by the Company prior to the earlier of the (x) Termination Date and (y) sixtieth (60th) calendar day after its receipt of written notice thereof from Parent;

(e) By either the Company or Parent, if (i) there shall be any Law that makes consummation of the Mergers illegal or (ii) any Governmental Authority having competent jurisdiction shall have issued an Order or taken any other action permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the Mergers, and such Order or other action shall have become final and nonappealable; or

(f) By Parent, if stockholders of the Company representing at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the outstanding Common Stock do not enter into a Voting Agreement substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C hereto within one Business Day following the date hereof.

Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Agreement, the right to terminate this Agreement under this <u>Section 8.1</u> shall not be available to any party whose breach of its representations or warranties set forth herein or whose failure to fulfill its obligations or to comply with its covenants under this Agreement has been the primary cause of, or primarily resulted in, the failure to satisfy any condition to the obligations of the other party hereunder.

(8.2. <u>Expenses</u> . Whether or not the Mergers are consummated and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or the other transaction documents to be entered into in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, all expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (including any applicable stock transfer or similar Taxes) shall be paid by the party incurring such expenses.

8.3. Effect of Termination; Termination Fee .

(a) If this Agreement is terminated by Parent or the Company pursuant to <u>Section 8.1(e)(ii)</u> as a result of an order, decree, ruling or other action under Competition Laws or <u>Section 8.1(b)</u> and all of the conditions to Closing set forth in <u>Article VI</u> and <u>Article VII</u> (other)

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than (i) the conditions set forth in Section 6.3 and Section 7.3 and (ii) those other conditions that, by their nature, cannot be satisfied until the Closing Date, but, in the case of clause (ii), which conditions would be capable of satisfaction if the Closing Date were to occur on the date of such termination) have been satisfied or waived on or prior to the date of such termination, then Parent shall pay to the Company a fee of \$300,000,000 (the "Reverse Termination Fee") (which fee shall be payable within two (2) business days after written notice of such termination, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated in writing by the Company). If Parent fails to timely pay the Reverse Termination Fee when due pursuant to this Section 8.3, Parent shall pay to the Company interest on such amount at the prime rate of Citibank, N.A. in effect on the date such payment was required to be made through the date such payment was actually received. The Company agrees that in the event that the Reverse Termination Fee is paid to the Company pursuant to this Section 8.3. (i) the payment of such Reverse Termination Fee shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the Company, its equityholders and all of their Affiliates against Parent, the Merger Subs or any of their directors, officers and other Affiliates for, and (ii) in no event will the Company, its equityholders or any of their Affiliates be entitled to recover any other money damages or any other remedy based on a claim in law or equity with respect to, (1) any loss suffered as a result of the failure of the Mergers to be consummated, (2) the termination of this Agreement, (3) any liabilities or obligations arising under this Agreement, or (4) any claims or actions arising out of or relating to any breach, termination or failure of or under this Agreement, and upon payment to the Company of the Reverse Termination Fee in accordance with this Section 8.3(a), neither Parent, the Merger Subs nor any of their directors, officers or other Affiliates shall have any further liability or obligation to the Company, its equityholders or any of their Affiliates relating to or arising out of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in any circumstance in which the Reverse Termination Fee is paid (whether due to any willful, intentional or unintentional breach by Parent or a Merger Sub, or for any other reason), then the Company's sole and exclusive remedy (whether at law, in equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise) against Parent, the Merger Subs or any of their Affiliates, equityholders, controlling persons, stockholders, directors, officers, employees, agents or other representatives (the "Parent Related Parties") for any breach, loss or damage shall be to terminate this Agreement and receive payment of the Reverse Termination Fee, only to the extent provided for by this Section 8.3(a), and upon payment of such amount in accordance with this Section 8.3(a) no Person shall have any rights or claims against any of the Parent Related Parties under this Agreement, in respect of any oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith, in respect of the transactions contemplated hereby, whether at law or equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise, and none of the Parent Related Parties shall have any further liability or obligation relating to or arising out of this Agreement, in respect of any oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith or therewith, or in respect of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. Nothing herein shall limit the Company's rights under Section 8.4 prior to the termination of this Agreement or the Company's right to seek payment of and be paid the Reverse Termination Fee in accordance with this Agreement if the Company has pursued alternative remedies hereunder in lieu of pursuing the Reverse Termination Fee and the Company ceases to pursue such remedies without having obtained them.

(b) Each of the Company, Parent and each Merger Sub acknowledges that (i) the agreements contained in this <u>Section 8.3</u> are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by

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this Agreement, (ii) the Reverse Termination Fee is not a penalty, but is liquidated damages, in a reasonable amount that will compensate the Company and its Affiliates in the circumstances in which such fee is paid for the efforts and resources expended and opportunities foregone while negotiating this Agreement and in reliance on this Agreement and on the expectation of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which amount would otherwise be impossible to calculate with precision, and (iii) without these agreements, the parties would not enter into this Agreement.

(c) In the event of termination of this Agreement by either the Company or Parent as provided in <u>Section 8.1</u>, this Agreement will forthwith become void and have no further force or effect, without any Liability (other than, except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 8.3</u>, with respect to fraud or willful breach or as set forth in <u>Section 8.2</u> or this <u>Section 8.3</u>) on the part of Parent, any Merger Sub or the Company. The provisions of <u>Section 8.2</u>, this <u>Section 8.3</u>, <u>Section 9.7</u>, <u>Section 9.11</u>, <u>Section 9.12</u>, <u>Section 9.15</u> and <u>Section 9.16</u> and will survive any termination hereof.

8.4. Specific Performance .

(a) Subject to Section 8.3, the parties agree that irreparable damage, for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur if any provision of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with the terms hereof and that the parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions, specific performance and other equitable remedies to prevent and restrain breaches or threatened breaches of this Agreement or to enforce specifically the performance of the terms and provisions hereof in any court specified in Section 9.15, in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. The parties hereby waive, in any action for specific performance, the defense of adequacy of a remedy at law and the necessity of demonstrating damages or posting any bond or other security in connection therewith.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

9.1. <u>Nonsurvival of Representations and Warranties</u>. None of the representations and warranties in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time. This Section 9.1 shall not limit any covenant or agreement of the parties hereto which by its terms contemplates performance after the Effective Time.

9.2. <u>Amendment</u>. Prior to the Effective Time, this Agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented, but only in a writing signed by Parent and the Company.

9.3. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, request, instruction or other document or other communication to be given hereunder by a party hereto shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (i) when received if given in person or by courier or a courier service (providing proof of delivery), (ii) on the date of transmission if sent by confirmed facsimile, (iii) on the next Business Day if sent by an overnight delivery service (providing proof of delivery), or (iv) five (5) Business Days after being deposited in the U.S. mail, certified or registered mail, postage prepaid:

(a) If to the Company, addressed as follows:

USF Holding Corp. 9399 W. Higgins Road, Suite 600 Rosemont, IL 60018 Attention: Juliette W. Pryor Facsimile No.: (480) 293-2705

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with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017 Attention: Marni J. Lerner Facsimile No.: (212) 455-2502

(b) If to Parent or a Merger Sub, or after the Closing, the Surviving Company, addressed as follows:

Sysco Corporation 1390 Enclave Parkway Houston, TX 77077-2099 Attention: Russell T. Libby Facsimile No.: (281) 584-2510

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 Attention: Andrew R. Brownstein, Esq. Benjamin M. Roth, Esq. Facsimile No.: (212) 403-2000

or to such other individual or address as a party hereto may designate for itself by notice given as herein provided.

9.4. <u>Waivers</u>. The failure of a party hereto at any time or times to require performance of any provision hereof shall in no manner affect its right at a later time to enforce the same. No waiver by a party of any condition or of any breach of any term, covenant, representation or warranty contained in this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing, and no waiver in any one or more instances shall be deemed to be a further or continuing waiver of any such condition or breach in other instances or a waiver of any other condition or breach of any other term, covenant, representation or warranty.

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9.5. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and such counterparts may be delivered in electronic format (including by fax and email). Such delivery of counterparts shall be conclusive evidence of the intent to be bound hereby and each such counterpart and copies produced therefrom shall have the same effect as an original. To the extent applicable, the foregoing constitutes the election of the parties hereto to invoke any Law authorizing electronic signatures.

9.6. Interpretation . The headings preceding the text of Articles and Sections included in this Agreement and the headings to Sections of the Company Disclosure Letter are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter or be given any effect in interpreting this Agreement, the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter or be given any effect in interpreting this Agreement, the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter. The use of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender herein shall not limit any provision of this Agreement. The use of the terms "including" or "include" shall in all cases herein mean "including, without limitation" or "include, without limitation," respectively. Underscored references to Articles, Sections or Exhibits shall refer to those portions of this Agreement. Any singular term in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the plural, and any plural term in this Agreement the singular. "Writing", "written" and comparable terms refer to printing, typing and other means of reproducing words (including electronic format) in a visible form. If any action under this Agreement is required to be done or taken on a day that is not a Business Day, then such action shall be required to be done or taken not on such day but on the first succeeding Business Day thereafter. The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of like import used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. Any capitalized term used in any Exhibit, the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to such term in this Agreement. References from or through any date shall mean, unless otherwise specified, from and including or through and including, respectively. All references to dollars or to "\$" shall be references to United States dollars.

9.7. <u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW THEREOF.

9.8. <u>Binding Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

9.9. <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement and all of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and permitted assigns; <u>provided</u> that neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned (including by operation of law) by Parent or the Surviving Company without the prior written consent of the Company; <u>provided</u> that with the consent of Parent, either Merger Sub may assign (in whole but not in part) its rights and obligations under this Agreement to another wholly owned Subsidiary of Parent, but no such assignment shall relieve Parent of its obligations under this Agreement. Any purported assignment in contravention of this <u>Section 9.9</u> shall be null and void.

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9.10. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and, except for <u>Section 5.11, Section 8.3</u>, <u>Section 9.11</u> and <u>Section 9.12</u> no provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to confer upon third parties, either express or implied, any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action or other right.

9.11. <u>No Recourse</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or otherwise, this Agreement may only be enforced against, and any claims or causes of action that may be based upon, arise out of or relate to this Agreement, or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, may only be made against the entities and Persons that are expressly identified as parties to this Agreement in their capacities as such and no former, current or future stockholders, equity holders, controlling persons, directors, officers, employees, general or limited partners, members, managers, agents or Affiliates of any party hereto, or any former, current or future direct or indirect stockholder, equity holder, controlling person, director, officer, employee, general or limited partner, member, manager, agent or Affiliate of any of the foregoing (each, a "<u>Non-Recourse Party</u>") shall have any liability for any obligations or liabilities of the parties to this Agreement or for any claim (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) based on, in respect of, or by reason of, the transactions contemplated hereby or in respect of any oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith. Without limiting the rights of any party against the other parties hereto, in no event shall any party or any of its Affiliates seek to enforce this Agreement against, make any claims for breach of this Agreement against, or seek to recover monetary damages from, any Non-Recourse Party.

9.12. Release . Effective upon the Closing, Parent, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Surviving Company and each of its former, present and future Subsidiaries (each of the foregoing, a "Releasing Party"), hereby releases and forever discharges each former, current or future stockholders, equity holders, controlling persons, directors, officers, employees, general or limited partners, members, managers, agents or Affiliates of the Company and its Subsidiaries or any former, current or future stockholders, equity holders, controlling persons, directors, officers, employees, general or limited partners, members, managers, agents or Affiliates of the foregoing (or a fiduciary of any employee benefit plan of the Company or of any of its present or former Subsidiaries) (each of the foregoing, a " Released Party ") from any and all claims, rights, obligations, debts, liabilities, actions or causes of action of every kind and nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, contingent or actual, and whether now known or hereafter discovered, which any of the Releasing Parties had, now has or may in the future have, at law or in equity, against any Released Party in any way arising out of, in connection with, pertaining to or by reason of (i) their respective status as such or (ii) any acts or omissions, or alleged acts or omissions, by any of them in their respective capacities as such, which acts or omissions existed or occurred at or prior to the Closing (each, a "Released Claim"); provided, however, that the Releasing Parties expressly do not release their rights and interests (i) under (y) this Agreement or the Stockholders Agreement or (z) the Confidentiality Agreement and the joint defense agreement between the Company and Parent, (ii) with respect to claims, actions, causes of action or any liabilities that arise as a result of actual fraud, intentional misrepresentation or other criminal act by the Released Party or (iii) with respect to any claim of, or liability to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or any successor thereof) against any Released Party to the extent resulting from the Released Party's status as an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Each of Parent and each Merger Sub covenants and agrees that it will honor such

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release and will not, and will cause the Surviving Company and its Subsidiaries not to, take any action inconsistent therewith (including commencing any Litigation with respect to, or directly or indirectly transferring to another Person, any Released Claim). This <u>Section 9.12</u> shall survive the Closing, is intended for the benefit of and may be enforced directly by each of the Released Parties, and shall be binding on all successors and permitted assigns of Parent and the Surviving Company.

9.13. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Upon the reasonable request of Parent or the Surviving Company, each party will, on and after the Closing Date, execute and deliver to the other parties such other documents, assignments and other instruments as may be reasonably required to effectuate the Mergers and to effect and evidence the provisions of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

9.14. <u>Entire Understanding</u>. The Exhibits, the Company Disclosure Letter and the Parent Disclosure Letter identified in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. This Agreement, the Confidentiality Agreement and the confidentiality and joint defense agreement between the parties set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all prior agreements, arrangements and understandings among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

9.15. JURISDICTION OF DISPUTES . IN THE EVENT ANY PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT COMMENCES ANY LITIGATION, PROCEEDING OR OTHER LEGAL ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATING TO NEGOTIATION, EXPLORATION, DUE DILIGENCE WITH RESPECT TO OR ENTERING INTO OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY MATTERS DESCRIBED OR CONTEMPLATED HEREIN, THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY (A) AGREE THAT ANY SUCH LITIGATION, PROCEEDING OR OTHER LEGAL ACTION SHALL BE INSTITUTED EXCLUSIVELY IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, WHETHER A STATE OR FEDERAL COURT; (B) AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF ANY SUCH LITIGATION, PROCEEDING OR ACTION, SUCH PARTIES WILL CONSENT AND SUBMIT TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION IN ANY SUCH COURT DESCRIBED IN CLAUSE (A) OF THIS SECTION 9.15 AND TO SERVICE OF PROCESS UPON THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND STATUTES GOVERNING SERVICE OF PROCESS; (C) AGREE TO WAIVE TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY OBJECTION THAT THEY MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH LITIGATION, PROCEEDING OR ACTION IN ANY SUCH COURT OR THAT ANY SUCH LITIGATION, PROCEEDING OR ACTION WAS BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM; (D) AGREE AS AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF SERVICE TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING BY MAILING OF COPIES THEREOF TO SUCH PARTY AT ITS ADDRESS SET FORTH IN SECTION 9.3 FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO SUCH PARTY; (E) AGREE THAT ANY SERVICE MADE AS PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AND BINDING SERVICE IN EVERY RESPECT; AND (F) AGREE THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF ANY PARTY TO EFFECT SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY DISPUTE REGARDING THE CALCULATION OF 2013 ADJUSTED EBITDA SHALL BE GOVERNED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2.10.

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9.16. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES OF FACT AND LAW, AND THEREFORE, EACH SUCH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT SUCH PARTY MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION, EXPLORATION, DUE DILIGENCE WITH RESPECT TO OR ENTERING INTO OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (A) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (B) EACH PARTY UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER, (C) EACH PARTY MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY, AND (D) EACH PARTY HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>SECTION 9.16</u>.

9.17. Disclosure Letters . Disclosure in any section or subsection of the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter shall apply only to the indicated Section of this Agreement, except to the extent that it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure that such disclosure is applicable to or relevant to another Section of this Agreement. The inclusion of information in the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter shall not be construed as an admission that such information is material to any of the Company or its Subsidiaries or to any of Parent or its Subsidiaries, as applicable. In addition, matters reflected in the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter are not necessarily limited to matters required by this Agreement to be reflected in the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter. Such additional matters are set forth for informational purposes only and do not necessarily include other matters of a similar nature. Neither the specifications of any dollar amount in any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement nor the inclusion of any specific item in the Company Disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure Letter or the parent or lower amounts, or the item so included or other items, are or are not material, and shall not be construed as an admission of liability or responsibility under any Law or in any dispute or controversy. Further, neither the specification of any disclosure Letter or the Parent Disclosure as an admission of any specific item in the company Disclosure for any dispute or controversy. Further, neither the specification of any item or matter in any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement nor the inclusion of any specific item in the ordinary course of business (except where expressly stated in the relevant representation, warranty or covenant), and shall not be construed as

9.18. <u>Severability</u>. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is invalid or unenforceable in any situation in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation or in any other situation or in any other jurisdiction. If the

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final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction declares that any term or provision hereof is invalid or unenforceable, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law in an acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible.

9.19. <u>Construction</u>. The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, the language shall be construed as mutually chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any party. Any reference to any federal, state, local or foreign statute or Law shall be deemed also to refer to all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, unless the context requires otherwise.

[Signature pages follow]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

USF HOLDING CORP.

By: <u>/s/ Juliette W. Pryor</u> Name: Juliette W. Pryor Title: Executive Vice President

SYSCO CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Russell T. Libby</u> Name: Russell T. Libby Title: Senior Vice President & General Counsel

SCORPION CORPORATION I, INC.

By: /s/ Russell T. Libby Name: Russell T. Libby Title: Vice President & Secretary

SCORPION COMPANY II, LLC

By: /s/ Russell T. Libby Name: Russell T. Libby Title: Vice President & Secretary

Schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit will be furnished supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

Company Disclosure Letter-List of Schedules

Section 1.1(b)	Indebtedness
Section 1.1(c)	Knowledge of the Company
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Section 3.1(b)(i)	Holders of Common Stock and Equity Awards Capitalization
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Section 3.1(d)	Outstanding Indebtedness In Excess of \$5,000,000
Section 3.3	Consents and Approvals
Section 3.4(a)	Financial Statements; No Undisclosed Liabilities
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Section 3.15(a)	Collective Bargaining Agreements and Labor Relations
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Section 3.18	Affiliate Agreements
Section 5.2	Preservation of Company Business
Section 5.12	Termination of Affiliate Agreements

Parent Disclosure Letter-List of Schedules

Section 4.2(a)	Knowledge of the Parent
Section 4.2(a)	Capital Structure
Section 4.8	Litigation