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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 18, 2021

GARTNER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-14443 (Commission File Number) 04-3099750 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

P.O. Box 10212 56 Top Gallant Road Stamford, CT 06902-7700

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0005 per value per share	IT	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company $\ \square$

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

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Indenture and Notes Issuance

On June 18, 2021, Gartner, Inc. (the "Company") closed its previously announced offering of \$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.625 % Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes"). The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of June 18, 2021 (the "Indenture"), among the Company, the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"). The Notes were offered and sold only to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers (as defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")) pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and outside the United States only to non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Notes were issued at an issue price of 100.000% and bear interest at a rate of 3.625% per annum. Interest on the Notes is payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning on December 15, 2021. The Notes will mature on June 15, 2029. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes (i) to repay a portion of the outstanding borrowings under the Company's existing term loan facility, (ii) to pay related fees and expenses and (iii) the remainder, for general corporate purposes.

The Company may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time on or after June 15, 2024 for cash at the redemption prices set forth in the Indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date. Prior to June 15, 2024, the Company may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes with the proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price of 103.625% plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date. In addition, the Company may redeem some or all of the Notes prior to June 15, 2024, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date, plus a "make-whole" premium. If the Company experiences specific kinds of change of control and a ratings decline, it will be required to offer to repurchase the Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the repurchase date.

The Notes are the Company's general unsecured senior obligations, and are effectively subordinated to all of the Company's existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness, structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the Company's non-guarantor subsidiaries, equal in right of payment to all of the Company's and Company's guarantor subsidiaries' existing and future senior indebtedness and senior in right of payment to all of the Company's future subordinated indebtedness, if any. The Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by certain of the Company's domestic subsidiaries that have outstanding indebtedness or guarantee other specified indebtedness.

The Indenture contains covenants that limit, among other things, the Company's ability and the ability of some of the Company's subsidiaries to:

- create liens; and
- merge or consolidate with other entities.

These covenants will be subject to a number of exceptions and qualifications.

The Indenture also provides for events of default, which, if any of them occurs, would permit or require the principal, premium, if any, and interest on all the then outstanding Notes issued under the Indenture to be due and payable.

The foregoing description of the Indenture and the Notes does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Indenture and the form of Notes (included in the Indenture), which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 herewith and incorporated by reference herein.

The Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act. The Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 above is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01.	Financial Statements and Exhibits.
Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description
4.1	Indenture (including form of Notes), dated as of June 18, 2021, among Gartner, Inc., the guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, relating to the \$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.625% Senior Notes due 2029.

104 Cover Page for Interactive Data File, formatted in Inline XBRL (included as Exhibit 101).

SIGNATURES

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

Date: June 21, 2021

By: /s/ Craig W. Safian

Craig W. Safian Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTION VERSION

GARTNER, INC.

3.625% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2029

INDENTURE

Dated as of June 18, 2021

U.S. Bank National Association

as

Trustee

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INDENTURE, dated as of June 18, 2021, by and among Gartner, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), the Guarantors (as defined herein) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>").

The Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

SECTION 1.01. Definitions.

"<u>Additional Notes</u>" means the additional Notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued from time to time in compliance with and under this Indenture after the Issue Date, whether or not they bear the same CUSIP number as the Initial Notes.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" of any specified Person means any other Person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or authenticating agent.

"Applicable Premium" means with respect to a Note at any redemption date, the greater of

(1) 1.00% of the principal amount of such Note; and

(2) the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at such redemption date of (i) the redemption price of such Note on June 15, 2024, set forth in the table appearing in <u>Section 3.07</u> hereof plus (ii) all required remaining scheduled interest payments due on such Note through June 15, 2024 (but excluding accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such redemption date plus 0.50%, over (b) the principal amount of such Note on such redemption date.

"<u>Applicable Procedures</u>" means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

"Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11, U.S. Code, as amended, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

"<u>Below Investment Grade Rating Event</u>" with respect to the Notes means that the rating of the Notes is lowered by two or more of the Rating Agencies and the Notes are rated below Investment Grade by two or more of the Rating Agencies, and such lowering occurs on any date from the date of the public notice of the Company's intention to effect a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which 60-day period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies as a result of the Change of Control); *provided* that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect to a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event hereunder) if the Rating Agency or Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee and the Company in writing at its or the Company's request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

"<u>beneficial ownership</u>" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, and "beneficial owner" has a corresponding meaning.

"Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such Board.

"Business Day" means each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Trustee or commercial banking institutions are authorized or required by law to close in New York City.

"<u>Capitalized Lease Obligations</u>" means as to any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital or finance leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP (as in effect on the Issue Date) and, the amount of such obligations at any time shall be the capitalized amount thereof at such time determined in accordance with GAAP (as in effect on the Issue Date). Any lease that would be characterized as an operating lease in accordance with GAAP on the Issue Date (whether or not such operating lease was in effect on the Issue Date) shall continue to be accounted for as an operating lease (and not as a capital or finance lease), regardless of any change in GAAP following the Issue Date that would otherwise require such lease to be re-characterized (on a prospective or retroactive basis or otherwise) as a capital or finance lease.

"<u>Capital Stock</u>" of any Person means any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any Preferred Stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible or exchangeable into such equity.

"Cash Equivalents" means the (a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the U.S. Government or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in each case maturing within two years from the date of acquisition; (b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits, eurodollar certificates or overnight bank deposits of (i) any domestic commercial bank of recognized standing having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000, (ii) any U.S. branch or agency of a non-U.S. commercial bank of internationally recognized standing, having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 or (iii) any bank whose short-term commercial paper rating is at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof from S&P or at least P-2 or the equivalent thereof from Moody's (any such bank being an "<u>Approved Bank</u>"), in each case with maturities of not more than 364 days from the date of acquisition; (c) commercial paper and variable or fixed rate notes issued by any Approved Bank (or by any Affiliate or Subsidiary thereof) or any variable rate notes issued by, or guaranteed by any domestic corporation rated A-2 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by S&P or P-2 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by Moody's, or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issues generally, and maturing within six months of the date of acquisition; (d) repurchase obligations of any lender or of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition, having a term of not more than 30 days, with respect to securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the U.S. government; (e) securities with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, by any political subdivision or taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth or territory or by any foreign government, the securities of which state, commonwealth, territory, political subdivision, taxing authority or foreign government (as the case may be) are rated at least A by S&P or A by Moody's; (f) securities with maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition backed by standby letters of credit issued by any lender (or any Affiliate or Subsidiary thereof) or any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition; (g) money market mutual or similar funds that invest primarily in assets satisfying the requirements of



clauses (a) through (f) of this definition; (h) money market funds that (i) comply with the criteria set forth in SEC Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (ii) are rated A by S&P and A1 by Moody's and (iii) have portfolio assets of at least \$5,000,000,000; or (i) other short-term investments utilized by the Company's Foreign Subsidiaries in accordance with normal investment practices for cash management in investments of a type analogous to the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Cash Equivalents shall include amounts denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollars and Euros; *provided* that such amounts are converted into such currencies as promptly as practicable and in any event within 10 Business Days following the receipt of such amounts.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as such term is used in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act or any successor provision), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; or

(2) the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person or the merger of another Person with or into the Company or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company (determined on a consolidated basis) to another Person;

provided, however, that no such transaction (including a transaction in which the Company becomes a Subsidiary of another Person) shall constitute a Change of Control if (a) following such transaction, holders of securities that represented 100% of the Voting Stock of the Company (or a holding company for the Company) immediately prior to such transaction (or other securities into which such securities are converted as part of a merger or consolidation transaction) own, directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company or such surviving Person or, in the case of a holding company for the Company or such surviving Person, such holding company satisfying the requirements of this clause, beneficially owns, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, a majority of the total voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such surviving Person or, in the case of a holding company for the case of a holding company for the company or such transaction, no Person, other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this clause, beneficially owns, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, a majority of the total voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such surviving Person or, in the case of a holding company for the Company or such surviving Person, such holding company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (a) the Company becomes a direct Subsidiary of a holding company, (b) such holding company owns no assets other than the Capital Stock of the Company and (c) upon completion of such transaction, the ultimate beneficial ownership of the Company has not been modified by such transaction.

"<u>Change of Control Triggering Event</u>" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Common Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company.

"<u>Company</u>" means the Person named as the "Company" in the introductory paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter, the term "Company" shall mean such successor Person and each successive successor Person.

"<u>Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio</u>" means, with respect to any Person, the ratio of the aggregate amount of EBITDA of such Person for the four full fiscal quarters, treated as one period, for which financial information in respect thereof is available immediately preceding the date of the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (such four full fiscal quarter period being referred to herein as the "Four Quarter Period") to the aggregate amount of Consolidated Fixed Charges of such Person for the Four Quarter Period.

The Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated on a pro forma basis giving effect to:

(a) the incurrence of Indebtedness secured by a Lien requiring calculation of such exception or threshold and (if applicable) the application of the net proceeds therefrom, including to Refinance other Indebtedness, as if such Indebtedness were incurred at the beginning of the Four Quarter Period (except that, in making such computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the Four Quarter Period during the period from the date of creation of such facility to the date of such calculation or if such facility was created after the end of the Four Quarter Period, based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the period from the date of such calculation or such shorter period);

(b) the incurrence, repayment, defeasance, retirement or discharge of any other Indebtedness by the Company and its Subsidiaries since the first day of the Four Quarter Period as if such Indebtedness was incurred, repaid, defeased, retired or discharged at the beginning of the Four Quarter Period (except that, in making such computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the Four Quarter Period or such shorter for which such facility was outstanding (or, if such facility was created after the end of the Four Quarter Period, based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the period from the date of creation of such facility to the date of such calculation or such shorter period); and

(c) any asset sale or asset acquisition (other than in the ordinary course of business) occurring since the first day of the Four Quarter Period (including to the date of calculation) as if such acquisition or disposition occurred at the beginning of such Four Quarter Period.

Whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any investment, acquisition, disposition or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto and the amount of Consolidated Interest Expense associated with any Indebtedness incurred or repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged in connection therewith, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including without limitation in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such investment, acquisition, disposition or other transaction that have been or are expected to be realized) shall be as determined in good faith by the chief financial officer or an authorized officer of the Company. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any interest rate hedging agreement permitted by this Indenture applicable to such Indebtedness). If any interest bears, at the option of the Company or a Subsidiary, a rate of interest based on a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate or other fixed or floating rate, and such Indebtedness is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated by applying such optional rate as the Company or such Subsidiary may designate. Interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Company to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP, subject to the definition of Capitalized Lease Obligation hereunder.

If such Person or any of its Subsidiaries directly or indirectly guarantees Indebtedness of a third Person, the above clause shall give effect to the incurrence of such guaranteed Indebtedness as if such Person or such Subsidiary had directly incurred or otherwise assumed such guaranteed Indebtedness.

"Consolidated Fixed Charges" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of, without duplication, the amounts for such period of:

(i) Consolidated Interest Expense; and

(ii) the aggregate amount of dividends and other distributions paid in cash during such period in respect of Disqualified Stock of such Person and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

"<u>Consolidated Interest Expense</u>" means for any period, total interest expense, net of any interest income, (including that attributable to Capitalized Lease Obligations) of the Company and its Subsidiaries for such period with respect to all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries (including all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit and bankers' acceptance financing and net payments made (less net payments, if any, received) under swap agreements in respect of interest rates to the extent such net payments are allocable to such period in accordance with GAAP) *minus*, to the extent included in interest expense, any payments required in connection with the termination of any swap agreement and all premiums paid, gains/losses incurred, charges and fees paid, in each case by the Company and its Subsidiaries in connection with the redemption, repurchase or retirement of Indebtedness, amortization of debt discounts and premiums and any interest income for the period.

"<u>Consolidated Net Income</u>" means, for any period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of the Company and its Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; *provided* that there shall be excluded:

(a) the income (or deficit) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Subsidiary of the Company or, other than an existing Subsidiary, is merged into or consolidated with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(b) the income (or deficit) of any Person (other than a Subsidiary of the Company) in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has an ownership interest, except to the extent that any such income is actually received by the Company or such Subsidiary in the form of dividends or similar distributions;

(c) the undistributed earnings of any Subsidiary of the Company to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Subsidiary to the Company or another Subsidiary is not at the time permitted by the terms of the charter, by-laws or similar governing document of such Subsidiary;

(d) any gain (or loss) realized upon the sale or other disposition of any assets of the Company or any Subsidiary (including pursuant to any sale and leaseback arrangement) which is not sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business;

(e) any net after-tax gain (loss) attributable to the early repurchase, extinguishment or conversion of Indebtedness, hedging obligations or other derivative instruments;

(f) any unrealized foreign currency gains or losses in respect of Indebtedness of any Person denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of such Person; and

(g) any income or loss from discontinued operations; *provided* that Consolidated Net Income attributable to any Subsidiary or line of business that is or becomes accounted for as a discontinued operation because it is being held for sale shall not be excluded from Consolidated Net Income (it being understood that upon the consummation of the actual sale of such Subsidiary or line of business, the results thereof shall be excluded from Consolidated Net Income as if such sale occurred at the beginning of the applicable period);

provided, further, however, that Consolidated Net Income for any period shall be determined after excluding the effects of adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to the Company and its Subsidiaries) if any line item in the Company's consolidated financial statements in such period pursuant to GAAP resulting from the application of purchase accounting in relation to any completed acquisition.

"<u>Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee</u>" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in <u>Section 11.01</u> hereof or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Company.

"Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, sequester or similar official under the Bankruptcy Code.

"Debt Facilities" means one or more debt facilities or agreements (including, without limitation, the Senior Secured Credit Agreement) or commercial paper facilities, securities purchase agreements, indentures or similar agreements, providing for revolving loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from lenders against such receivables), notes, debentures, letters of credit or the issuance and sale of securities or other debt financing, including any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and, in each case, as amended, extended, renewed, restated, replaced (whether upon or after termination or otherwise), Refinanced, supplemented, modified or otherwise changed (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions) from time to time.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Definitive Note" has the meaning given in Appendix A.

"<u>Depositary</u>" means, with respect to the Notes issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in <u>Section 2.03</u> hereof as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as Depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"<u>Disqualified Stock</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock which by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable at the option of the holder) or upon the happening of any event:

(1) matures (excluding any maturities as a result of an optional redemption by the issuer thereof) or is mandatorily redeemable pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise;

(2) is convertible or exchangeable at the option of the holder for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock; or

(3) is mandatorily redeemable or must be purchased upon the occurrence of certain events or otherwise, in whole or in part;

in each case on or prior to 91 days after the earlier of the Stated Maturity of the Notes or the date the Notes are no longer outstanding, except any Capital Stock that is solely redeemable with, or solely exchangeable for, any Capital Stock of such Person that is not otherwise Disqualified Stock; *provided*, *however*, that if such Capital Stock is issued to any employee or to any plan for the benefit of employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Capital Stock shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Company or its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy obligations as a result of such employee's death or disability; *provided*, *further*, *however*, that any Capital Stock that would not constitute Disqualified Stock but for provisions thereof giving holders thereof the right to require such Person to purchase or redeem such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a "change of control" occurring on or prior to 91 days after the Stated Maturity of the Notes shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if: (1) the "change of control" provisions applicable to such Capital Stock are not more favorable to the holders of such Capital Stock than the terms applicable to the Notes and described under <u>Section 4.08</u> hereof; and

(2) any such requirement only becomes operative after compliance with such terms applicable to the Notes, including the purchase of any Notes tendered pursuant thereto.

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary of the Company that is organized under the laws of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia other than a Foreign Subsidiary.

"EBITDA" for any period means Consolidated Net Income for such period, plus

(a) without duplication and to the extent deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income, for such period, the sum of

(i) income tax expense,

(ii) interest expense, amortization or writeoff of debt discount and debt issuance costs and commissions, prepayment penalties, agency fees under debt facilities, amortization or expensing of deferred financing fees, amendment and consent fees, discounts and other fees and charges associated with Indebtedness (including the Notes),

(iii) depreciation, accretion and amortization expense,

(iv) amortization of intangibles (including, but not limited to, goodwill) and organization costs,

(v) any extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring, expenses, charges or losses,

(vi) any non-cash (A) compensation charges or other expenses or charges arising from or in connection with the grant or issuance of stock, stock options, other equity-based awards, stock appreciation or restricted stock units or similar rights to the directors, officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries, (B) loss on investments excluding marketable securities, (C) write-offs or write-downs not included in depreciation and (D) write-offs or write-downs on impairment of any goodwill or intangible assets,

(vii) costs, expenses or charges (including advisory, legal and professional fees) related to any acquisitions, investments, dispositions and debt issuances or equity financings, recapitalization or incurrence, amendment, waiver, modification or refinancing of any Indebtedness (whether or not consummated), including (A) such fees, costs, expenses or charges related to the offering of the Notes, the Existing Senior Notes and any Debt Facilities, (B) any amendment or modification of the Notes, the Existing Senior Notes or any Debt Facility and (C) any restructuring and integration expenses, including relating to employee severance or facilities consolidation,

(viii) any charges, expenses or other impacts attributable to application of the purchase method of accounting (including the total amount of depreciation and amortization, cost of sales or other non-cash expense resulting from the write-up of assets to the extent resulting from such purchase accounting adjustments),

(ix) non-cash expenses and losses (including any premiums paid) relating to hedging activities or derivative instruments (including any early repurchase, extinguishment or conversion thereof),

(x) charges taken related to stock repurchases,

(xi) cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies related to any acquisitions, dispositions, investments in Subsidiaries (or investments that result in Persons becoming Subsidiaries of the Company), restructurings, cost savings initiatives and other initiatives and/or actions (calculated on a pro forma basis as though such cost savings initiatives, operating expense reductions or cost synergies had been implemented on the first day of such period); *provided* that, in the good faith determination of the Company (A) such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies are reasonably identifiable and supportable and (B) such actions have been taken or initiated, or expected to be taken or initiated on or prior to the date that is 24 months after the end of the relevant period,

(xii) (A) all gains, expenses, losses or charges as a result of, or in connection with, sales, dispositions or abandonments of assets outside the ordinary course of business (including, without limitation, asset retirement costs), (B) expenses, losses or charges from disposed, abandoned, divested and/or discontinued assets, properties or operations and/or discontinued assets, properties and operations (other than, at the option of the Company, assets or properties or operations pending the divestiture or termination thereof) and (C) business optimization expenses,

(xiii) earn-out obligations or other purchase price adjustments or holdbacks based on items included in Consolidated Net Income and incurred in connection with any acquisition or other investment paid or accrued and any related expenses so long as such obligations, adjustments or holdbacks are limited in duration,

(xiv) any net unrealized foreign currency losses in respect of Indebtedness of any Person denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of such Person,

(xv) any net after tax losses on disposal of discontinued operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries allocable to non-controlling interests in unconsolidated Persons or to investments in Subsidiaries to the extent of the aggregate investment of the Company or any Subsidiary in such Person,

(xvi) any modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans, settlement costs incurred to annuitize retirees or facilitate lump-sum buyout offers under pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans or mark-to-market adjustments under pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans,

(xvii) any other non-cash expenses, losses or charges (including, without limitation (A) any charges, expenses or write-downs for impacts attributable to the application of the purchase method of accounting (including the total amount of depreciation and amortization, cost of sales or other non-cash expense resulting from the write-up of assets to the extent resulting from such purchase accounting adjustments) and (B) write-downs for the effects of fair value adjustments to property and equipment and leasehold improvements, goodwill, intangible assets, deferred revenue and debt line items in the Company's consolidated financial statements pursuant to GAAP resulting from the application of acquisition accounting in relation to any consummated acquisition and the amortization or write-off or removal of revenue otherwise recognizable of any amounts thereof); minus

(b) without duplication:

(i) income tax benefit for such period,

(ii) any net unrealized gain resulting in such period from hedging obligations or derivative instruments in the ordinary course of business, and

(iii) any net unrealized foreign currency gains in respect of Indebtedness of any Person denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of such Person.

For purposes of determining compliance with any exception or threshold in this Indenture determined by reference to EBITDA, EBITDA will be determined on a pro forma basis consistent with the adjustments described under the definition of Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"<u>Equity Offering</u>" means a private or public sale for cash after the Issue Date of Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) to Persons who are not Subsidiaries of the Company other than (1) public offerings with respect to the Company's Common Stock registered on Form S-8 and (2) issuances upon exercise of options by employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"<u>Existing Senior Notes</u>" means (i) the Company's 4.500% Senior Notes due 2028 issued pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of June 22, 2020 and (ii) the Company's 3.750% Senior Notes due 2030 issued pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of September 28, 2020, in each case, among the Company, the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.

"Fitch" means Fitch Inc., a subsidiary of Fimalac, S.A., and any successor to its rating agency business.

"<u>Foreign Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary that (1) is not organized under the laws of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia or (2) is organized under the laws of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and is a Subsidiary of a Subsidiary described in the forgoing clause (1).

"<u>GAAP</u>" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect from time to time, including those set forth in:

(1) the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

(2) statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board; and

(3) such other statements by such other entity as approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession.

Except as otherwise provided herein, all ratios and computations based on GAAP contained in this Indenture shall be computed to the extent relevant in conformity with GAAP.

"Global Notes Legend" has the meaning given in Appendix A.

"<u>Global Notes</u>" means, individually and collectively, each of the Notes issued or issuable in the global form of <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto issued in accordance with <u>Section 2.01</u> hereof or <u>Section 2.3(b)</u> of Appendix A.

"<u>Government Securities</u>" means securities that are (1) direct obligations of the United States for the timely payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (2) obligations of a Person controlled or

supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation of the United States, which, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act), as custodian with respect to any such Government Securities or a specific payment of principal of or interest on any such Government Securities held by such custodian for the account of the holder of such depositary receipt; *provided* that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Securities or the specific payment of principal of or interest on the Government Securities evidenced by such depositary receipt.

"Guarantee" means a guarantee by a Subsidiary of the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes.

"<u>Guarantee Obligation</u>" means as to any Person (the "<u>guaranteeing person</u>"), any obligation, including a reimbursement, counterindemnity or similar obligation, of the guaranteeing person that guarantees or in effect guarantees, or which is given to induce the creation of a separate obligation by another Person (including any bank under any letter of credit) that guarantees or in effect guarantees, any Indebtedness, leases, dividends or other obligations (the "<u>primary obligations</u>") of any other third Person (the "<u>primary obligor</u>") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of the guaranteeing person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (1) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (2) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, (iii) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof; *provided, however*, that the term Guarantee Obligation shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any Guarantee Obligation in respect of which such Guarantee Obligation is made and (b) the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee Obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee Obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee

"<u>Guarantors</u>" means each Subsidiary of the Company that executes this Indenture as a guarantor on the Issue Date and each other Subsidiary of the Company that thereafter executes a supplemental indenture substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto (with such additions, deletions or modifications the Company determines are permitted hereunder or are reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee) providing its Guarantee pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

"Holder" means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication:

(a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money,

(b) all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price or deferred consideration or similar arrangements in respect of property or services (other than (i) trade payables and other liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of such Person's business and (ii) any earnout obligation until such obligation becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP),

(c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or other similar instruments,

(d) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business,

(e) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person,

(f) all Guarantee Obligations of such Person in respect of obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (e) above, and

(g) all obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (f) above secured by (or for which the holder of such obligation has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property (including accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, whether or not such Person has assumed or become liable for the payment of such obligation.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither deferred compensation nor any pension obligations or liabilities shall be deemed to constitute "Indebtedness." The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness expressly provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Initial Notes" means the Notes issued on the Issue Date.

"<u>Investment Grade</u>" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's, BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, BBB- (or the equivalent) from Fitch, or an equivalent rating by any other Rating Agency.

"Issue Date" means June 18, 2021.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or lease in the nature thereof). For the avoidance of doubt, the grant by any Person of a non-exclusive license to use intellectual property owned by, licensed to, or developed by such Person and such license activity shall not constitute a grant by such Person of a Lien on such intellectual property.

"<u>Material Capital Markets Debt</u>" means any Indebtedness consisting of bonds, debentures, notes or other similar debt securities issued in (a) a public offering registered under the Securities Act, (b) a private placement to institutional investors that is resold in accordance with Rule 144A or Regulation S of the Securities Act or (c) a placement to institutional investors, in each case in aggregate principal amount of \$150.0 million or more. The term "Material Capital Markets Debt" shall not include any Indebtedness under commercial bank or syndicated loan facilities or other loan facilities or similar Indebtedness or any other type of Indebtedness incurred in a manner not customarily viewed as a "securities offering."

"Maturity Date" June 15, 2029.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor to its rating agency business.

"<u>Net Cash Proceeds</u>," with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, means the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result thereof.

"Note Custodian" means the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary with respect to the Notes in global form, or any successor entity thereto.

"Notes" means the Initial Notes and any Additional Notes issued under this Indenture.

"<u>Obligations</u>" means any principal, premium (if any), interest and interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization relating to the Company or its Subsidiaries whether or not a claim for post-filing interest is allowed in such proceeding), penalties, fees, charges, expenses, indemnifications, reimbursement obligations, damages, guarantees (including the Guarantees) and other liabilities or amounts payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness or in respect thereof.

"Offering Memorandum" means the offering memorandum, dated June 15, 2021, related to the offer and sale of the Notes.

"<u>Officer</u>" means the chairman of the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer, the president, the chief financial officer, any executive vice president, senior vice president or vice president, the treasurer or any assistant treasurer or the secretary or any assistant secretary of the Company.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by an Officer of the Company, that meets the requirements of Section 11.03 hereof.

"<u>Opinion of Counsel</u>" means a written opinion signed by legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company, or other counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, that meets the requirements of <u>Section 11.03</u> hereof.

"Participant" means, with respect to DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

"Permitted Liens" means:

(i) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges not yet due or the nonpayment of which in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; *provided* that adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of the management of the Company) with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Company or its subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP;

(ii) statutory or common law Liens of landlords, carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business that are not overdue for a period of more than 90 days or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;

(iii) pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business (i) in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation and (ii) securing liability for reimbursement or indemnification obligations of (including obligations in respect of bank guarantees issued for the account of Foreign Subsidiaries) insurance carriers providing property, casualty or liability insurance to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(iv) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, governmental contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety, customs and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature (including those required or requested by any governmental authority) incurred in the ordinary course of business, and earnest money deposits to secure obligations under purchase agreements;

(v) Liens securing Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary incurred in respect of (i) performance bonds, completion guarantees, surety bonds, bankers' acceptances, letters of credit or other similar bonds, instruments or obligations in the ordinary course of business, including Indebtedness evidenced by letters of credit issued in the ordinary course of business to support the insurance or self-insurance obligations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (including to secure workers' compensation and other similar insurance coverages), but excluding letters of credit issued in respect of or to secure money borrowed;

(vi) Liens securing Indebtedness (including, without limitation, Capitalized Lease Obligations, industrial development or similar bonds, or tax-advantaged governmental or quasi-governmental financings) and Purchase Money Obligations (including obligations in respect of mortgage or other similar financings) to finance the purchase, repair or improvement of fixed or capital assets or real or personal property; *provided*, *however*, that, immediately after giving effect to any such incurrence, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens pursuant to this clause (vi) and then outstanding shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$345.0 million and (y) 5.0% of the consolidated total assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of the fiscal quarter most recently ended at or prior to such time and for which financial statements are available, calculated on a pro forma basis; *provided further* that such Liens (other than in the case of Liens securing industrial development or similar bonds, or tax-advantaged governmental or quasi-governmental financings, in which case Liens may encumber such property as may be permitted under the terms of such financings) do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness, replacements, additions and accessions thereto and the proceeds thereof;

(vii) leases, subleases, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions (including zoning restrictions) and other similar encumbrances and minor title defects incurred in the ordinary course of business that do not in any case materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(viii) Liens securing Guarantee Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business by the Company or any Subsidiary of obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary, including Guarantee Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations of (or to) suppliers, customers, franchisees, lessors and licensees, other than in respect of Indebtedness for borrowed money;

(ix) Liens in favor of the Company or a Guarantor;

(x) Liens created on or existing on the Issue Date (with the exception of Liens securing the Senior Secured Credit Agreement on the Issue Date, which will be deemed incurred pursuant to clause (xxvii) of this definition) securing Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date, and any Refinancing thereof, including any associated costs, fee, expenses, premiums and accrued plus unpaid interest;

(xi) Liens on any property or asset existing at the time of the acquisition thereof, Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged into or consolidated with the Company or a Subsidiary and Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; *provided* that (i) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition, merger or consolidation or such Person becoming a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary and (iii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the date

of such acquisition, merger or consolidation or the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary, as the case may be, and any Refinancing thereof not to exceed the outstanding principal amount thereof together with associated costs, fees, expenses, premiums and accrued but unpaid interest;

(xii) any judgment Lien not constituting an Event of Default;

(xiii) any interest or title of a licensor or sublicensor of intellectual property or any lessor or sublessor under any license or sublicense agreement (including software and other technology licenses) or lease or sublease entered into by the Company or any other Subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business;

(xiv) Liens securing Indebtedness of a Foreign Subsidiary to the Company or any other Subsidiary or Indebtedness that was incurred in connection with the acquisition of such Foreign Subsidiary; *provided, however*, that, immediately after giving effect to any such incurrence, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens pursuant to this clause (xiv) and then outstanding shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$180.0 million and (y) 20% of EBITDA for the four fiscal quarter period most recently ended at or prior to such time and for which financial statements are available, calculated on a pro forma basis, and any Refinancing thereof; *provided further* that such Liens do not extend to cover any assets other than the assets of such Foreign Subsidiary;

(xv) Liens arising from precautionary UCC (or other similar recording or notice statutes) financing statement filings;

(xvi) Liens in favor of a (i) banking or other financial institution arising as a matter of law or under customary general terms and conditions encumbering deposits (including the right of set-off) incurred in the ordinary course of business or arising pursuant to such banking institutions' general terms and conditions or (ii) a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the UCC on the items in the course of collection;

(xvii) Liens (i) on cash advances in favor of the seller of any acquired property or (ii) consisting of an agreement to dispose of any property;

(xviii) Liens on property of any Foreign Subsidiary securing Indebtedness of such Foreign Subsidiary;

(xix) Liens on cash or Cash Equivalents securing reimbursement obligations of the Company under letters of credit incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(xx) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement with respect to a transaction and Liens in connection with escrow arrangements for the proceeds of Indebtedness intended to fund an acquisition (or refinance, replace, modify, repay, redeem, refund, renew or extend Indebtedness in connection therewith) and related costs and expenses (including any refinancing, replacement, modification, repayment, redemption, refunding, renewal or extension thereof);

(xxi) Liens securing Indebtedness in respect of hedging obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

(xxii) ground leases in respect of real property on which facilities owned or leased by the Company and any of its Subsidiaries are located;

(xxiii) interest or title of a lessor or sublessor under leases or subleases entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(xxiv) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off or rights of pledge or otherwise attaching to the applicable deposit or pooled accounts (i) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (ii) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to permit satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (iii) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into with customers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(xxv) Liens securing Indebtedness consisting of the financing of insurance premiums in the ordinary course of business;

(xxvi) Liens in favor of the Holders of the Notes and the Guarantees and for any trustee or agents acting on their behalf;

(xxvii) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred by the Company and Subsidiaries pursuant to Debt Facilities; *provided*, *however*, that, immediately after giving effect to any such incurrence, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens pursuant to this clause (xxvii) and then outstanding shall not exceed the greater of (i) \$4.0 billion and (ii) an amount that would cause the Senior Secured Net Indebtedness Leverage Ratio of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a pro forma basis to exceed 3.75:1.00;

(xxviii) Liens in favor of the United States of America, any State thereof or any foreign government, or any department, agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments;

(xxix) Liens securing Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary; *provided*, *however*, that, immediately after giving effect to any such incurrence, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness secured by Liens pursuant to this clause (xxix) and then outstanding shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$455.0 million and (y) 50.0% of EBITDA for the four fiscal quarter period most recently ended at or prior to such time and for which financial statements are available, calculated on a pro forma basis;

(xxx) Liens securing Indebtedness; *provided* that immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of any such Indebtedness, (x) the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Company and its Subsidiaries is at least 2.00:1.00 and (y) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness secured by Liens pursuant to this clause (xxx) and then outstanding does not exceed an amount that would cause the Senior Secured Net Indebtedness Leverage Ratio of the Company and its Subsidiaries to exceed 3.75:1.00, in the case of each of (x) and (y), determined on a pro forma basis; and

(xxxi) Liens securing Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds thereof are used to renew, refund or Refinance any Indebtedness secured by Liens; *provided*, *however*,

(1) the principal amount of Indebtedness secured by Liens pursuant to this clause (xxxi) (or, if such Indebtedness provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, the original issue price of such Indebtedness) shall not exceed the sum of the principal amount of Indebtedness so Refinanced, plus the amount of any accrued and unpaid interest and any premium required to be paid in connection with such Refinancing pursuant to the terms of such Indebtedness or the amount of any premium reasonably determined by the Company as necessary to accomplish such Refinancing by means of a tender offer or privately negotiated purchase, plus the amount of expenses in connection therewith;

(2) in the case of Indebtedness such by Liens incurred by the Company pursuant to this clause (xxxi) to refinance Subordinated Indebtedness, such Indebtedness:

(I) has no scheduled principal payment prior to the 91st day after the Maturity Date; and

(II) has an Average Life to Stated Maturity greater than the remaining Average Life to Stated Maturity of the Notes issued under this Indenture.

For the purposes of determining compliance with <u>Section 4.05</u> hereof, in the event that any Lien meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Liens described in this definition, the Company, in its sole discretion, shall classify, and may from time to time reclassify, such Lien and only be required to include the amount and type of such Lien in one of the clauses of this definition.

Except as provided in the following paragraph with respect to Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, the amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date will be:

(1) the accreted value of the Indebtedness, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount;

- (2) the principal amount of the Indebtedness, in the case of any other Indebtedness; and
- (3) in respect of Indebtedness of another Person secured by a Lien on the assets of the specified Person, the lesser of:
 - (a) the fair market value of such assets at the date of determination; and
 - (b) the amount of the Indebtedness of the other Person.

For purposes of determining compliance with any dollar-denominated restriction on the amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency that is secured by a Lien, the dollar-equivalent principal amount of such Indebtedness shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date that the Lien in respect of such Indebtedness was granted, in the case of term Indebtedness, or first committed, in the case of revolving credit Indebtedness; provided that (x) the dollar-equivalent principal amount of any such Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the Issue Date, (y) if such Indebtedness is incurred to Refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency (or in a different currency from such Indebtedness so being incurred), and such Refinancing would cause the applicable dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such Refinancing, such dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Refinancing Indebtedness, calculated as described in the following sentence, does not exceed (i) the outstanding or committed principal amount (whichever is higher) of such Indebtedness being Refinanced plus (ii) the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such Refinancing and (z) the dollar-equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency and incurred pursuant to a Debt Facility shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on, at the Company's option, (i) the Issue Date, (ii) any date on which any of the respective commitments under such Debt Facility shall be reallocated between or among facilities or subfacilities thereunder, or on which such rate is otherwise calculated for any purpose thereunder or (iii) the date that the Lien in respect of such Indebtedness is granted. The principal amount of any Indebtedness incurred to Refinance other Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being Refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such Refinancing. The Trustee shall not be responsible for making any such calculations.

Under this Indenture, (1) unsecured Indebtedness shall not be treated as subordinated or junior to secured Indebtedness merely because it is unsecured and (2) senior Indebtedness shall not be treated as subordinated or junior to any other senior Indebtedness merely because it has a senior priority with respect to the same collateral.

"<u>Person</u>" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, jointstock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"<u>Preferred Stock</u>" as applied to the Capital Stock of any corporation, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which is preferred as to the payment of dividends, or as to the distributions of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such corporation, over shares of capital of any other class of such corporation.

"<u>Purchase Money Obligations</u>" means any Indebtedness incurred to finance or refinance the acquisition, leasing, construction or improvement of property (real or personal) or assets (including Capital Stock), and whether acquired through the direct acquisition of such property or assets or the acquisition of the Capital Stock of any Person owning such property or assets, or otherwise; *provided* that such Indebtedness is incurred within 180 days after such acquisition.

"<u>Rating Agency</u>" means S&P, Moody's and Fitch, or any successor to the respective rating agency business thereof, or if none of S&P, Moody's and Fitch shall make a rating on the Notes publicly available, a nationally recognized statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Company which shall be substituted for one or more of S&P, Moody's or Fitch, as the case may be.

"<u>Refinance</u>" means, in respect of any Indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue other Indebtedness in exchange or replacement for, such Indebtedness. "Refinanced" and "Refinancing" shall have correlative meanings.

"Refinancing Transactions" shall have the meaning set forth in the Offering Memorandum.

"<u>Responsible Officer</u>," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer, including, without limitation, any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant treasurer or secretary within the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to particular corporate trust matter, any other officer or employee to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and any successor to its rating agency business.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Senior Secured Credit Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2020, by and among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto, together with the related documents thereto (including the term loans and revolving loans thereunder, any guarantees and security documents), as amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions) from time to time, and any agreement (and related document) governing Indebtedness, including an indenture, incurred to Refinance, in whole or in part, the borrowings and commitments then outstanding or permitted to be outstanding under such credit agreement or a successor credit agreement.

"<u>Senior Secured Net Indebtedness Leverage Ratio</u>" means, with respect to any Person, on any date of determination, a ratio (i) the numerator of which is the aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as the case may be) of Indebtedness that is secured by a Lien of such Person and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis outstanding on such date, less the amount of cash and Cash Equivalents that would be stated on the consolidated balance sheet of such Person and held by such Person or its Subsidiaries, as determined in accordance with GAAP, as of the date of determination, and (ii) the denominator of which is the EBITDA of such Person for the four full fiscal quarters, treated as one period, for which financial information in respect thereof is available immediately preceding the date of such calculation, in each case calculated with the pro forma adjustments as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"<u>Significant Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary of the Company that would be a "significant subsidiary" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 1-02 under Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

"<u>Stated Maturity</u>" means, when used with respect to any Note or any installment of interest thereon, the date specified in such Note as the fixed date on which the principal of such Note or such installment of interest is due and payable, and when used with respect to any other Indebtedness, means the date specified the instrument governing such Indebtedness as the fixed date on which the principal of such Indebtedness, or any installment of interest thereon, is due and payable.

"<u>Subordinated Indebtedness</u>" means, with respect to a Person, Indebtedness of such Person (whether outstanding on the Issue Date or thereafter incurred) which is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the Notes or a guarantee of the Notes by such Person, as the case may be, pursuant to a written agreement to that effect.

"<u>Subsidiary</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Voting Stock is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by:

(1) such Person;

(2) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person; or

(3) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

Unless otherwise indicated, when used herein, the term "Subsidiary" shall refer to a Subsidiary of the Company.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbbb), as amended from time to time.

"Treasury Rate" means as of any date of redemption of Notes the yield to maturity at the time of computation of U.S. Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the redemption date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source or similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to June 15, 2024; *provided, however*, that if the period from the redemption date to June 15 2024 is not equal to the constant maturity of a U.S. Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Treasury Rate shall be obtained by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of U.S. Treasury securities for which such yields are given, except that if the period from the redemption date to June 15, 2024 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

"<u>Trustee</u>" means the party named as such in the Preamble of this Indenture until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter will mean the successor serving hereunder.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code.

"U.S." means the United States of America.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock or other interests (including partnership interests) of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof (or the controlling managing member or general partner, as applicable).

SECTION 1.02. Other Definitions.

Term	Defined in Section
" <u>Change of Control Offer</u> "	4.08
" <u>Change of Control Payment</u> "	4.08
" <u>Change of Control Payment Date</u> "	4.08
" <u>Covenant Defeasance</u> "	8.05
" <u>DTC</u> "	2.03
" <u>EDGAR</u> "	4.03
" <u>Event of Default</u> "	6.01
" <u>Initial Lien</u> "	4.05
" <u>Legal Defeasance</u> "	8.04
" <u>Paying Agent</u> "	2.03
" <u>Registrar</u> "	2.03
" <u>Reversion Date</u> "	4.13
" <u>Suspended Covenant</u> "	4.13
" <u>Suspension Event</u> "	4.13
" <u>Suspension Period</u> "	4.13

SECTION 1.03. Concerning the Trust Indenture Act.

The TIA shall not be applicable to, and shall not govern, this Indenture and the Notes.

SECTION 1.04. Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) a term has the meaning assigned to it;

(2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;

(3) "or" is not exclusive, and "including" means "including without limitation," "including but not limited to" or words of similar import;

(4) the word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall";

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

(6) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

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

(8) references to "Sections," "clauses," "Articles," "Exhibits" and "Schedules" shall be to Sections, clauses, Articles, Exhibits and Schedules, respectively, of this Indenture unless otherwise specifically provided;

(9) the use in this Indenture of the words "herein," "hereof and "hereunder," and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Indenture in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof;

(10) the term "all or substantially all," when applied to the assets of a Person and/or its Subsidiaries shall not be read to mean "any" of such assets as a result of such Person and/or its Subsidiaries being in the "zone of insolvency;" and

(11) this Indenture, the Notes, the Guarantees and any documents or instruments delivered pursuant hereto shall be construed without regard to the identity of the party who drafted the various provisions of the same.

Each and every provision of this Indenture and instruments and documents entered into and delivered in connection therewith shall be construed as though the parties participated equally in the drafting of the same. Consequently, each of the parties acknowledges and agrees that any rule of construction that a document is to be construed against the drafting party shall not be applicable either to this Indenture, the Notes, the Guarantees and instruments and documents entered into and delivered in connection therewith.

ARTICLE II

THE NOTES

SECTION 2.01. Form and Dating.

Provisions relating to the Notes are set forth in Appendix A hereto (the "<u>Appendix</u>"), which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange role or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Subject to <u>Sections 4.06</u> and <u>10.02</u> hereof, the Notes may bear notations of Guarantees.

The terms and provisions contained in the Appendix and the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture, and the Company and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note or any notation of Guarantees thereon conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto (including the Global Notes Legend). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto (but without the Global Notes Legend and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee, the Depositary or the Note Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with written instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by <u>Section 2.06</u> hereof.

SECTION 2.02. Execution and Authentication.

One Officer shall sign the Notes for the Company by manual, facsimile, digital or electronic signature. If an Officer of the Company whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note shall nevertheless be valid. A Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual, facsimile, digital or electronic signature of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Trustee shall authenticate (i) the Initial Notes for original issue on the Issue Date in the aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 and (ii) the Additional Notes for original issue from time to time after the Issue Date in such principal amounts as may be set forth in a written order of the Company signed by one Officer, which written order shall specify (a) the amount of Notes to be authenticated and the date of original issue thereof, (b) whether the Notes are Initial Notes or Additional Notes and (c) the amount of Notes to be issued in global form or definitive form; *provided* that the issuance of such Additional Notes shall be subject to Section 2.13 hereof.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Company.

SECTION 2.03. Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Company shall maintain an office or agency within the City and State of New York where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("<u>Registrar</u>") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("<u>Paying Agent</u>"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company ("<u>DTC</u>") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes. The Trustee has been appointed by DTC to act as Note Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent. In acting hereunder and in connection with the Global Notes, the Paying Agent and Registrar shall act solely as agents of the Company, and will not thereby assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder.

SECTION 2.04. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of, or premium or interest on the Notes, and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the

Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or an Affiliate of the Company (including any Subsidiary) acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

SECTION 2.05. Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall provide to a Responsible Officer at least five Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders.

SECTION 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

The Notes shall be issued in registered form and shall be transferable only upon the surrender of a Note for registration of transfer and in compliance with the Appendix. When a Note is presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer, the Registrar shall register the transfer as requested if the requirements of this Indenture and Section 8-401(a)(1) of the Uniform Commercial Code are met. When Notes are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Notes of other denominations, the Registrar shall make the exchange as requested if the same requirements are met. To permit registration of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute upon the written request of the Company signed by one Officer of the Company, and the Trustee shall authenticate Notes at the Registrar's or co-registrar's request. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to pay all taxes, assessments or other governmental charges in connection with any transfer or exchange pursuant to this <u>Section 2.06</u>. The Company shall not be required to make and the Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption (except, in the case of Notes to be redeemed in part, the portion thereof not to be redeemed) or any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or 15 days before an interest payment date.

Prior to the due presentation for registration of transfer of any Note, the Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar and any co-registrar may deem and treat the Person in whose name a Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and (subject to Article II of the Notes) interest on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note is overdue, and none of the Company, any Guarantor, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar or any co-registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Any Holder of a Global Note shall, by acceptance of such Global Note, agree that transfers of beneficial interest in such Global Note may be effected only through a book-entry system maintained by (a) the Holder of such Global Note (or its agent) or (b) any Holder of a beneficial interest in such Global Note, and that ownership of a beneficial interest in such Global Note shall be required to be reflected in a book entry.

All Notes issued upon any transfer or exchange pursuant to the terms of this Indenture shall evidence the same debt and shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as the Notes surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

SECTION 2.07. Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or the Company, or the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Company shall issue and the Trustee, upon the written order of the Company signed by one Officer of the Company, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Company, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the

Company to protect the Company, the Trustee and any Agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Company and the Trustee may charge for their respective expenses in replacing a Note. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note, a bona fide purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment or registration such original Note, the Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking therefrom, except a bona fide purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Company, the Trustee and any Agent in connection therewith.

Subject to the provisions of the final sentence of the preceding paragraph of this <u>Section 2.07</u>, every replacement Note is an additional obligation of the Company and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

SECTION 2.08. Outstanding Notes.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this <u>Section 2.08</u> as not outstanding. Except as set forth in <u>Section 2.09</u> hereof, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Note.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to <u>Section 2.07</u> hereof, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary of the Company or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding and shall cease to accrue interest.

SECTION 2.09. Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by the Company, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Notes that the Company, a Subsidiary of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company offers to purchase or acquires pursuant to an offer, exchange offer, tender offer or otherwise shall not be deemed to be owned by the Company, such Subsidiary or such Affiliate until legal title to such Notes passes to the Company, such Subsidiary or such Affiliate, as the case may be.

SECTION 2.10. Temporary Notes.

Until Definitive Notes are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Notes upon a written order of the Company signed by one Officer of the Company. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of Definitive Notes but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate Definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

Holders of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

SECTION 2.11. Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall return such canceled Notes to the Company. The Company may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 2.12. Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in accordance with <u>Section 4.01</u> hereof. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Company shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; *provided* that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

SECTION 2.13. Additional Notes.

The Company shall be entitled to issue Additional Notes under this Indenture which shall have identical terms as the Initial Notes issued on the Issue Date, other than with respect to the date of issuance, issue price, and, as determined by the Company, the first interest payment date and the date from which interest thereon will begin to accrue. With respect to any Additional Notes, the Company shall set forth in a resolution of the Board of Directors and an Officer's Certificate, a copy of each which shall be delivered to the Trustee, the following information: (a) the aggregate principal amount at maturity of such Additional Notes to be authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture and (b) the issue price, the issue date and the CUSIP number and corresponding ISIN of such Additional Notes.

SECTION 2.14. One Class of Notes.

The Initial Notes issued on the Issue Date and any Additional Notes in respect thereof shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture.

SECTION 2.15. CUSIP Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Notes may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption or repurchase, as the case may be, as a convenience to Holders; *provided* that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption or repurchase, as the case may be, and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption or repurchase, as the case may be, shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers. Any Additional Notes will not be issued with the same CUSIP number and/or ISIN, if any, as the existing Notes unless such Additional Notes are fungible with the existing Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

ARTICLE III

REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

SECTION 3.01. Notices to Trustee.

If the Company elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of <u>Section 3.07</u> hereof, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least two Business Days (unless a shorter notice period shall be agreed to by the Trustee and which notice may be conditional with respect to such two Business Day period but not with respect to the not less than 10 but not greater than 60 day notice period, except as otherwise specified herein) before notice of redemption is required to be mailed or caused to be mailed to Holders pursuant to <u>Section 3.03</u> hereof but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officer's Certificate setting forth (i) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the redemption date, (iii) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed, (iv) the redemption price or, in the case of a redemption pursuant to <u>Section 3.07(c)</u> hereof, the manner of the calculation of the redemption price and (v) that the redemption price shall be deposited with the Trustee in immediately available funds no later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the redemption date.

SECTION 3.02. Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be repurchased or redeemed at any time, selection of such Notes for repurchase or redemption shall be made by the Trustee (1) in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which such Notes are listed, (2) on a pro rata basis to the extent practicable and in accordance with the procedures of the Depositary, (3) by lot or in such other similar method in accordance with the procedures of the Depositary or (4) by such other method as the Trustee shall deem to be fair and appropriate; *provided* that no Notes of \$2,000 or less shall be repurchased or redeemed in part. In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Notes to be redeemed shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 10 days, but except as set forth in <u>Section 3.03</u> hereof, nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Notes and portions of Notes selected shall be in amounts of \$1,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

The provisions of the two preceding paragraphs of this <u>Section 3.02</u> shall not apply with respect to any redemption affecting only a Global Note, whether such Global Note is to be redeemed in whole or in part. In case of any such redemption in part, the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Global Note shall be in an authorized denomination.

SECTION 3.03. Notice of Redemption.

At least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company shall (x) mail or cause to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, or (y) deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address or otherwise in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, except that a notice of redemption may be mailed or delivered more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance, in each case pursuant to <u>Article VIII</u> hereof. The Company may provide in any notice of redemption for the Notes that payment of the redemption price and the performance of the Company's obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another Person. The notice shall identify the Notes (including CUSIP numbers) to be redeemed and shall state:

(a) the redemption date;

(b) the redemption price or, in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 3.07(c) hereof, the manner of the calculation of the redemption price;

(c) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion shall be issued upon cancellation of the original Note;

(d) the name and address of the Paying Agent;

(e) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;

(f) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;

(g) the paragraph of the Notes and the Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed;

(h) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes; and

(i) any condition precedent to which the redemption or notice of redemption is subject.

If any of the Notes to be redeemed is in the form of a Global Note, then the Company shall modify such notice to the extent necessary to accord with the Applicable Procedures of the Depositary applicable to such redemption.

At the Company's written request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense; *provided, however*, that the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least two Business Days (which notice may be conditional with respect to such two Business Day period but not with respect to such not less than 10 but not greater than 60 day notice period, except as otherwise specified herein, including, without limitation in <u>Section 3.04</u> hereof) before the notice of redemption is required to be mailed or caused to be mailed to Holders pursuant to this <u>Section 3.03</u> (unless a shorter notice period shall be agreed to by the Trustee), an Officer's Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

SECTION 3.04. Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Notice of any redemption of the Notes in connection with a transaction or an event may, at the Company's discretion, be given prior to the completion or the occurrence thereof. Any redemption or notice may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent, including, but not limited to, completion or occurrence of a related transaction or event. In addition, if such redemption is subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions precedent shall be satisfied, or such redemption may not occur and such notice may be rescinded by the Company in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing promptly upon the satisfaction or failure of any condition precedent to any redemption or notice of redemption.

SECTION 3.05. Deposit of Redemption Price.

No later than 11:00 a.m. New York City Time on the redemption date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent immediately available funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest, if any, on all Notes to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of, and accrued interest, if any, on all Notes to be redeemed.

If the Company complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of such Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after an interest record date but on or prior to the related interest payment date, then accrued and unpaid interest, if any, in respect of the Notes subject to redemption shall be paid on the redemption date to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such record date. If any Note called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Company to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in such Notes and in accordance with <u>Section 4.01</u> hereof.

SECTION 3.06. Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Company shall issue upon cancellation of the original Note and, upon the Company's written request, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Company a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of such Note surrendered.

SECTION 3.07. Optional Redemption.

(a) The Notes will be redeemable at the Company's option, in whole or in part, at any time on or after June 15, 2024, at the optional redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the optional redemption date, if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning on June 15 of each of the years indicated below:

<u>Year</u> 2024	Redemption Price
2024	101.813%
2025	100.906%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

(b) Prior to June 15, 2024, the Company may, at its option, on one or more occasions, redeem up to 40% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of Additional Notes) at a redemption price equal to 103.625% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings; *provided* that (1) at least 50% of the sum of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of Additional Notes) remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption and (2) each such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of closing of each Equity Offering.

(c) In addition, at any time prior to June 15, 2024, the Company is entitled, at its option, to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

(d) The Company and its Affiliates may acquire the Notes by means other than a redemption pursuant to this <u>Section 3.07</u>, whether by tender offer, open market purchases, negotiated transactions or otherwise.

(e) The Company may, at its option, elect to redeem the Notes pursuant to more than one type of redemption described in this <u>Section 3.07</u> on a concurrent basis.

(f) If Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes tender and do not withdraw such Notes in any tender offer for the Notes and the Company, or any third party making such offer in lieu of the Company, purchases all of such Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company or such third party will have the right, upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 60 days following such purchase date, to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such initial purchase at a price equal to the price paid to each other Holder in such tender offer (which shall exclude any early tender premium or similar premium) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date specified in such subsequent notice as the date of purchase, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date. Each Holder, by purchasing or holding any Notes, will be deemed to have consented to this <u>Section 3.07(f)</u>.

ARTICLE IV

COVENANTS

SECTION 4.01. Payment of Notes.

The Company shall pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Any principal, premium and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 11:00 a.m. New York City time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, then due.

The Company shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code) on (i) overdue principal and (ii) overdue installments of interest, if any (without regard to any applicable grace period), at the rate stated on the Notes to the extent lawful.

SECTION 4.02. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company shall maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company fails to maintain any such required office or agency or fails to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee located at c/o U.S. Bank National Association, 111 Fillmore Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Global Corporate Trust - Gartner, Inc.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; *provided*, *however*, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York for such purposes. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

For all other purposes, the Company hereby designates the office of the Trustee at CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with <u>Section 2.03</u> hereof.

SECTION 4.03. Reports and Other Information.

(a) Whether or not required by the SEC's rules and regulations, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Company shall furnish (whether through hard copy or internet-accessible data) to the Holders of Notes and the Trustee, or file electronically with the SEC through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or any successor system) ("EDGAR"), within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations, (i) all quarterly and annual reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Company were required to file such reports, and (ii) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Company were required to file such reports.

(b) All such reports shall be prepared in all material respects in accordance with all of the rules and regulations applicable to such reports. Each annual report on Form 10-K shall include a report on the Company's consolidated financial statements by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, the Company shall file a copy of each of the reports referred to in Section 4.03(a)(i) and Section 4.03(a)(ii) above with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the rules and regulations applicable to such reports (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

(c) If, at any time, the Company is no longer subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for any reason, the Company shall nevertheless continue filing the reports specified in Section 4.03(a)(i) and Section 4.03(a)(ii) with the SEC within the time periods specified above unless the SEC will not accept such a filing; *provided* that, for so long as the Company is not subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for any reason, the time period for filing reports on Form 8-K shall be 10 Business Days after the event giving rise to the obligation to file such report. The Company agrees that it shall not take any action for the purpose of causing the SEC not to accept any such filings. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, the SEC will not accept the Company's filings for any reason, the Company shall post the reports referred to in Section 4.03(a)(i) and Section 4.03(a)(ii) on its website within the time periods that would apply if the Company were required to file those reports with the SEC, subject to the above proviso.

(d) If, at any time, the Company and Guarantors are not required to file the reports required by this <u>Section 4.03</u> with the SEC, they shall furnish to the Holders of the Notes and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

(e) The Trustee shall have no responsibility to ensure that such filing has occurred. Delivery of reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and its receipt of such reports shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of the covenants under this Indenture or the Notes (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates). The Company will be deemed to have furnished such reports referred to in this <u>Section 4.03</u> to the Trustee and the Holders of Notes if it has filed such reports with the SEC using the EDGAR filing system (or any successor thereto) and such reports are publicly available.

(f) In the event that any direct or indirect parent company of the Company becomes a Guarantor, the obligations under this <u>Section 4.03</u> may be satisfied by such parent company; *provided* that the same is accompanied by consolidating information that explains in reasonable detail the differences between the information relating to such parent company, on the one hand, and the information relating to the Company and its subsidiaries on a standalone basis, on the other hand.

SECTION 4.04. [Reserved].

SECTION 4.05. Limitation on Liens.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, create, incur, issue, assume or guarantee any Indebtedness secured by a Lien (the "Initial Lien") (other than a Permitted Lien) upon any assets of the Company or such Subsidiary, whether owned on the Issue Date or thereafter acquired, without effectively providing concurrently that the Notes and the related Guarantees then outstanding under this Indenture are secured equally and ratably with or, at the option of the Company, prior to such Indebtedness so long as such Indebtedness shall be so secured; *provided* that if the Indebtedness so secured is subordinated by its terms to the Notes or such Guarantee, the Lien securing such Indebtedness will also be so subordinated by its terms to the same extent. Any Lien created for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes pursuant to the preceding sentence shall provide by its terms that such Lien shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon the release and discharge of the Initial Lien.

SECTION 4.06. Future Guarantors.

On the Issue Date, each of the Company's Domestic Subsidiaries that is a guarantor or obligor under the Senior Secured Credit Agreement and the Existing Senior Notes will fully and unconditionally guarantee the Notes on a senior unsecured basis. After the Issue Date, the Company will cause each Domestic Subsidiary of the Company that guarantees (i) any Debt Facility of the Company or any Guarantor with an aggregate principal amount of \$150.0 million or more or (ii) any Material Capital Markets Debt issued by the Company or any Guarantor to, within 60 days of the incurrence of such guarantee, execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture to this Indenture pursuant to which such Domestic Subsidiary of the Company will Guarantee payment of the Notes on the same terms and conditions as those set forth in this Indenture; *provided* that such Guarantee may be subject to limitations or other terms that are substantially similar to those applicable to the guarantee giving rise to the obligation to provide a Guarantee of the Notes. Notwithstanding the preceding, any Guarantee by a Subsidiary that was incurred pursuant to this <u>Section 4.06</u> will be released in the circumstances described in <u>Section 10.03</u> hereof.

SECTION 4.07. [Reserved].

SECTION 4.08. Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event.

(a) Within 30 days following the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, each Holder of Notes shall have the right to require that the Company make an offer to purchase such Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of purchase (the "<u>Change of Control Payment</u>"). If the Change of Control Triggering Event purchase date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest to the Change of Control Triggering Event purchase date to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date.

Within 30 days following the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, unless the Company has given written notice of a redemption as described in <u>Section 3.07</u> hereof, the Company shall mail or deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC a notice to each Holder of Notes (the "<u>Change of Control Offer</u>") with a copy to the Trustee stating: (i) that a Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred and that such Holder of Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase such Holder's Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of purchase; (ii) the circumstances that constitute or may constitute such Change of Control Triggering Event; (iii) the purchase date, which shall be no earlier than 10 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is sent ("<u>Change of Control Payment Date</u>"); and (iv) the instructions, as determined by the Company, consistent with this <u>Section 4.08</u>, that a Holder of Notes must follow in order to have its Notes purchased.

(b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company shall, to the extent lawful, (i) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control

Offer and (ii) deposit with the Paying Agent in immediately available funds an amount equal to the aggregate Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer. The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each Holder of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer the Change of Control Payment for such Notes (or, if all the Notes are then in global form, it shall make such payment through the facilities of the Depositary) and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered by the Holder; *provided* that each such new Note shall be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer the Change of Control Payment Date.

(c) The Company shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of Notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of this <u>Section 4.08</u>, the Company shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this <u>Section 4.08</u> by virtue of its compliance with such securities laws or regulations.

(d) The Company shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control Triggering Event if (i) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer with respect to the Notes in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this <u>Section 4.08</u> applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer or (ii) if the Company has defeased the Notes as provided under <u>Section 8.03</u> hereof or has exercised its option to redeem all the Notes pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 3.07</u> hereof. A Change of Control Offer may be made with respect to the Notes in advance of a Change of Control Triggering Event, and conditional upon the occurrence of such Change of Control Triggering Event, if a definitive agreement for the Change of Control Offer.

(e) If Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes tender and do not withdraw such Notes in a Change of Control Offer and the Company, or any third party making a Change of Control Offer in lieu of the Company as described in <u>Section 4.08(d)</u> hereof, purchases of all the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company or such third party shall have the right, upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 60 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer, to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such initial purchase at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date specified in such subsequent notice as the date of purchase, subject to the right of Holders of Notes of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date.

SECTION 4.09. [Reserved].

SECTION 4.10. Compliance Certificate.

(a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officer's Certificate stating whether the officers signing such certificate know of any Event of Default that occurred during such fiscal year.

(b) The Company shall, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days of any executive Officer having knowledge thereof, written notice of any event that is continuing which constitutes an Event of Default, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take in respect thereof.

SECTION 4.11. Taxes.

The Company shall pay, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, all material taxes, charges, assessments and governmental levies that are due and payable except (a) such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate negotiations or proceedings or (b) where the failure to make such payment would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under the Notes.

SECTION 4.12. Corporate Existence.

Subject to (or as would not be restricted by) Article V hereof, the Company shall take all reasonable action to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence and the corporate existence of the Guarantors in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as may be amended from time to time) and the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and the Guarantors, except, in each case, to the extent that failure to comply therewith would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Company and the Guarantors, taken as a whole, to perform their obligations under the Notes; *provided, however*, that the Company and the Guarantors shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise if the Company determines in good faith that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and the Guarantors, taken as a whole.

SECTION 4.13. Suspension of Covenants. (a) If on any date:

(x) the Notes have Investment Grade Ratings from two Rating Agencies, and

(y) no Default has occurred and is continuing (the occurrence of the events described in the foregoing clause (x) and this clause (y) being collectively referred to as a "<u>Suspension Event</u>"),

then, beginning on such date and continuing at all times thereafter until the occurrence of the Reversion Date, the Company and its Domestic Subsidiaries shall not be subject to <u>Section 4.06</u> of this Indenture with respect to any Person that is required to become a Guarantor after the date of the applicable Suspension Event (the "<u>Suspended Covenant</u>").

(b) In the event that the Company and its Domestic Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenant for any period of time as a result of the foregoing, and on any subsequent date (the "<u>Reversion Date</u>") two of the Rating Agencies withdraw their Investment Grade Rating or downgrade the rating assigned to the Notes below an Investment Grade Rating, then the Company and its Domestic Subsidiaries shall thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants with respect to future events.

(c) The period of time between the occurrence of a Suspension Event and the Reversion Date is referred to in this Indenture as the "Suspension Period."

(d) Upon the Reversion Date, the obligation to grant Guarantees pursuant to <u>Section 4.06</u> shall be reinstated (and the Reversion Date shall be deemed to be the date on which any guaranteed Indebtedness was incurred for purposes of <u>Section 4.06</u>).

(e) During the Suspension Period, at the Company's written request, a Subsidiary Guarantor shall be released from all obligations under its Guarantee pursuant to <u>Section 10.03(f)</u> hereof. Any Guarantees that were released pursuant to <u>Section 10.03(f)</u> hereof during the Suspension Period shall be required to be reinstated reasonably promptly following the Reversion Date to the extent such Guarantees would otherwise be required to be provided hereunder.

(f) Notwithstanding that the Suspended Covenant may be reinstated, no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of any failure to comply with the Suspended Covenant during any Suspension Period and the Company and any subsidiary shall be permitted, following a Reversion Date, without causing a Default or Event of Default or breach of the Suspended Covenant (notwithstanding the reinstatement thereof), to honor, comply with or otherwise perform any contractual commitments or obligations entered into during a Suspension Period following a Reversion Date and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby.

(g) The Company shall promptly give the Trustee an Officer's Certificate notifying it of any Suspension Event. In the absence of such notice the Trustee shall assume and be fully protected in so assuming the Suspended Covenant applies and is in full force and effect. The Company shall promptly give the Trustee an Officer's Certificate notifying it of any occurrence of a Reversion Date. After any such notice of the occurrence of a Reversion Date, the Trustee shall assume the Suspended Covenant applies and is in full force and effect. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee shall have no obligation to discover or verify the existence or termination of any Suspension Event or Reversion Date and may rely conclusively on any such Officer's Certificate. The Trustee shall have no duty to monitor the ratings on the Notes, shall not be deemed to have any knowledge of the ratings of the Notes and shall have no duty to notify Holders if the Notes achieve an Investment Grade Rating.

ARTICLE V

SUCCESSORS

SECTION 5.01. Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets.

The Company may not consolidate or merge with or into any other entity or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any entity, unless:

(a) the Company is the successor entity, or the successor or transferee entity, if other than the Company, is a Person (if such Person is not a corporation, then such successor or transferee shall include a corporate co-issuer) organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes by a supplemental indenture executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, any premium on and any interest on all the outstanding Notes and the performance of every covenant and obligation in this Indenture to be performed or observed by the Company; and

(b) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each in the form required by this Indenture and stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply with the foregoing provisions relating to such transaction, and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company or successor entity, as applicable, subject to customary exceptions.

No Guarantor may consolidate or merge with or into any other entity or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any entity, unless:

(i) a Guarantor is the successor entity, or the successor or transferee entity, if not a Guarantor prior to such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease is a Person organized and existing under the laws of the jurisdiction under which such Guarantor was organized or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (except if the Company determines in good faith that such requirement is not in the best interests of the Company and its Subsidiaries or that complying with such requirement would not be advisable for tax planning purposes or to improve tax efficiencies), and expressly assumes, by a supplemental indenture executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, all the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee; *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall not apply in the case of a Guarantor (x) that has been, or will be as a result of the subject transaction, disposed of in its entirety to another Person (other than to the Company or an Affiliate of the Company), whether through a merger or consolidation or (y) that, as a result of the disposition of all or a portion of its Capital Stock, ceases to be a Subsidiary; and

(ii) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each in the form required by this Indenture and stating that such consolidation or merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply with the foregoing provisions relating to such transaction and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor or successor entity, as applicable, subject to customary exceptions.

This <u>Section 5.01</u> shall not apply to a merger, transfer or conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and the Guarantors.

SECTION 5.02. Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, lease or disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company or a Guarantor in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraphs, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company or a Guarantor, as the case may be, is merged or the successor Person to which such sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, lease or disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of the Company or a Guarantor under the Notes and this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor had been named as the Company or a Guarantor in the Notes and this Indenture and, except in the case of a lease of all or substantially all of the assets, the Company or such Guarantor shall be released and discharged from its obligations thereunder.

In case of such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition, such changes in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Notes thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default.

Each of the following is an "Event of Default":

(a) a default in the payment of interest on the Notes when due, continued for 30 days;

(b) a default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, on any Note when due at its Stated Maturity, upon redemption, upon required purchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise;

(c) the failure by the Company or any Guarantor to comply with its obligations under <u>Article V</u> and, in the case of a Guarantor, such failure continues for 30 days after written notice is given to the Company as provided below;

(d) the failure by the Company or any Guarantor, as the case may be, to comply with any of its obligations in the covenants described above under <u>Section 4.06</u> or <u>Section 4.08</u> hereof (other than a failure to purchase Notes) and such failure continues for 45 days after written notice is given to the Company as provided below;

(e) the failure by the Company to comply with any of its obligations in the covenant described above under <u>Section 4.03</u> hereof and such failure continues for 120 days after written notice is given to the Company as provided below;

(f) the failure by the Company or any Guarantor to comply with its other agreements contained in this Indenture and such failure continues for 60 days after written notice is given to the Company as provided below;

(g) Indebtedness of the Company, any Significant Subsidiary that is a Guarantor or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, is not paid within any applicable grace period after final maturity or is accelerated by the holders thereof because of a default and the total amount of such Indebtedness unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$100.0 million;

(h) (i) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under the Bankruptcy Code that (1) is for relief against the Company or any of the Guarantors that are Significant Subsidiaries or any group of Guarantors, that, when taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, in an involuntary case; (2) appoints a custodian of the Company or any of the Guarantors that are Significant Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any of the Guarantors that are Significant Subsidiaries or any group of Guarantors that, when taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any of the Guarantors that are Significant Subsidiaries or any group of Guarantors that, when taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; or (3) orders the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries or any group of Guarantors that, when taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, or (3) orders the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries or any group of Guarantors that, when taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, or (3) orders the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effec

(i) any final judgment or decree for the payment of money (other than judgments which are covered by enforceable insurance policies issued by solvent carriers) in excess of \$100.0 million is entered against the Company, any Significant Subsidiary that is a Guarantor or any group of Guarantors that, taken together (as of the date of the latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries), would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, remains outstanding for a period of 90 consecutive days following such judgment becoming final and is not discharged, waived or stayed within 30 days after written notice is given to the Company as provided below (unless payments in respect of such judgment are made when due); or

(j) a Guarantee by a Significant Subsidiary ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of such Guarantee) or a Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary denies or disaffirms its obligations under its Guarantee (other than by reason of the termination of this Indenture or the release of any such Guarantee in accordance with this Indenture).

However, a default under clauses (c), (d), (e), (f) and (i) will not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes notify the Company (with a copy to the Trustee if given by the Holders) of the default and the Company does not cure such default within the time specified after receipt of such notice. In the event of any Event of Default specified under clause (g), such Event of Default and all consequences thereof (excluding any resulting payment default, other than as a result of acceleration of Notes) shall be annulled, waived and rescinded, automatically and without any action by the Trustee or the Holders, if within 60 days after such Event of Default arose: (i) Holders thereof have rescinded or waived the acceleration, notice or action (as the case may be) giving rise to such Event of Default or (ii) the default that is the basis for such Event of Default has been cured or (iii) the Indebtedness that is the basis for such Event of Default has been repaid or otherwise discharged; *provided* that a notice of Event of Default may not be given with respect to any action taken, and reported publicly or to Holders, more than two years prior to such notice of Event of Default.

SECTION 6.02. Acceleration.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may by written notice to the Company (and to the Trustee if notice is given by the Holders) declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest, if any, on all the Notes to be due and payable. Upon such declaration, such principal and interest shall be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(h)</u> hereof occurs and is continuing, the principal of and interest, if any, on all the Notes will *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders of Notes. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes may rescind, by written notice to the Trustee on behalf of all the Holders, any such acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences.

SECTION 6.03. Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under this Indenture at the request or direction of any Holders of Notes unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity and/or security.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION 6.04. Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all Holders of the Notes: (1) waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under this Indenture, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest, if any, on, or the principal of or premium on, the Notes; and (2) rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived. Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 6.05. Control by Majority.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. The Trustee, however, may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other Holder of a Note (it being understood that the Trustee does not have an affirmative duty to ascertain whether or not any such directions are unduly prejudicial to such Holders) or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

SECTION 6.06. Limitation on Suits.

Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest (if any) when due, no Holder of a Note may pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes unless:

(a) such Holder has previously given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;

(b) Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes have requested the Trustee in writing to pursue the remedy;

(c) such Holders have offered the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;

(d) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt thereof and the offer of security and/or indemnity; and

(e) Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a written direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders.

SECTION 6.07. Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on such Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase or redemption), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 6.08. Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(a)</u> hereof occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal of, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

SECTION 6.09. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Notes allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under <u>Section 7.06</u> hereof. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.



SECTION 6.10. Priorities.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u>, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

<u>First</u>: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under <u>Section 7.06</u> hereof, including payment of all compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

<u>Second</u>: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium and interest, respectively; and

<u>Third</u>: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

SECTION 6.11. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the cost of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This <u>Section 6.11</u> does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to <u>Section 6.07</u> hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

ARTICLE VII

TRUSTEE

SECTION 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(i) the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of willful misconduct or negligence on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) this subsection (c) does not limit the effect of subsection (b) of this Section 7.01;

(ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to <u>Section 6.05</u> hereof.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this <u>Section 7.01</u>.

(e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request or direction of any Holders, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

SECTION 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take that it in good faith believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Company.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities (including fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness of other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(h) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes, the Company and this Indenture.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.

(j) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officer's Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of Officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officer's Certificate may be signed by any Person authorized to sign an Officer's Certificate, including any Person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

(k) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit), irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(1) The permissive rights of the Trustee to do things enumerated in this Indenture shall not be construed as a duty of the Trustee.

(m) The Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the performance of its powers or duties hereunder.

(n) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services, or other unavailability of the Federal Reserve's Fedwire Services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

SECTION 7.03. Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to <u>Section 7.09</u>.

SECTION 7.04. Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

SECTION 7.05. Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is actually known to a Responsible Officer, the Trustee shall mail (or deliver by electronic transmission in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC) to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after the later of (a) the date the Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and (b) the date such Responsible Officer first had such actual knowledge. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, or interest on, any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

SECTION 7.06. Compensation and Indemnity.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder as such parties shall agree in writing from time to time. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Company (including this <u>Section 7.06</u>) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company or any Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense may be attributable to its negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct (as finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction). The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim, and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense at the expense of the Company. The Trustee may have separate counsel, and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any settlement which affects the Trustee may not be entered into without the written consent of the Trustee, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, unless the Trustee is given a full and unconditional release from liability with respect to the claims covered thereby and such settlement does not include a statement or admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of the Trustee.

The obligations of the Company under this Section 7.06 shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this <u>Section 7.06</u>, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 6.01(h)</u> hereof occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under the Bankruptcy Code.

SECTION 7.07. Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this <u>Section 7.07</u>.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of Notes of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing. The Company may remove the Trustee if:

(a) the Trustee fails to comply with <u>Section 7.09</u> hereof;

(b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under the Bankruptcy Code;

(c) a Custodian takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or

(d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee (at the expense of the Company), the Company, or the Holders of Notes of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction (in the case of the Trustee, at the expense of the Company) for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder of a Note who has been a Holder of a Note for at least six months, fails to comply with <u>Section 7.09</u> hereof, such Holder of a Note may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders of the Notes. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; *provided* that all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in <u>Section 7.06</u> hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this <u>Section 7.07</u>, the Company's obligations under <u>Section 7.06</u> hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

SECTION 7.08. Successor Trustee by Merger, Etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee. As soon as practicable, the successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to the Company and the Holders of the Notes.

SECTION 7.09. Eligibility; Disqualification.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50.0 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

SECTION 7.10. Patriot Act.

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

ARTICLE VIII

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

SECTION 8.01. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall upon delivery of a written request of an Officer of the Company to the Trustee cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Notes herein expressly provided for), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when either:

(i) all Notes that have been authenticated and delivered (other than (1) such Notes which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in <u>Section 2.07</u> hereof and (2) such Notes for which payment money has been deposited in trust as provided in <u>Section 8.07</u> hereof) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(ii) (1) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the giving of a notice of redemption or otherwise, will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company, and the Company or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee, as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption, as the case may be; *provided* that with respect to any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for the purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is so deposited with the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any deficit on the date of redemption only required to be deposited with the Trustee on or prior to the date of redemption;

(2) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit or will occur as a result of such deposit (other than a Default or an Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith),

(3) the Company or any Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by the Company under this Indenture, or

(4) the Company has delivered irrevocable written instructions to the Trustee to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be,

In addition, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel (which Opinion of Counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions) each stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied, *provided* that the Opinion of Counsel with respect to clause (ii)(2) may be limited to the knowledge of such counsel.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under <u>Section 7.06</u> hereof, and, if U.S. dollars or Government Securities shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of this <u>Section 8.01</u>, the obligations of the Company or Trustee under <u>Section 8.02</u> hereof and <u>Section 8.08</u> hereof shall survive.

SECTION 8.02. Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 8.08</u> hereof, all money and Government Securities deposited with the Trustee pursuant to <u>Section 8.01</u> hereof shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal and any premium and interest for whose payment such money or Government Securities has been deposited with the Trustee.

SECTION 8.03. Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may, at the option of its Board of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officer's Certificate, at any time, exercise its right under either <u>Section 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u> hereof with respect to the outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this <u>Article VIII</u>.

SECTION 8.04. Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.03</u> hereof of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.04</u> with respect to the Notes, each of the Company and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.06</u> hereof, be deemed to have discharged its obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes and, as applicable, its Guarantees in respect of the Notes, and all Guarantees shall be automatically released, on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that each of the Company and the Guarantors shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, and to the extent applicable, represented by the Guarantees in respect of the Notes, which in each case shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of <u>Section 8.07</u> hereof, and to have satisfied all its other obligations under such Notes or Guarantees and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (a) the rights of Holders to receive payments in respect of the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes when such payments are due (but not any payment required following a Change of Control Triggering Event), solely out of the trust referred to below, (b) the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes under <u>Section 8.04</u>, nothing <u>Article VIII</u>, the Company may exercise its option under this <u>Section 8.04</u> notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under <u>Section 8.05</u> hereof. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.03</u> hereof of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.04</u> hereof, nothing in <u>Section 6.01</u> shall constitute an Event of Default.

SECTION 8.05. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.03</u> hereof of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.05</u>, each of the Company and the Guarantors shall, with respect to the outstanding Notes, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.06</u> hereof, be released from its obligations under the covenants contained in <u>Article IV</u> hereof (other than <u>Sections 4.01</u>, <u>4.02</u> and <u>4.12</u>) on and after the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "<u>Covenant Defeasance</u>"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document, and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under <u>Section 6.01</u> hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under <u>Section 8.03</u> hereof of the option applicable to this <u>Section 8.05</u> hereof, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 8.06</u> hereof, <u>Section 6.01(d)</u>, <u>Section 6.01(e)</u>, <u>Section 6.01(g)</u>, <u>Section 6.01(h)</u> (solely with respect to Significant Subsidiaries), <u>Section 6.01(i)</u> and <u>Section 6.01(j)</u> hereof shall not constitute Events of Default, and all obligations of the Guarantees shall be released.

SECTION 8.06. Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either <u>Section 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u> hereof in order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance with respect to the outstanding Notes:

(a) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, a nationally recognized investment bank or a nationally recognized appraisal or valuation firm delivered to the Trustee, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest due on the outstanding Notes on the Stated Maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;

(b) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions, (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (b) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel will confirm that, the beneficial owners of the Notes will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(c) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions, the beneficial owners of the Notes will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(d) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit or will occur as a result of such deposit (other than a Default or an Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith) and the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the Senior Secured Credit Agreement or any other material agreement or material debt instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Guarantor is bound;

(e) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel (which Opinion of Counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions), each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance, as the case may be, have been complied with; and

(f) the Company has delivered irrevocable written instructions to the Trustee to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

SECTION 8.07. Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to <u>Section 8.08</u> hereof, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee pursuant to <u>Section 8.06</u> hereof in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to <u>Section 8.06</u> hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the applicable outstanding Notes.

Anything in this <u>Article VIII</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in <u>Section 8.06</u> hereof which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under <u>Section 8.06(a)</u> hereof), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

SECTION 8.08. Repayment to Company.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest, if any, has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter, as a secured creditor, look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; *provided, however*, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining shall be repaid to the Company.

SECTION 8.09. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any U.S. dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with <u>Sections 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u> hereof, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the applicable Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to <u>Sections 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u> hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with <u>Sections 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u> hereof, as the case may be; *provided, however*, that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, or

premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

SECTION 9.01. Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding <u>Section 9.02</u> hereof, without the consent of any Holder of a Note, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Notes or the Guarantees:

(a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency, as determined in good faith by the Company;

(b) to provide for the assumption by a successor Person of the obligations of the Company or any Guarantor under this Indenture, or to provide for a co-issuer of the Notes;

(c) to provide for certificated Notes in addition to or in place of uncertificated Notes (*provided* that the certificated Notes are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code);

(d) to add guarantees with respect to the Notes, including any Guarantees, or add terms under which such Guarantees will be released or discharged or release or discharge any such Guarantee in accordance with the terms under which such Guarantee was provided;

(e) to add to the covenants of the Company or any Subsidiary for the benefit of the Holders of Notes or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Subsidiary;

(f) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to Holders of Notes, or to make any change that does not materially adversely affect the rights of any Holder of the Notes, as determined in good faith by the Company;

(g) to comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with any required qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;

(h) to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes and related Guarantees under this Indenture to the extent otherwise so permitted under the terms of this Indenture;

(i) to conform the text of this Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes to any provision of the "Description of notes" section in the Offering Memorandum, as determined in good faith by the Company;

(j) to release a Guarantor from its Guarantee when permitted by the terms of this Indenture;

(k) to add any additional Events of Default;

(l) to secure the Notes and provide terms relating to the release and discharge of such security or release or discharge security for the Notes in accordance with the terms under which such security was granted or any terms of this Indenture providing for security for the Notes;

(m) to provide for successor trustees or to add to or change any provisions to the extent necessary to appoint a separate trustee for the Notes; or

(n) to make any amendment to the provisions of this Indenture relating to the transfer and legending of Notes as permitted by this Indenture, including, without limitation, to facilitate the issuance and administration of the Notes, or to remove legends or restrictions that are no longer applicable, or, if incurred in compliance with this Indenture, Additional Notes; *provided, however*, that (A) compliance with this Indenture as so amended would not result in Notes being transferred in violation of the Securities Act or any applicable securities law and (B) such amendment does not materially and adversely affect the rights of Holders to transfer Notes, as determined in good faith by the Company.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon receipt by a Responsible Officer of an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

SECTION 9.02. With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Without the consent of each Holder of a Note affected thereby, an amendment or waiver may not, among other things:

- (a) reduce the amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment;
- (b) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any Note;
- (c) reduce the principal of or extend the Stated Maturity of any Note;

(d) change the optional redemption dates or prices or calculations from those described under Section 3.07 hereof;

(e) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Note;

(f) amend the right of any Holder of the Notes to bring suit for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on or with respect to such Holder's Notes on or after the respective due date expressed or provided for in such Note; or

(g) make any change in the amendment or waiver provisions which require each Holder's consent.

SECTION 9.03. Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

SECTION 9.04. Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Company, in exchange for all Notes affected by the applicable amendment, supplement or waiver, may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

SECTION 9.05. Trustee to Sign Amendments, Etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental indenture authorized pursuant to this <u>Article IX</u> if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which affects the Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Company may not sign an amendment or supplemental indenture until the Board of Directors approves it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to <u>Section 7.01</u> hereof) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Opinion of Counsel nor an Officer's Certificate, nor a board resolution, shall be required for the Trustee to execute any supplemental indenture to this Indenture, the form of which is attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, adding a new Guarantor under this Indenture.

SECTION 9.06. Form of Amendment.

The consent of the Holders of the Notes is not necessary under this Indenture to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment. It is sufficient if such consent approves the substance of the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE X

GUARANTEES

SECTION 10.01. Guarantees.

Subject to this <u>Article X</u>, each Guarantor hereby, jointly and severally, unconditionally guarantees on a senior unsecured basis to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes held thereby and the Obligations of the Company hereunder and thereunder, that:

(a) the principal of, and premium, if any, interest, if any, on, the Notes shall be promptly paid in full when due, subject to any applicable grace period, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, upon repurchase or redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of, and premium, if any, (to the extent permitted by law) interest, if any, on, the Notes, and all other payment Obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder shall be promptly paid in full and performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

(b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other Obligations, the same shall be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, subject to any applicable grace period, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, upon repurchase or redemption or otherwise.

Failing payment when so due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. An Event of Default under this Indenture or the Notes shall constitute an event of default under the Guarantees, and shall entitle the Holders to accelerate the Obligations of the Guarantors hereunder and under the Notes in the same manner and to the same extent as the Obligations of the Company hereunder and under the Notes. The Guarantors hereby agree that their Obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance (other than

complete performance) which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a Guarantor. Each Guarantor, to the extent permitted by law, hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that its Guarantee shall not be discharged except by complete performance of the Obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture or upon the release of such Guarantee pursuant to <u>Section 10.03</u> hereof. If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors, or any Note Custodian, Trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or the Guarantors, any amount paid by the Company or any Guarantor to the Trustee or such Holder, the Guarantees, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect. Each Guarantor agrees that it shall not be entitled to, and hereby waives, any right to exercise any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any Obligations guaranteed hereby, except as provided under <u>Section 10.04</u> hereof. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (i) the maturity of the Obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in <u>Article VI</u> hereof for the purposes of its Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations guaranteed thereby, and (ii) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such Obligations as provided in <u>Article VI</u> hereof for the purposes of its Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by

SECTION 10.02. Execution and Delivery of Additional Guarantee or Supplemental Indenture; Notation of Guarantee.

To effect any additional Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 10.01</u> hereof, any future Guarantor shall execute and deliver a supplemental indenture substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, which supplemental indenture shall be entered into in accordance with <u>Section 4.06</u> hereof and shall be executed on behalf of such Guarantor, by manual or facsimile signature, by an Officer of such Guarantor.

To evidence its Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 10.01</u> hereof, each Guarantor of a Note hereby agrees that this Indenture (or a supplemental indenture substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto, which supplemental indenture shall be entered into in accordance with <u>Section 4.06</u> hereof) shall be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by an Officer or person holding an equivalent title.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Guarantee set forth in <u>Section 10.01</u> hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the absence of the endorsement of any notation of such Guarantee on the Notes. If an Officer whose signature is on this Indenture no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note, the Guarantees shall be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of the Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guaranters.

For so long as a Guarantee of such Guarantor remains in full force and effect, each Guarantor hereby irrevocably appoints the Company as its attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing in the name and on behalf of such Guarantor any supplemental indenture to this Indenture, or consent to any such supplemental indenture, which the Company and the Trustee are authorized to enter into pursuant to <u>Sections 9.01</u> or <u>9.02</u> hereof.

SECTION 10.03. Releases.

The Guarantee of a Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged:

(a) upon the sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation or merger) of a Guarantor;

(b) upon the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of a Guarantor;

(c) at such time as such Guarantor no longer guarantees any (i) Debt Facility with an aggregate amount of \$150.0 million or more (including, without limitation, the Senior Secured Credit Agreement) (other than any Material Capital Markets Debt) or (ii) Material Capital Markets Debt (in each case, other than the Notes, the Existing Senior Notes or other debt instruments in respect of which such Guarantee would be released at substantially the same time as the Guarantee of the Notes);

(d) upon the defeasance of the Notes, as provided under <u>Section 8.03</u> hereof, or the discharge of the Company's obligations under this Indenture in accordance with the terms hereof as provided in <u>Section 8.01</u> hereof;

- (e) as described in <u>Article IX;</u>
- (f) at the Company's request during any Suspension Period; or

(g) upon the liquidation or dissolution of such Guarantor, provided that no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

In the case of clauses (a) or (b) in this <u>Section 10.03</u>, in each case other than to the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company and as permitted by this Indenture, and in the case of clause (c), in the event that any released Guarantor thereafter would be required to provide a Guarantee under <u>Section 4.06</u> hereof, such former Guarantor will again provide a Guarantee.

Upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officer's Certificate to the effect that any of the conditions set forth in clauses (a) through (f) of the immediately preceding paragraph has occurred, the Trustee shall execute any documents reasonably required in order to evidence the release of any Guarantor from its Obligation under its Guarantee and this Indenture. Any Guarantor not released from its Obligations under its Guarantee shall remain liable for the full amount of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes and for the other Obligations of such Guarantor under this Indenture as provided in this <u>Article X</u>.

SECTION 10.04. Limitation on Guarantor Liability; Contribution.

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent conveyance or a fraudulent transfer for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal, state or foreign law to the extent applicable to any Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this <u>Article X</u>, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. Each Guarantor that makes a payment under its Guarantee will be entitled upon payment in full of all Guarantee Obligations under this Indenture to a contribution from each other Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Guarantor's pro rata portion of such payment based on the respective net assets of all the Guarantors at the time of such payment, determined in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 10.05. Trustee to Include Paying Agent.

In case at any time any Paying Agent other than the Trustee shall have been appointed by the Company and be then acting hereunder, the term "<u>Trustee</u>" as used in this <u>Article X</u> shall in each case (unless the context shall otherwise require) be construed as extending to and including such Paying Agent within its meaning as fully and for all intents and purposes as if such Paying Agent were named in this <u>Article X</u> in place of the Trustee.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 11.01. Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), or sent by facsimile, electronic mail or overnight air courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Company or any Guarantor:

Gartner, Inc. 56 Top Gallant Road Stamford, Connecticut 06902 Attention: General Counsel Email: GeneralCounsel@gartner.com

With a copy to:

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP 125 Broad Street New York, New York 10004 Attention: S. Neal McKnight Email: mcknightn@sullcrom.com

If to the Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association Global Corporate Trust CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27th Floor Hartford, CT 06103 Email: laurel.casasanta@usbank.com Fax No.: (860) 241-6897 Attention: Laurel Casasanta Ref: Gartner, Inc.

The Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when sent, without automatic reply that such was unsuccessful, if emailed; when receipt acknowledged, if sent by facsimile; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be delivered electronically or mailed by first-class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery or emailed to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

All notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder or with respect to the Notes must be in writing (*provided* that any communication sent to the Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by DocuSign (or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to the Trustee by an authorized representative of the Company), in English. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications from the Company to the Trustee, including, without limitation, the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

SECTION 11.02. Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

(a) an Officer's Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in <u>Section 11.03</u> hereof) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in <u>Section 11.03</u> hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

SECTION 11.03. Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

(a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied; and

(d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

SECTION 11.04. Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

SECTION 11.05. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Managers, Incorporators, Members, Partners and Stockholders.

No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Guarantor (other than the Company in respect of the Notes and each Guarantor in respect of its Guarantee) under the Notes, the Guarantees or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 11.06. Governing Law.

THIS INDENTURE, THE GUARANTEES AND THE NOTES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 11.07. No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

SECTION 11.08. Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture and the Guarantees shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

SECTION 11.09. Severability.

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

SECTION 11.10. Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture, and each party hereto may sign any number of separate copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The word "execution," "executed," "signed," "signature," "delivery" and words of like import in or relating to this Indenture or any document to be signed in connection with this Indenture shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof of the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

SECTION 11.11. Table of Contents, Headings, Etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

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GARTNER, INC.

By: /s/ Craig W. Safian

Name: Craig W. Safian Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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By: /s/ Craig W. Safian Name: Craig W. Safian

Title: President

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Laurel Casasanta

Name:Laurel CasasantaTitle:Vice President

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EXHIBITS

Appendix A	PROVISIONS RELATING TO INITIAL NOTES
Exhibit A	FORM OF NOTE
Exhibit B	FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE – ADDITIONAL GUARANTEES

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INITIAL NOTES

The following procedures shall apply to the Notes. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Appendix A shall have the meaning given to such terms in this Indenture to which this Appendix A is attached.

1. Definitions

1.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this Appendix A and this Indenture as a whole, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

"<u>Applicable Procedures</u>" means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme.

"Definitive Note" means a certificated Initial Note (bearing the Restricted Securities Legend if the transfer of such Note is restricted by applicable law) that does not include the Global Notes Legend.

"Depositary" means The Depository Trust Company, its nominees and their respective successors.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.

"Global Notes Legend" means the legend set forth under that caption in Exhibit A to this Indenture.

"<u>QIB</u>" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"<u>Regulation S</u>" means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

"<u>Regulation S Notes</u>" means all Initial Notes offered and sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S.

"<u>Restricted Period</u>" means, with respect to any Notes, the period of 40 consecutive days beginning on and including the later of (a) the day on which such Notes are first offered to persons other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) in reliance on Regulation S, notice of which day shall be promptly given by the Company to the Trustee, and (b) the Issue Date with respect to such Notes.

"Restricted Securities Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.3(e)(i) herein.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A Notes" means all Initial Notes offered and sold to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A.

"Securities Custodian" means the custodian with respect to a Global Note (as appointed by the Depositary) or any successor person thereto, who shall initially be the Trustee.

"Transfer Restricted Notes" means Definitive Notes and any other Notes that bear or are required to bear the Restricted Securities Legend.

1.2 <u>Other Definitions</u>	
Term:	Defined in Section:
"Agent Members"	2.1(c)
"Global Note"	2.1(b)
"Regulation S Global Note"	2.1(b)
"Rule 144A Global Note"	2.1(b)

2. The Notes

2.1 Form and Dating

(a) The Initial Notes issued on the date hereof shall be (i) offered and sold by the Company pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated June 15, 2021, by and among the Company, the Guarantors party thereto and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the initial purchasers, and (ii) resold, initially only to (1) persons reasonably believed to be QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A and (2) Persons other than U.S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S) in reliance on Regulation S. Such Initial Notes may thereafter be transferred to, among others, (A) QIBs and purchasers in reliance on Regulation S and (B) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Rule 144 thereunder (if applicable) or (C) in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based upon an Opinion of Counsel acceptable to the Company if the Company so requests). Additional Notes offered after the date hereof may be offered and sold by the Company from time to time pursuant to one or more purchase agreements in accordance with applicable law.

(b) <u>Global Notes.</u> Rule 144A Notes shall be issued initially in the form of one or more permanent Global Notes in definitive, fully registered form (collectively, the "<u>Rule 144A Global Note</u>") and Regulation S Notes shall be issued initially in the form of one or more Global Notes (collectively, the "<u>Regulation S Global Note</u>"), in each case without interest coupons and bearing the Global Notes Legend and Restricted Securities Legend, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with the Securities Custodian, and registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in this Indenture. Beneficial ownership interests in the Regulation S Global Note shall not be exchangeable for interests in the Rule 144A Global Note or any other Note without a Restricted Securities Legend until the expiration of the Restricted Period. The Rule 144A Global Note and the Regulation S Global Note are each referred to herein as a "<u>Global Note</u>" and are collectively referred to herein as "<u>Global Note</u>". The aggregate principal amount of the Global Notes may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depositary or its nominee and on the schedules thereto as hereinafter provided.

(c) Book-Entry Provisions. This Section 2.1(c) shall apply only to a Global Note deposited with or on behalf of the Depositary.

The Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with this Section 2.1(c) and Section 2.2 and pursuant to an Officer's Certificate, authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Notes that (i) shall be registered in the name of the Depositary for such Global Note or Global Notes or the nominee of such Depositary and (ii) shall be delivered by the Trustee to such Depositary or pursuant to such Depositary's instructions or held by the Trustee as Securities Custodian.

Members of, or participants in, the Depositary ("<u>Agent Members</u>") shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Note held on their behalf by the Depositary or by the Trustee as Securities Custodian or under such Global Note, and the Depositary may be treated by the

Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee as the absolute owner of such Global Note for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or impair, as between the Depositary and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of such Depositary governing the exercise of the rights of a Holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Note.

(d) <u>Definitive Notes</u>. Except as provided in Section 2.3 or 2.4, owners of beneficial interests in Global Notes shall not be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated Notes.

2.2 <u>Authentication</u>. The Trustee shall authenticate and deliver (a) on the Issue Date, an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 3.625% Senior Notes due 2029 and (b) subject to the terms of this Indenture, any Additional Notes for an original issuance specified in the Officer's Certificate pursuant to Section 2.13 of this Indenture. The Officer's Certificate with respect to the Additional Notes shall specify the amount of the Notes to be authenticated and the date on which such Notes are to be authenticated.

2.3 Transfer and Exchange.

(a) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes</u>. When Definitive Notes are presented to the Registrar with a request:

(i) to register the transfer of such Definitive Notes; or

(ii) to exchange such Definitive Notes for an equal principal amount of Definitive Notes of other authorized denominations,

the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; *provided*, *however*, that the Definitive Notes surrendered for transfer or exchange:

(1) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing; and

(2) in the case of Transfer Restricted Notes, are accompanied by the following additional information and documents, as applicable:

(A) if such Definitive Notes are being delivered to the Registrar by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect (in the form set forth on the reverse side of the Initial Note); or

(B) if such Definitive Notes are being transferred to the Company, a certification to that effect (in the form set forth on the reverse side of the Initial Note); or

(C) if such Definitive Notes are being transferred pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act or in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, (x) a certification to that effect (in the form set forth on the reverse side of the Initial Note) and (y) if the Company so requests, an opinion of counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to it as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the legend set forth in Section 2.3(e)(i).

(b) <u>Restrictions on Transfer of a Definitive Note for a Beneficial Interest in a Global Note</u>. A Definitive Note may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in a Global Note except upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth below. Upon receipt by the Trustee of a Definitive Note, duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar, together with:

(i) certification (in the form set forth on the reverse side of the Initial Note) that such Definitive Note is being transferred (1) to the Company, (2) to the Registrar for registration in the name of a Holder, without transfer, (3) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, (4) to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, (5) outside the United States in an offshore transaction within the meaning of Regulation S and in compliance with Rule 904 under the Securities Act, (6) in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based upon an opinion of counsel acceptable to the Company if the Company so requests) or (7) pursuant to another available exemption from registration provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act; and

(ii) written instructions directing the Trustee to make, or to direct the Securities Custodian to make, an adjustment on its books and records with respect to such Global Note to reflect an increase in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes represented by the Global Note, such instructions to contain information regarding the Depositary account to be credited with such increase,

then the Trustee shall cancel such Definitive Note and cause, or direct the Securities Custodian to cause, in accordance with the standing instructions and procedures existing between the Depositary and the Securities Custodian, the aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the Global Note to be increased by the aggregate principal amount of the Definitive Note to be exchanged and shall credit or cause to be credited to the account of the Person specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in the Global Note equal to the principal amount of the Definitive Note so canceled. If no Global Notes are then outstanding and the Global Note has not been previously exchanged for certificated Notes pursuant to Section 2.4, the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate, upon written order of the Company in the form of an Officer's Certificate, a new Global Note in the appropriate principal amount.

(c) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes</u>. (i) The transfer and exchange of Global Notes or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with this Indenture (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth herein, if any) and the procedures of the Depositary therefor. A transferor of a beneficial interest in a Global Note shall deliver a written order given in accordance with the Depositary's procedures containing information regarding the participant account of the Depositary to be credited with a beneficial interest in such Global Note or another Global Note and such account shall be credited in accordance with such order with a beneficial interest in the applicable Global Note and the account of the Person making the transfer shall be debited by an amount equal to the beneficial interest in the Global Note being transferred. Transfers by an owner of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through the Regulation S Global Note, whether before or after the expiration of the Restricted Period, shall be made only upon receipt by the Trustee of a certification in the form provided on the reverse of the Initial Notes from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S or (if available) Rule 144 under the Securities Act and that, if such transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, the interest transferred shall be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream.

(ii) If the proposed transfer is a transfer of a beneficial interest in one Global Note to a beneficial interest in another Global Note, the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of the Global Note to which such interest is being transferred in an amount equal to the principal amount of the interest to be so transferred, and the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and a corresponding decrease in the principal amount of the Global Note from which such interest is being transferred.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Appendix (other than the provisions set forth in Section 2.4), a Global Note may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary.

(d) <u>Restrictions on Transfer of Regulation S Global Note</u>. (i) Prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, interests in the Regulation S Global Note may only be held through Euroclear or Clearstream. During the Restricted Period, beneficial ownership interests in the Regulation S Global Note may only be sold, pledged or transferred through Euroclear or Clearstream in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and only (1) to the Company, (2) so long as such note is eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A, to a person whom the selling Holder reasonably believes is a QIB that purchases for its own account or for the account of a QIB to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, (3) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S, (4) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Rule 144 (if applicable) under the Securities Act, (5) in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act (and based upon an opinion of counsel acceptable to the Company if the Company so requests) or (6) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States. Prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, transfers by an owner of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through the Rule 144A Global Note shall be made only in accordance with Applicable Procedures and upon receipt by the Trustee of a written certification from the transferor of the beneficial interest in the form provided on the reverse of the Initial Note to the effect that such transfer is being made to a QIB within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A. Such written certification shall no longer be required after the expiration of the Restricted Period.

(ii) Upon the expiration of the Restricted Period, beneficial ownership interests in the Regulation S Global Note shall be transferable in accordance with applicable law and the other terms of this Indenture.

(e) <u>Legend</u>

(i) Except as permitted by the following paragraphs (ii), (iii) or (iv), each Note certificate evidencing the Global Notes and the Definitive Notes (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or in substitution thereof) shall bear a legend in substantially the following form (each defined term in the legend being defined as such for purposes of the legend only):

"THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, SUCH REGISTRATION. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED SECURITIES, TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE") THAT IS [IN THE CASE OF RULE 144A NOTES: SIX MONTHS AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF, THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY), [IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S NOTES: 40 DAYS AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF, THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES AND THE DATE ON WHICH THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY) WAS FIRST OFFERED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS (AS DEFINED IN RULE 902 OF REGULATION S) IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S], ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A"), TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE

ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (D) PURSUANT TO OFFERS AND SALES TO NON-U.S. PERSONS THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(a)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER AND THAT IS PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ANOTHER INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR, IN EACH CASE IN A MINIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 OF SECURITIES OR (F) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (D), (E) OR (F) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/ OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE. [*IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S NOTES*: BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER HEREOF REPRESENTS THAT IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON NOR IS IT PURCHASING FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS SECURITY IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.]

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY, THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED, IN ITS CORPORATE AND FIDUCIARY CAPACITY, THAT (1) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF (X) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" UNDER ERISA, OR (Y) A PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO U.S. OR NON-U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO ERISA AND/OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS") OR (2) ITS ACQUISITION, HOLDING AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NON- EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE AND IS NOT PROHIBITED UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS."

Each Definitive Note shall bear the following additional legend:

"IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER SHALL DELIVER TO THE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS."

(ii) Upon any sale or transfer of a Transfer Restricted Note that is a Definitive Note, the Registrar shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Note for a Definitive Note that does not bear the legends set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Note if the Holder certifies in writing to the Registrar that its request for such exchange was made in reliance on Rule 144 (such certification to be in the form set forth on the reverse of the Initial Note).

(iii) After a transfer of any Initial Notes during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Initial Note, all requirements pertaining to the Restricted Securities Legend on such Initial Notes shall cease to apply and the requirements that any such Initial Notes be issued in global form shall continue to apply.

(iv) Upon a sale or transfer after the expiration of the Restricted Period of any Initial Note acquired pursuant to Regulation S, all requirements that such Initial Note bear the Restricted Securities Legend shall cease to apply and the requirements requiring any such Initial Note be issued in global form shall continue to apply.

(v) Any Additional Notes sold in a registered offering shall not be required to bear the Restricted Securities Legend.

(f) <u>Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Note</u>. At such time as all beneficial interests in a Global Note have either been exchanged for Definitive Notes, transferred, redeemed, repurchased or cancelled, such Global Note shall be returned by the Depositary to the Trustee for cancellation or retained and cancelled by the Trustee. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for Definitive Notes, transferred in exchange for an interest in another Global Note, redeemed, repurchased or canceled, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Trustee (if it is then the Securities Custodian for such Global Note) with respect to such Global Note, by the Trustee or the Securities Custodian, to reflect such reduction.

(g) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Notes

(i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute upon receipt of a written request from the Company and the Trustee shall authenticate, Definitive Notes and Global Notes at the Registrar's request.

(ii) No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax, assessments, or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

(iii) Prior to the due presentation for registration of transfer of any Note, the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name a Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note is overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(iv) All Notes issued upon any transfer or exchange pursuant to the terms of this Indenture shall evidence the same debt and shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as the Notes surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

(h) No Obligation of the Trustee

(i) The Trustee shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of a Global Note, a member of, or a participant in the Depositary or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depositary or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Notes or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than the Depositary) of any notice (including any notice of redemption or repurchase) or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Notes. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Notes shall be given or made only to the registered Holders (which shall be the Depositary or its nominee in the case of a Global Note). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Note shall be exercised only through the Depositary subject to the applicable rules and procedures of the Depositary. The Trustee may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depositary with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(ii) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Note (including any transfers between or among Depositary participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Note) other than to require delivery of such certificates, opinions and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

2.4 Definitive Notes.

(a) A Global Note deposited with the Depositary or with the Trustee as Securities Custodian pursuant to Section 2.1 shall be transferred to the beneficial owners thereof in the form of Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Global Note, in exchange for such Global Note, only if such transfer complies with Section 2.3 and (i) the Depositary notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a Depositary for such Global Note or if at any time the Depositary ceases to be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, a successor depositary is not appointed by the Company within 120 days of such notice or after the Company becomes aware of such event, or (ii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or (iii) the Company, in its sole discretion, notifies the Trustee in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of certificated Notes under this Indenture.

(b) Any Global Note that is transferable to the beneficial owners thereof pursuant to this Section 2.4 shall be surrendered by the Depositary to the Trustee, to be so transferred, in whole or from time to time in part, without charge, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, upon such transfer of each portion of such Global Note, an equal aggregate principal amount of Definitive Notes of authorized denominations. Any portion of a Global Note transferred pursuant to this Section 2.4 shall be executed, authenticated and delivered only in denominations of \$2,000 and whole multiples of \$1,000 thereof and registered in such names as the Depositary shall direct. Any certificated Initial Note in the form of a Definitive Note delivered in exchange for an interest in the Global Note shall, except as otherwise provided by Section 2.3(e), bear the Restricted Securities Legend.

(c) Subject to the provisions of Section 2.4(b), the registered Holder of a Global Note may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members and Persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action which a Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Notes.

(d) In the event of the occurrence of any of the events specified in Section 2.4(a)(i), (ii) or (iii), the Company shall promptly make available to the Trustee a reasonable supply of Definitive Notes in fully registered form without interest coupons.

[FORM OF FACE OF NOTE]

[Global Notes Legend]

UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE), TO GARTNER, INC. OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO DTC, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

[[FOR REGULATION S GLOBAL SECURITY ONLY] UNTIL 40 DAYS AFTER THE LATER OF COMMENCEMENT OR COMPLETION OF THE OFFERING, AN OFFER OR SALE OF SECURITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES BY A DEALER (AS DEFINED IN THE SECURITIES ACT) MAY VIOLATE THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IF SUCH OFFER OR SALE IS MADE OTHERWISE THAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 144A THEREUNDER.]

[Restricted Securities Legend]

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION. NEITHER THIS SECURITY NOR ANY INTEREST OR PARTICIPATION HEREIN MAY BE REOFFERED, SOLD, ASSIGNED, TRANSFERRED, PLEDGED, ENCUMBERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR UNLESS SUCH TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM, OR NOT SUBJECT TO, SUCH REGISTRATION. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED SECURITIES, TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH SECURITY, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE "RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE") THAT IS [IN THE CASE OF RULE 144A NOTES: SIX MONTHS AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF, THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY WAS THE OWNER OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY),] [IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S NOTES: 40 DAYS AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF, THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL NOTES AND THE DATE ON WHICH THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH SECURITY) WAS FIRST OFFERED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN DISTRIBUTORS (AS DEFINED IN RULE 902 OF REGULATION S) IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S], ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT,(C) FOR SO LONG AS THE SECURITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A"), TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE

ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (D) PURSUANT TO OFFERS AND SALES TO NON-U.S. PERSONS THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(a)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER AND THAT IS PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ANOTHER INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR, IN EACH CASE IN A MINIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 OF SECURITIES OR (F) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE TRUSTEE'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (D), (E) OR (F) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/ OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO EACH OF THEM. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE. [*IN THE CASE OF REGULATION S NOTES*: BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER HEREOF REPRESENTS THAT IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON NOR IS IT PURCHASING FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS SECURITY IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.]

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY, THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED, IN ITS CORPORATE AND FIDUCIARY CAPACITY, THAT (1) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS SECURITY CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF (X) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), A PLAN, INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" UNDER ERISA, OR (Y) A PLAN WHICH IS SUBJECT TO U.S. OR NON-U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO ERISA AND/OR THE CODE ("SIMILAR LAWS") OR (2) ITS ACQUISITION, HOLDING AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF THIS SECURITY WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NON- EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE AND IS NOT PROHIBITED UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

Each Definitive Note shall bear the following additional legend:

"IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER SHALL DELIVER TO THE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

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3.625% Senior Notes due 2029

No.

Principal Amount at Maturity: U.S. \$

GARTNER, INC.

Gartner, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), promises to pay to , or registered assigns, the principal sum of Dollars on June 15, 2029 [or such greater or lesser amount as may be indicated on Schedule A hereto].¹

Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15, commencing on December 15, 2021.

Record Dates: June 1 and December 1.

Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this Note.

GARTNER, INC.

By:

Name: Title:

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Authorized Signatory

Dated:

¹ If this Note is a Global Note, include this provision.

(Back of Note)

3.625% Senior Notes due 2029

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

1. *Interest.* Gartner, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at 3.625% per annum until maturity. The Company will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15 of each year, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each an "<u>Interest Payment Date</u>"). Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of original issuance; *provided* that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date, except in the case of the original issuance of Notes, in which case interest shall accrue from date of authentication; *provided*, *further*, that the first Interest Payment Date shall be , ². The Company shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at the rate borne on the Notes; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code) on overdue installments of interest, if any, (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

2. *Method of Payment*. The Company will pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the June 1 and December 1 next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in <u>Section 2.12</u> of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium and interest at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose within the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of, and interest and premium on, all Global Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

3. *Paying Agent and Registrar*. Initially, U.S. Bank National Association, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

4. *Indenture*. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of June 18, 2021 ("<u>Indenture</u>"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are unsecured obligations of the Company.

5. *Optional Redemption*. The Notes will be redeemable at the Company's option, in whole or in part, at any time on or after June 15, 2024, at the optional redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the optional

² December 15, 2021 for the Initial Notes.

redemption date, if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning on June 15 of each of the years indicated below:

Year	Redemption Price
2024	101.813%
2025	100.906%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

Prior to June 15, 2024, the Company may, at its option, on one or more occasions, redeem up to 40% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of Additional Notes) at a redemption price equal to 103.625% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more equity offerings; *provided* that (1) at least 50% of the sum of the aggregate principal amount of Notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of Additional Notes) remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption and (2) each such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of closing of each equity offering.

In addition, at any time prior to June 15, 2024, the Company is entitled, at its option, to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus the applicable premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

The Company and its Affiliates may acquire the Notes by means other than a redemption pursuant to <u>Section 3.07</u> of the Indenture, whether by tender offer, open market purchases, negotiated transactions or otherwise.

The Company may, at its option, elect to redeem the Notes pursuant to more than one type of redemption described in <u>Section 3.07</u> of the Indenture on a concurrent basis.

If Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes tender and do not withdraw such Notes in any tender offer for the Notes and the Company, or any third party making such offer in lieu of the Company, purchases all of such Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company or such third party will have the right, upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 60 days following such purchase date, to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such initial purchase at a price equal to the price paid to each other Holder in such tender offer (which shall exclude any early tender premium or similar premium) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date specified in such subsequent notice as the date of purchase, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date. Each Holder, by purchasing or holding any Notes, will be deemed to have consented to this provision.

6. *Repurchase at Option of Holder*. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, each Holder of Notes will have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of such Holder's Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer described in the Indenture at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to, but excluding, the date of purchase (the "<u>Change of Control Offer</u>"), subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event, the Company shall send to each Holder a notice setting forth the procedures governing such Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

7. *Notice of Redemption*. Except in connection with the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture or Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance, notice of redemption will be mailed or delivered by electronic transmission in accordance with the requirements of the Indenture at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address or otherwise in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC. Notes in denominations larger

than \$2,000 may be redeemed in part in whole multiples of \$1,000; *provided* that the unredeemed principal amount of such Notes is not less than \$2,000. On and after the redemption date, interest ceases to accrue on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption.

8. *Denominations, Transfer, Exchange.* The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$ 1,000 in excess thereof. The transfer of the Notes may be registered and the Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes or portion of any Notes selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, it need not exchange or register the transfer of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.

9. Persons Deemed Owners. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

10. *Amendment, Supplement and Waiver*. The Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented as provided in the Indenture.

11. *Defaults and Remedies*. The Events of Default relating to the Notes are defined in <u>Section 6.01</u> of the Indenture. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the rights and obligations of the Company, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Holders shall be as set forth in the applicable provisions of the Indenture.

12. *Trustee Dealings with Company*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for, the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

13. *No Recourse Against Others*. A director, officer, employee, manager, incorporator, partner, member or stockholder of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or any Guarantor, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company or Guarantors under the Notes, the Guarantees or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

14. Authentication. This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of a Responsible Officer or an authenticating agent.

15. *Abbreviations*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (=tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (Joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

16. *CUSIP Numbers*. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

17. Governing Law. THE INDENTURE, THE GUARANTEES AND THE NOTES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Gartner, Inc. P.O. Box 10212 56 Top Gallant Road Stamford, CT 06902

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ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

I or we assign and transfer this Note to

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. No.)

and irrevocably appoint agent to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____

Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Note. Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized signature guaranty medallion program or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee.

CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER RESTRICTED SECURITIES

This certificate relates to \$ principal amount of Notes held in (check applicable space) the undersigned.

book-entry or

definitive form by

The undersigned (check one box below):

- has requested the Trustee by written order to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in the Global Note held by the Depositary a Note or Notes in definitive, registered form of authorized denominations and an aggregate principal amount equal to its beneficial interest in such Global Note (or the portion thereof indicated above);
- □ has requested the Trustee by written order to exchange or register the transfer of a Note or Notes.

In connection with any transfer of any of the Notes evidenced by this certificate by a Person who is not an affiliate of the Company occurring prior to the expiration of the period referred to in the last sentence of Rule 144(b)(1)(i) under the Securities Act, the undersigned confirms that such Notes are being transferred in accordance with its terms:

CHECK ONE BOX BELOW

- (1) \Box to the Company; or
- (2) \Box to the Registrar for registration in the name of the Holder, without transfer; or
- (3) \Box pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933; or
- (4) \Box inside the United States to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933) that purchases for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer to whom notice is given that such transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, in each case pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933; or
- (5)
 outside the United States in an offshore transaction within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act in compliance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act of 1933 and such Note shall be held immediately after the transfer through Euroclear or Clearstream until the expiration of the Restricted Period (as defined in the Indenture); or
- (6) Dursuant to the exemption provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933; or
- (7) 🗆 in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 (and based upon an opinion of counsel acceptable to the Company, if the Company so requests).

Unless one of the boxes is checked, the Trustee shall refuse to register any of the Notes evidenced by this certificate in the name of any Person other than the registered Holder thereof; *provided, however*, that if box (5), (6) or (7) is checked, the Trustee may require, prior to registering any such transfer of the Notes, such legal opinions, certifications and other information as the Company has reasonably requested to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.

Signature Guarantee:

Date:

Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized signature guaranty medallion program or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee Your Signature

Signature of Signature Guarantee

TO BE COMPLETED BY PURCHASER IF (4) ABOVE IS CHECKED.

The undersigned represents and warrants that it is purchasing this Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Company and the Guarantors as the undersigned has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon the undersigned's foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: To be executed by an executive officer

OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to <u>Section 4.08</u> of the Indenture, check the box below:

□ <u>Section 4.08</u>

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to <u>Section 4.08</u> of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$

Date: Your Signature:

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No.:

SIGNATURE GUARANTEE

Signatures must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("<u>STAMP</u>") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SCHEDULE A

EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE***

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Principal Amount of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized Trustee <u>or Note Custodian</u>

*** This Schedule should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE – ADDITIONAL GUARANTEES

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "<u>Supplemental Indenture</u>"), dated as of [], 20[] between [name of New Guarantor] (the "<u>New</u> <u>Guarantor</u>"), and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee under the indenture referred to below (the "<u>Trustee</u>"). Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Indenture (as defined below).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Gartner, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and the existing Guarantors have heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (as amended, supplemented and in effect, the "<u>Indenture</u>"), dated as of June 18, 2021, pursuant to which the Company has issued an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 3.625% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "<u>Notes</u>");

WHEREAS, <u>Article X</u> of the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Company may or must cause certain of its Subsidiaries to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Subsidiaries shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's Obligations under the Notes pursuant to a Guarantee on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the New Guarantor and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes as follows:

1. Capitalized Terms. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

2. *Agreement to Guarantee*. The New Guarantor hereby agrees, jointly and severally with all other Guarantors, to guarantee the Company's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in <u>Article X</u> of the Indenture and to be bound by all other applicable provisions of the Indenture as a Guarantor thereunder.³

3. *No Recourse Against Others*. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, manager, incorporator, partner, member, agent, shareholder or other owner of Capital Stock of any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Guarantor under the Notes, any Guarantees, the Indenture or this Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

4. *NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN*. THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

5. *Counterparts*. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. The word "execution," "executed," "signed," "signature," "delivery" and words of like import in or relating to this Supplemental Indenture or any document to be signed in connection with this Supplemental Indenture shall

³ Pursuant to Section 4.06 of the Indenture, the guarantee may be subject to limitations or other terms that are substantially similar to those applicable to the guarantee giving rise to the obligation to provide a Guarantee of the Notes.

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be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof of the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

6. *Effect of Headings*. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

7. *The Trustee*. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the correctness of the recitals of fact contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the New Guarantor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed and attested, all as of the date first above written.

Dated:

[NEW GUARANTOR]

By:

Name: Title:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Name: Title:

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