# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### 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): November 9, 2004 (November 8, 2004)

### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State of incorporation)

1-11316 (Commission File Number) **38-3041398** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices / Zip Code)

#### (410) 427-1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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# Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The disclosure contained in "Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant" and Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K are incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

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

7% Senior Notes due 2014

On November 8, 2004, Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. ("Omega") issued \$60 million aggregate principal amount of 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes") of Omega through a private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A and in offshore transactions pursuant to Regulation S, promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Notes were sold pursuant to a Purchase Agreement, dated October 29, 2004, by and among Omega and

its subsidiaries, as guarantors, to Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Banc of America Securities LLC and UBS Securities LLC (collectively, the "Initial Purchasers"), a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated in this Item 2.03 by reference. The Notes were sold at an issue price of 102.25% of the principal amount of the notes (equal to a per annum yield to maturity of approximately 6.67%), resulting in gross proceeds to the company of \$61.35 million. The Notes bear an interest rate of 7%, payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on April 1, 2005. The Notes mature on April 1, 2004. The Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by Omega and its subsidiaries until certain conditions are met.

The Notes are Omega's unsecured senior obligations and rank equally with all of Omega's existing and future senior debt, and senior to all of Omega's existing and future subordinated debt. The Notes are, and will be, effectively subordinated to Omega's existing and future secured debt. The Notes are, and will be, unconditionally guaranteed by Omega's existing and future subsidiaries that guarantee Omega's Senior Credit Facility (as defined below) or any of Omega's other indebtedness. These guarantees are unsecured senior obligations of the guarantors and rank equally with existing and future unsecured senior debt of such guarantors, and senior to all existing and future subordinated debt of such guarantors. The guarantees are effectively subordinated to existing and future secured debt of the guarantors.

Omega intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes to (i) repay a portion of its outstanding indebtedness under its Credit Agreement, dated as of March 22, 2004, (as amended from time to time, the "Senior Credit Facility"), among OHI Asset, LLC, OHI Asset (ID), LLC, OHI Asset (LA), LLC, OHI Asset (TX), LLC, OHI Asset (CA), LLC, Delta Investors I, LLC, Delta Investors II, LLC, the lenders identified therein and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, (ii) partially fund acquisitions and investments, (iii) for working capital and general corporate purposes and (iv) to pay related fees and expenses. Bank of America, N.A. is an affiliate of Banc of America Securities LLC. In addition, each of the other Initial Purchasers serve in various agent capacities under the Senior Credit Facility.

The Notes are issued pursuant to an Indenture dated as of March 22, 2004 (the "Indenture") between Omega and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 20, 2004 and a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of November 5, 2004. Omega has previously issued \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Initial Notes"), pursuant to the Indenture, and the Indenture permits Omega to issue additional notes from time to time. The Notes, together with the Initial Notes, constitute part of a single class of securities. Additionally, the Notes and the Initial Notes have identical terms, except as otherwise provided in the Indenture and Registration Rights Agreement (as defined below). Immediately after giving effect to the issuance of the Notes, Omega had outstanding \$260 million aggregate principal amount of its 7% Senior Notes due 2014.

The terms of the Notes, summarized below, are governed by the Indenture. The Indenture contains certain covenants that limit the ability of Omega and its Restricted Subsidiaries (as defined therein) to, among other things, incur debt; incur secured debt; make certain dividend payments, distributions and investments; enter into certain transactions, including transactions with affiliates; restrict dividends or other payments from subsidiaries; merge, consolidate or transfer all or substantially all of their respective assets; and sell assets. Upon the occurrence of certain types of changes of control, the Indenture requires Omega to make an offer to repurchase the Notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date, unless certain conditions are met.

Except as described below, Omega does not have any right to redeem the Notes prior to April 1, 2009. The Indenture allows the Issuers to redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at redemption prices of 103.5%, 102.333% and 101.167% of the principal amount thereof if the redemption occurs during the respective 12-month periods beginning on April of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof on and after April 1, 2012, in each case, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In addition, Omega may redeem up to 35% of the Notes before April 1, 2007 with net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at a redemption price of 107% of the principal amount of the Notes to be so redeemed, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

The Indenture contains customary events of default including, without limitation, failure to make required payments, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants, cross-defaults to certain other indebtedness in excess of specified amounts, certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency, and failure to pay certain judgments. An event of default under the Indenture will allow either the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes to accelerate, or in certain cases, will automatically cause the acceleration of, the amounts due under the Notes.

The foregoing description of the Notes and the Indenture, as supplemented, is qualified by reference in its entirety to the (i) Indenture, a copy of which has been previously filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Omega's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 26, 2004, (ii) the First Supplemental Indenture, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 4.8 to the First Amendment to Omega's Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed on July 26, 2004, and (iii) the Second Supplemental Indenture, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On November 8, 2004, Omega, its subsidiaries and the Initial Purchasers entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), pursuant to which Omega and its subsidiaries agreed to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement (the "Exchange Offer Registration Statement") under the Securities Act relating to the registration of a new series of 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Exchange Notes"), with terms substantially similar to the Notes, within sixty (60) days following the issuance of the Notes. Upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, Omega and its subsidiaries, pursuant to an exchange offer (the "Exchange Offer"), are required to offer to the holders of the Notes, who are able to make certain representations, the opportunity to exchange their Notes for Exchange Notes. Omega and its subsidiaries are required to use their commercially reasonable efforts to have the Exchange Offer Registration Statement declared effective by the Commission on or prior to 180 days after November 8, 2004. Unless the Exchange Offer would not be permitted by applicable law or Commission policy, Omega and its subsidiaries must commence the Exchange Offer and use their best efforts to issue within 30 business days, or longer if required by the federal securities laws, after the date on which the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission, Exchange Notes in exchange for all Notes tendered prior thereto in the Exchange Offer. If the Exchange Offer is prohibited by applicable law or Commission policy, or is otherwise not consummated within 210 days following the issuance of the Notes, Omega and its subsidiaries are required to file with the Commission a shelf registration statement ("Shelf Registration Statement") to cover resales of the Notes by the holders of the Notes who satisfy certain conditions relating to the provision of information in connection with such Shelf Registration Statement. If so obligated, Omega and its subsidiaries are required to use their best efforts to file the Shelf Registration Statement with the Commission on or prior to 45 days after such filing obligation arises and to cause such shelf registration to be declared effective by the Commission on or prior to 60 days after such shelf registration was filed.

If Omega and its subsidiaries fail to satisfy any of the obligations described above on a timely basis,Omega and its subsidiaries are required to pay liquidated damages in the form of additional interest on the Notes to the holders of the Notes under certain circumstances. Omega and its subsidiaries must pay liquidated damages on the Notes if: (i) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not filed with the Commission within sixty (60) days following the issuance of the Notes, (ii) the Commission does not declare the Exchange Offer Registration Statement effective on or prior to the 180<sup>th</sup> day following the issuance of the Notes, or (iii) the Exchange Offer is not consummated on or prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following the date of effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

The foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement is qualified by reference in its entirety to the Registration Rights Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated in this Item 2.03 by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Exhibits

- 4.1 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 8, 2004, by and among Omega Healthcare, the Guarantors named therein, and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Banc of America Securities LLC and UBS Securities LLC, as Initial Purchasers.
- 4.2 Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 5, 2004, among Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., each of the subsidiary guarantors listed on Schedule I thereto, OHI Asset (OH) New Philadelphia, LLC, OHI Asset (OH) Lender, LLC, OHI Asset (PA) Trust and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
- 99.1 Purchase Agreement, dated October 29, 2004, by and among Omega and its subsidiaries, as guarantors, and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Banc of America Securities LLC and UBS Securities LLC, as Initial Purchasers.

# **SIGNATURES**

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

**OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.** (Registrant)

Dated: November 9, 2004

By: <u>/s/ C. Taylor Pickett</u>

C. Taylor Pickett

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Dated as of November 8, 2004

Among

OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

and

THE GUARANTORS NAMED HEREIN

as Issuers,

and

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.,

BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC, AND

**UBS SECURITIES LLC** 

as Initial Purchasers

7% Senior Notes due 2014

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#### REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This Registration Rights Agreement (this "Agreement") is dated as of November 8, 2004, among OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), the subsidiaries of the Company listed on the signature pages hereto (collectively, and together with any entity that in the future executes a supplemental indenture pursuant to which such entity agrees to guarantee the Notes (as hereinafter defined), the "Guarantors," and together with the Company, the "Issuers") and DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC., BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLCand UBS SECURITIES LLC as initial purchasers (the 'Initial Purchasers').

This Agreement is entered into in connection with the Purchase Agreement by and among the Issuers and the Initial Purchasers, dated as of October 29, 2004 (the "Purchase Agreement"), which provides for, among other things, the sale by the Company to the Initial Purchasers of \$60,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes") guaranteed on a senior basis by the Guarantors (the "Guarantees"). In order to induce the Initial Purchasers to enter into the Purchase Agreement, the Issuers have agreed to provide the registration rights set forth in this Agreement for the benefit of the Initial Purchasers and any subsequent holder or holders of the Notes. The execution and delivery of this Agreement is a condition to the Initial Purchasers' obligation to purchase the Notes under the Purchase Agreement.

The parties hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. <u>Definitions</u>

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Additional Interest: See Section 4(a) hereof.

Advice: See the last paragraph of Section 5 hereof.

Agreement: See the introductory paragraphs hereto.

Applicable Period: See Section 2(b) hereof.

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Business Day: Any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in New York or Maryland are authorized or required by law to be closed.

Company: See the introductory paragraphs hereto.

Effectiveness Date: With respect to (i) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the 180th day after the Issue Date and (ii) any Shelf Registration Statement, the 60th day after the Filing Date with respect thereto; provided, however, that if the Effectiveness Date would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then the Effectiveness Date shall be the next succeeding Business Day.

Effectiveness Period: See Section 3(a) hereof.

Event Date: See Section 4(b) hereof.

Exchange Act: The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

Exchange Notes: See Section 2(a) hereof.

Exchange Offer: See Section 2(a) hereof.

Exchange Offer Registration Statement: See Section 2(a) hereof.

Filing Date: (A) If no Registration Statement has been filed by the Company pursuant to this Agreement, the 60th day after the Issue Date; and (B) in any other case (which may be applicable notwithstanding the consummation of the Exchange Offer), the 60th day after the delivery of a Shelf Notice as required pursuant to Section 2(c) hereof; provided, however, that if the Filing Date would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then the Filing Date shall be the next succeeding Business Day.

Guarantees: See the introductory paragraphs hereto.

Guarantors: See the introductory paragraphs hereto.

Holder: Any holder of a Registrable Note or Registrable Notes.

Indenture: The Indenture, dated as of March 22, 2004, by and among the Company, the Guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, pursuant to which the Notes are being issued, as amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

Information: See Section 5(o) hereof.

Initial Purchasers: See the introductory paragraphs hereto.

Initial Shelf Registration: See Section 3(a) hereof.

Inspectors: See Section 5(o) hereof.

Issue Date: November 8, 2004, the date of original issuance of the Notes.

 $\underline{Issuers} \hbox{: See the introductory paragraphs here} to.$ 

NASD: See Section 5(s) hereof.

Notes: See the introductory paragraphs hereto.

Participant: See Section 7(a) hereof.

Participating Broker-Dealer: See Section 2(b) hereof.

<u>Person</u>: An individual, trustee, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, union, business association, firm or other legal entity.

Private Exchange: See Section 2(b) hereof.

Private Exchange Notes: See Section 2(b) hereof.

<u>Prospectus</u>: The prospectus included in any Registration Statement (including, without limitation, any prospectus subject to completion and a prospectus that includes any information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A under the Securities Act and any term sheet filed pursuant to Rule 434 under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, and all other amendments and supplements to the Prospectus, including post-effective amendments, and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

<u>Purchase Agreement</u>: See the introductory paragraphs hereof.

Records: See Section 5(o) hereof.

Registrable Notes: Each Note (and the related Guarantees) upon its original issuance and at all times subsequent thereto, each Exchange Note (and the related Guarantees) as to which Section 2(c)(iv) hereof is applicable upon original issuance and at all times subsequent thereto and each Private Exchange Note (and the related Guarantees) upon original issuance thereof and at all times subsequent thereto, until, in each case, the earliest to occur of (i) a Registration Statement (other than, with respect to any Exchange Note as to which Section 2(c)(iv) hereof is applicable, the Exchange Offer Registration Statement) covering such Note, Exchange Note or Private Exchange Note has been declared effective by the SEC, (ii) such Note has been exchanged pursuant to the Exchange Offer for an Exchange Note or Exchange Note (and the related Guarantees) that may be resold without restriction under state and federal securities laws, (iii) such Note, Exchange Note or Private Exchange Note (and the related Guarantees), as the case may be, ceases to be outstanding for purposes of the Indenture or (iv) such Note, Exchange Note or Private Exchange Note (and the related Guarantees), as the case may be, may be resold without restriction pursuant to Rule 144(k) (as amended or replaced) under the Securities Act.

Registration Statement: Any registration statement of the Company that covers any of the Notes, the Exchange Notes or the Private Exchange Notes (and the related Guarantees) filed with the SEC under the Securities Act, including the Prospectus, amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, all exhibits, and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such registration statement.

Rule 144: Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Rule 144A: Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

Rule 405: Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

Rule 415: Rule 415 under the Securities Act.

Rule 424: Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

SEC: The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities Act: The Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

Shelf Notice: See Section 2(c) hereof.

Shelf Registration: See Section 3(b) hereof.

<u>Shelf Registration Statement</u>: Any Registration Statement relating to a Shelf Registration.

Shelf Suspension Period: See Section 3(a) hereof.

Subsequent Shelf Registration: See Section 3(b) hereof.

TIA: The Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

<u>Trustee</u>: The trustee under the Indenture and the trustee (if any) under any indenture governing the Exchange Notes and Private Exchange Notes (and the related Guarantees).

Underwritten registration or underwritten offering: A registration in which securities of the Company are sold to an underwriter for reoffering to the public.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, all references in this Agreement to acts, laws, statutes, rules, regulations, releases, forms, no-action letters and other regulatory requirements (collectively, "Regulatory Requirements") shall be deemed to refer also to any amendments thereto and all subsequent Regulatory Requirements adopted as a replacement thereto having substantially the same effect therewith; provided that Rule 144 shall not be deemed to amend or replace Rule 144A.

#### Exchange Offer

Unless the Exchange Offer would violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC, the Issuers shall use their reasonable best efforts to file with the SEC, no later than the Filing Date, a Registration Statement (the "Exchange Offer Registration Statement") on an appropriate registration form with respect to a registered offer (the "Exchange Offer") to exchange any and all of the Registrable Notes for a like aggregate principal amount of debt securities of the Company (the "Exchange Notes"), guaranteed on a senior basis by the Guarantors, that are identical in all material respects to the Notes, except that (i) the Exchange Notes shall contain no restrictive legend thereon and (ii) interest thereon shall accrue from the last date on which interest was paid on the Notes or, if no such interest has been paid, from the Issue Date, and which are entitled to the benefits of the Indenture or a trust indenture which is identical in all material respects to the Indenture (other than such changes to the Indenture or any such identical trust indenture as are necessary to comply with the TIA) and which, in either case, has been qualified under the TIA. The Exchange Offer shall comply with all applicable tender offer rules and regulations under the Exchange Act and other applicable laws. The Issuers shall (x) use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act on or before the Effectiveness Date; (y) keep the Exchange Offer open for at least 30 days (or longer if required by applicable law) after the date that notice of the Exchange Offer is mailed to Holders; and (z) consummate the Exchange Offer on or prior to the 210th day following the Issue Date.

Each Holder (including, without limitation, each Participating Broker-Dealer) who participates in the Exchange Offer will be required to represent to the Issuers in writing (which may be contained in the applicable letter of transmittal) that: (i) any Exchange Notes acquired in exchange for Registrable Notes tendered are being acquired in the ordinary course of business of the Person receiving such Exchange Notes, whether or not such recipient is such Holder itself; (ii) at the time of the commencement or consummation of the Exchange Offer neither such Holder nor, to the actual knowledge of such Holder, any other Person receiving Exchange Notes from such Holder has an arrangement or understanding with any Person to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Notes in violation of the provisions of the Securities Act; (iii) neither the Holder nor, to the actual knowledge of such Holder, any other Person receiving Exchange Notes from such Holder is an "affiliate" (as defined in Rule 405) of the Company or, if it is an affiliate of the Company, it will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable and will provide information to be included in the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with Section 5 hereof in order to have their Notes included in the Shelf Registration Statement and benefit from the provisions regarding Additional Interest in Section 4 hereof; (iv) neither such Holder nor, to the actual knowledge of such Holder, any other Person receiving Exchange Notes from such Holder is a Participating Broker-Dealer, such Holder has acquired the Registrable Notes as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and that it will comply with the applicable provisions of the Securities Act (including, but not limited to, the prospectus delivery requirements thereunder).

Upon consummation of the Exchange Offer in accordance with this Section 2, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply<u>mutatis mutandis</u>, solely with respect to Registrable Notes that are Private Exchange Notes, Exchange Notes as to which Section 2(c)(iv) is applicable and Exchange Notes held by Participating Broker-Dealers, and the Company shall have no further obligation to register Registrable Notes (other than Private Exchange Notes and Exchange Notes as to which clause 2(c)(iv) hereof applies) pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

No securities other than the Exchange Notes shall be included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

(b) The Issuers shall include within the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement a section entitled "Plan of Distribution," reasonably acceptable to the Initial Purchasers, which shall contain a summary statement of the positions taken or policies made by the staff of the SEC with respect to the potential "underwriter" status of any broker-dealer that is the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of Exchange Notes received by such broker-dealer in the Exchange Offer (a "Participating Broker-Dealer"), whether such positions or policies have been publicly disseminated by the staff of the SEC or such positions or policies represent the prevailing views of the staff of the SEC. Such "Plan of Distribution" section shall also expressly permit, to the extent permitted by applicable policies and regulations of the Prospectus by all Persons subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, including, to the extent permitted by applicable policies and regulations of the SEC, all Participating Broker-Dealers, and include a statement describing the means by which Participating Broker-Dealers may resell the Exchange Notes in compliance with the Securities Act.

The Issuers shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement effective and to amend and supplement the Prospectus contained therein in order to permit such Prospectus to be lawfully delivered by all Persons subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act for such period of time as is necessary to comply with applicable law in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes; provided, however, that such period shall not be required to exceed 90 days or such longer period if extended pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 5 hereof (the "Applicable Period").

If, prior to consummation of the Exchange Offer, the Initial Purchasers hold any Notes acquired by them that have the status of an unsold allotment in the initial distribution, the Issuers, upon the request of the Initial Purchasers, shall simultaneously with the delivery of the Exchange Notes issue and deliver to the Initial Purchasers, in exchange (the "Private Exchange") for such Notes held by any such Holder, a like principal amount of notes (the "Private Exchange Notes") of the Company, guaranteed by the Guarantors, that are identical in all material respects to the Exchange Notes except for the placement of a restrictive legend on such Private Exchange Notes. The Private Exchange Notes shall be issued pursuant to the same indenture as the Exchange Notes and bear the same CUSIP number as the Exchange Notes if permitted by the CUSIP Service Bureau.

In connection with the Exchange Offer, the Issuers shall:

- (1) mail, or cause to be mailed, to each Holder of record entitled to participate in the Exchange Offer a copy of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal and related documents;
- (2) use their respective reasonable best efforts to keep the Exchange Offer open for not less than 30 days after the date that notice of the Exchange Offer is mailed to Holders (or longer if required by applicable law);
  - (3) utilize the services of a depositary for the Exchange Offer with an address in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York;
- (4) permit Holders to withdraw tendered Notes at any time prior to the close of business, New York time, on the last Business Day on which the Exchange Offer remains open; and
  - (5) otherwise comply in all material respects with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

As soon as practicable after the close of the Exchange Offer and the Private Exchange, if any, the Issuers shall:

- (1) accept for exchange all Registrable Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Exchange Offer and the Private Exchange, if any;
  - (2) deliver to the Trustee for cancellation all Registrable Notes so accepted for exchange; and
- (3) cause the Trustee to authenticate and deliver promptly to each Holder of Notes, Exchange Notes or Private Exchange Notes, as the case may be, equal in principal amount to the Notes of such Holder so accepted for exchange; <u>provided</u> that, in the case of any Notes held in global form by a depositary, authentication and delivery to such depositary of one or more replacement Notes in global form in an equivalent principal amount thereto for the account of such Holders in accordance with the Indenture shall satisfy such authentication and delivery requirement.

The Exchange Offer and the Private Exchange shall not be subject to any conditions, other than that (i) the Exchange Offer or Private Exchange, as the case may be, does not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC; (ii) no action or proceeding shall have been instituted or threatened in any court or by any governmental agency which might materially impair the ability of the Issuers to proceed with the Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange, and no material adverse development shall have occurred in any existing action or proceeding with respect to the Issuers; and (iii) all governmental approvals shall have been obtained, which approvals the Issuers deem necessary for the consummation of the Exchange Offer or Private Exchange.

The Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes shall be issued under (i) the Indenture or (ii) an indenture identical in all material respects to the Indenture and which, in either case, has been qualified under the TIA or is exempt from such qualification and shall provide that the Exchange Notes shall not be subject to the transfer restrictions set forth in the Indenture. The Indenture or such indenture shall provide that the Exchange Notes, the Private Exchange Notes and the Notes shall vote and consent together on all matters as one class and that none of the Exchange Notes, the Private Exchange Notes or the Notes will have the right to vote or consent as a separate class on any matter.

(c) If, (i) because of any change in law or in currently prevailing interpretations of the staff of the SEC, the Issuers are not permitted to effect the Exchange Offer, (ii) the Exchange Offer is not consummated within 210 days of the Issue Date, (iii) the Initial Purchasers or any other holder of Private Exchange Notes so requests in writing to the Company at any time after the consummation of the Exchange Offer, or (iv) in the case of any Holder that participates in the Exchange Offer, such Holder does not receive Exchange Notes on the date of the exchange that may be sold without restriction under state and federal securities laws (other than due solely to the status of such Holder as an affiliate of the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act) and so notifies the Company within 30 days after such Holder first becomes aware of such restrictions, in the case of each of clauses (i) to and including (iv) of this sentence, then the Issuers shall promptly deliver to the Holders and the Trustee written notice thereof (the "Shelf Notice") and shall file a Shelf Registration pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

#### 3. Shelf Registration

If at any time a Shelf Notice is delivered as contemplated by Section 2(c) hereof, then:

(a) Shelf Registration. The Issuers shall as promptly as practicable file with the SEC a Registration Statement for an offering to be made on a continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 covering all of the Registrable Notes (the "Initial Shelf Registration"). The Issuers shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to file with the SEC the Initial Shelf Registration on or prior to the applicable Filing Date. The Initial Shelf Registration shall be on Form S-3 or another appropriate form permitting registration of such Registrable Notes for resale by Holders in the manner or manners designated by them (including, without limitation, one or more underwritten offerings). The Issuers shall not permit any securities other than the Registrable Notes and the Guarantees to be included in the Initial Shelf Registration or any Subsequent Shelf Registration (as defined below).

The Issuers shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause the Shelf Registration to be declared effective under the Securities Act on or prior to the Effectiveness Date and to keep the Initial Shelf Registration continuously effective under the Securities Act until the date that is two years from the Issue Date or such shorter period ending when all Registrable Notes covered by the Initial Shelf Registration have been sold in the manner set forth and as contemplated in the Initial Shelf Registration or, if applicable, a Subsequent Shelf Registration (the "Effectiveness Period"); provided, however, that the Effectiveness Period in respect of the Initial Shelf Registration shall be extended to the extent required to permit dealers to comply with the applicable prospectus delivery requirements of Rule 174 under the Securities Act and as otherwise provided herein and shall be subject to reduction to the extent that the applicable provisions of Rule 144(k) are amended or revised to reduce the two year holding period set forth therein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, at any time, the Company may delay the filling of any Initial Shelf Registration Statement or delay or suspend the effectiveness thereof, for a reasonable period of time, but not in excess of an aggregate of 90 days in any calendar year (a "Shelf Suspension Period"), if the Board of Directors of the Company determines reasonably and in good faith that the filling of any such Initial Shelf Registration Statement or the continuing effectiveness thereof would require the disclosure of non-public material information that, in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Directors of the Company, would be detrimental to the Company if so disclosed or would otherwise materially adversely affect a financing, acquisition, disposition, merger or other material transaction.

(b) <u>Withdrawal of Stop Orders; Subsequent Shelf Registrations</u> If the Initial Shelf Registration or any Subsequent Shelf Registration ceases to be effective for any reason at any time during the Effectiveness Period (other than because of the sale of all of the Notes registered thereunder), the Issuers shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain the prompt withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness thereof, and in any event shall within 30 days of such cessation of effectiveness amend such Shelf Registration Statement in a manner to obtain the withdrawal of the order suspending the effectiveness thereof, or file an additional Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 415 covering all of the Registrable Notes covered by and not sold under the Initial Shelf Registration or

an earlier Subsequent Shelf Registration (each, a "Subsequent Shelf Registration"). If a Subsequent Shelf Registration is filed, the Issuers shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause the Subsequent Shelf Registration to be declared effective under the Securities Act as soon as practicable after such filing and to keep such subsequent Shelf Registration continuously effective for a period equal to the number of days in the Effectiveness Period less the aggregate number of days during which the Initial Shelf Registration or any Subsequent Shelf Registration was previously continuously effective. As used herein the term "Shelf Registration" means the Initial Shelf Registration and any Subsequent Shelf Registration.

(c) <u>Supplements and Amendments</u>. The Issuers shall promptly supplement and amend the Shelf Registration if required by the rules, regulations or instructions applicable to the registration form used for such Shelf Registration, if required by the Securities Act, or if reasonably requested by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes (or their counsel) covered by such Registration Statement with respect to the information included therein with respect to one or more of such Holders, or by any underwriter of such Registrable Notes with respect to the information included therein with respect to such underwriter.

#### 4. Additional Interest

- (a) The Issuers and the Initial Purchasers agree that the Holders will suffer damages if the Issuers fail to fulfill their obligations under Section 2 or Section 3 hereof and that it would not be feasible to ascertain the extent of such damages with precision. Accordingly, the Issuers agree to pay, jointly and severally, as liquidated damages, additional interest on the Notes ("Additional Interest") under the circumstances and to the extent set forth below (each of which shall be given independent effect):
  - (i) if (A) neither the Exchange Offer Registration Statement nor the Initial Shelf Registration has been filed on or prior to the Filing Date applicable thereto or (B) notwithstanding that the Issuers have consummated or will consummate the Exchange Offer, the Issuers are required to file a Shelf Registration and such Shelf Registration is not filed on or prior to the Filing Date applicable thereto, then, commencing on the day after any such Filing Date, Additional Interest shall accrue on the principal amount of the Registrable Notes at a rate of 0.50% per annum for the first 90 days immediately following such applicable Filing Date, and such Additional Interest rate shall increase by an additional 0.50% per annum at the beginning of each subsequent 90-day period; or
  - (ii) if (A) neither the Exchange Offer Registration Statement nor the Initial Shelf Registration is declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the Effectiveness Date applicable thereto or (B) notwithstanding that the Issuers have consummated or will consummate the Exchange Offer, the Issuers are required to file a Shelf Registration and such Shelf Registration is not declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the Effectiveness Date applicable to such Shelf Registration, then, commencing on the day after such Effectiveness Date, Additional Interest shall accrue on the principal amount of the Registrable Notes at a rate of 0.50% per annum for the first 90 days immediately following the day after such Effectiveness Date, and such Additional Interest rate shall increase by an additional 0.50% per annum at the beginning of each subsequent 90-day period; or
  - (iii) if (A) the Issuers have not exchanged Exchange Notes for all Notes validly tendered in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Offer on or prior to the 45th day after the applicable Effectiveness Date or (B) if applicable, a Shelf Registration has been declared effective and such Shelf Registration ceases to be effective at any time during the Effectiveness Period, then Additional Interest shall accrue on the principal amount of the Notes not so exchanged in the case of (A) or the Registrable Notes in the case of (B) at a rate of 0.50% per annum for the first 90 days commencing on the (x) 46th day after applicable Effectiveness Date, in the case of (A) above, or (y) the day such Shelf Registration ceases to be effective in the case of (B) above, and such Additional Interest rate shall increase by an additional 0.50% per annum at the beginning of each such subsequent 90-day period;

provided, however, that the Additional Interest rate on the Notes may not accrue under more than one of the foregoing clauses (i) - (iii) at any one time and at no time shall the aggregate amount of Additional Interest accruing exceed in the aggregate 2.0% per annum; provided, further, however, that (1) upon the filing of the applicable Exchange Offer Registration Statement or the applicable Shelf Registration as required hereunder (in the case of clause (i) above of this Section 4), (2) upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or the applicable Shelf Registration Statement as required hereunder (in the case of clause (ii) of this Section 4), or (3) upon the exchange of the Exchange Notes for all Notes tendered (in the case of clause (iii)(A) of this Section 4), or upon the effectiveness of the applicable Shelf Registration Statement which had ceased to remain effective (in the case of (iii)(B) of this Section 4), Additional Interest on the Notes in respect of which such events relate as a result of such clause (or the relevant subclause thereof), as the case may be, shall cease to accrue. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 4, the Issuer shall not be obligated to pay Additional Interest provided in Sections 4(a)(i)(B), 4(a)(ii)(B) or 4(a)(iii)(B) during a Shelf Suspension Period permitted by Section 3(a) hereof.

(b) The Issuers shall notify the Trustee within one Business Day after each and every date on which an event occurs in respect of which Additional Interest is required to be paid (an "Event Date"). Any amounts of Additional Interest due pursuant to (a)(i), (a)(ii) or (a)(iii) of this Section 4 will be payable in cash semiannually on each October 1 and April 1 (to the holders of record on the September 15 and March 15 immediately preceding such dates), commencing with the first such date occurring after any such Additional Interest commences to accrue. The amount of Additional Interest will be determined by multiplying the applicable Additional Interest rate by the principal amount of the Registrable Notes, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days such Additional Interest rate was applicable during such period (determined on the basis of a 360 day year comprised of twelve 30 day months and, in the case of a partial month, the actual number of days elapsed), and the denominator of which is 360.

#### 5. Registration Procedures

In connection with the filing of any Registration Statement pursuant to Section 2 or 3 hereof, the Issuers shall effect such registrations to permit the sale of the securities covered thereby in accordance with the intended method or methods of disposition thereof, and pursuant thereto and in connection with any Registration Statement filed by the Company hereunder each of the Issuers shall:

- (a) Prepare and file with the SEC prior to the applicable Filing Date a Registration Statement or Registration Statements as prescribed by Section 2 or 3 hereof, and use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause each such Registration Statement to become effective and remain effective as provided herein; provided, however, that if (1) such filing is pursuant to Section 3 hereof or (2) a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 hereof is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period relating thereto from whom the Company has received prior written notice that it will be a Participating Broker-Dealer in the Exchange Offer, before filing any Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, the Issuers shall furnish to and afford the Holders of the Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement (with respect to a Registration Statement), as the case may be, their counsel and the managing underwriters, if any, a reasonable opportunity to review copies of all such documents (including copies of any documents to be incorporated by reference therein and all exhibits thereto) proposed to be filed (in each case at least five Business Days prior to such filing). The Issuers shall not file any Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto if the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement, their counsel, or the managing underwriters, if any, shall reasonably object on a timely basis.
- (b) Use its reasonable best efforts to prepare and file with the SEC such amendments and post-effective amendments to each Shelf Registration Statement or Exchange Offer Registration Statement, as the case may be, as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective for the Effectiveness Period, the Applicable Period or until consummation of the Exchange Offer, as the case may be; cause the related Prospectus to be supplemented by any Prospectus supplement required by applicable law, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; and comply with the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act applicable to it with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such Registration Statement as so amended or in such Prospectus as so supplemented and with respect to the subsequent resale of any securities being sold by an Participating Broker-Dealer covered by any such Prospectus. The Company shall be deemed not to have used its reasonable best efforts to keep a Registration Statement effective if such Issuer voluntarily takes any action that would result in selling Holders of the Registrable Notes covered thereby or Participating Broker-Dealers seeking to sell Exchange Notes not being able to sell such

Registrable Notes or such Exchange Notes during that period unless such action is required by applicable law or permitted by this Agreement.

- If (1) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof, or (2) a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 hereof is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period relating thereto from whom the Company has received written notice that it will be a Participating Broker-Dealer in the Exchange Offer, notify the selling Holders of Registrable Notes (with respect to a Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof), or each such Participating Broker-Dealer (with respect to any such Registration Statement), as the case may be, their counsel and the managing underwriters, if any, promptly (but in any event within one business day), and confirm such notice in writing, (i) when a Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment has been filed, and, with respect to a Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has become effective under the Securities Act (including in such notice a written statement that any Holder may, upon request, obtain, at the sole expense of the Company, one conformed copy of such Registration Statement or post-effective amendment including financial statements and schedules, documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference and exhibits), (ii) of the issuance by the SEC of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, (iii) if at any time when a prospectus is required by the Securities Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Registrable Notes or resales of Exchange Notes by Participating Broker-Dealers the representations and warranties of the Issuers contained in any agreement (including any underwriting agreement) contemplated by Section 5(n) hereof cease to be true and correct. (iv) of the receipt by any Issuer of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of a Registration Statement or any of the Registrable Notes or the Exchange Notes to be sold by any Participating Broker-Dealer for offer or sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose, (v) of the happening of any event, the existence of any condition or any information becoming known that makes any statement made in such Registration Statement or related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires the making of any changes in or amendments or supplements to such Registration Statement, Prospectus or documents so that, in the case of the Registration Statement, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and that in the case of the Prospectus, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and (vi) of the Issuers' determination that a post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement would be appropriate.
- (d) Use their respective reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of a Prospectus or suspending the qualification (or exemption from qualification) of any of the Registrable Notes or the Exchange Notes to be sold by any Participating Broker-Dealer, for sale in any jurisdiction, and, if any such order is issued, to use their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any such order at the earliest practicable date.
- (e) If a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 and if requested in writing during the Effectiveness Period by the managing underwriter or underwriters (if any), the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being sold in connection with an underwritten offering or any Participating Broker-Dealer, (i) as promptly as practicable incorporate in a prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment such information as the managing underwriter or underwriters (if any), such Holders, any Participating Broker-Dealer or counsel for any of them reasonably request to be included therein, (ii) make all required fillings of such prospectus supplement or such post-effective amendment as soon as practicable after the Company has received notification of the matters to be incorporated in such prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment, and (iii) supplement or make amendments to such Registration Statement; provided, however, the Issuers shall not be required to take any action pursuant to this Section 5(e) that would, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, reasonably satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers, violate applicable law.
- (f) If (1) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof, or (2) a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 hereof is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, furnish to each selling Holder of Registrable Notes (with respect to a Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof) and to each such Participating Broker-Dealer who so requests (with respect to any such Registration Statement) and to their respective counsel and each managing underwriter, if any, at the sole expense of the Company, one conformed copy of the Registration Statement or Registration Statements and each post-effective amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules, and, if requested, all documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits.
- (g) If (1) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof, or (2) a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 hereof is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, deliver to each selling Holder of Registrable Notes (with respect to a Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof), or each such Participating Broker-Dealer (with respect to any such Registration Statement), as the case may be, their respective counsel, and the underwriters, if any, at the sole expense of the Company, as many copies of the Prospectus or Prospectuses (including each form of preliminary prospectus) and each amendment or supplement thereto and any documents incorporated by reference therein as such Persons may reasonably request; and, subject to the last paragraph of this Section 5, the Issuers hereby consent to the use of such Prospectus and each amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders of Registrable Notes or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, and the underwriters or agents, if any, and dealers, if any, in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Notes covered by, or the sale by Participating Broker-Dealers of the Exchange Notes pursuant to, such Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto.
- (h) Prior to any public offering of Registrable Notes or any delivery of a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, use their respective reasonable best efforts to register or qualify, and to cooperate with the selling Holders of Registrable Notes or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, and their respective counsel in connection with the registration or qualification (or exemption from such registration or qualification) of such Registrable Notes for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions within the United States as any selling Holder, Participating Broker-Dealer, or the managing underwriter or underwriters reasonably request in writing; provided, however, that where Exchange Notes held by Participating Broker-Dealers or Registrable Notes are offered other than through an underwritten offering, the Issuers agree to cause their counsel to perform Blue Sky investigations and file registrations and qualifications required to be filed pursuant to this Section 5(h), keep each such registration or qualification (or exemption therefrom) effective during the period such Registration Statement is required to be kept effective and do any and all other acts or things necessary or advisable to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Exchange Notes held by Participating Broker-Dealers or the Registrable Notes covered by the applicable Registration Statement; provided, however, that no Issuer shall be required to (A) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, (B) take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.
- (i) If a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof, cooperate with the selling Holders of Registrable Notes and the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Notes to be sold, which certificates shall not bear any restrictive legends and shall be in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company; and enable such Registrable Notes to be in such denominations (subject to applicable requirements contained in the Indenture) and registered in such names as the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, or Holders may request.
- (j) Use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause the Registrable Notes covered by the Registration Statement to be registered with or approved by such other governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the seller or sellers thereof or the underwriter or underwriters, if any, to consummate the disposition of such Registrable Notes, except as may be required solely as a consequence of the nature of such selling Holder's business, in which case the Issuers will cooperate in all respects with the filing of such Registration Statement and the granting of such approvals; provided that no Issuer shall be required to (A) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, (B) take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any jurisdiction where it is not then so subject or (C) subject itself to taxation in excess of a nominal dollar amount in any such jurisdiction it is not then so subject.

- (k) If (1) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof, or (2) a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 hereof is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by paragraph 5(c)(v) or 5(c)(vi) hereof, as promptly as practicable prepare and (subject to Section 5(a) hereof) file with the SEC, at the sole expense of the Company, a supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or a supplement to the related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of the Registrable Notes being sold thereunder (with respect to a Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof) or to the purchasers of the Exchange Notes to whom such Prospectus will be delivered by a Participating Broker-Dealer (with respect to any such Registration Statement), any such Prospectus will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (I) Use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause the Registrable Notes covered by a Registration Statement or the Exchange Notes, as the case may be, to be rated with the appropriate rating agencies, if so requested by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement or the Exchange Notes, as the case may be, or the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any.
- (m) Prior to the effective date of the first Registration Statement relating to the Registrable Notes, (i) provide the Trustee with certificates for the Registrable Notes in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company and (ii) provide a CUSIP number for the Registrable Notes.
- In connection with any underwritten offering of Registrable Notes pursuant to a Shelf Registration, enter into an underwriting agreement as is customary in underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes, and take all such other actions as are reasonably requested by the managing underwriter or underwriters in order to expedite or facilitate the registration or the disposition of such Registrable Notes and, in such connection, (i) make such representations and warranties to, and covenants with, the underwriters with respect to the business of the Issuers (including any acquired business, properties or entity, if applicable), and the Registration Statement, Prospectus and documents, if any, incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, in each case, as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes substantially similar to those included in the Purchase Agreement, and confirm the same in writing if and when requested; (ii) obtain the written opinions of counsel to the Issuers, and written updates thereof in form, scope and substance reasonably satisfactory to the managing underwriter or underwriters, addressed to the underwriters covering the matters customarily covered in opinions reasonably requested in underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes; (iii) obtain "cold comfort" letters and updates thereof in form, scope and substance reasonably satisfactory to the managing underwriter or underwriters from the independent certified public accountants of the Issuers (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of the Issuers, or of any business acquired by the Issuers, for which financial statements and financial data are, or are required to be, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement), addressed to each of the underwriters, such letters to be in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in "cold comfort" letters in connection with underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes; and (iv) if an underwriting agreement is entered into, the same shall contain indemnification provisions and procedures no less favorable to the sellers and underwriters, if any, than those set forth in Section 7 hereof (or such other provisions and procedures reasonably acceptable to Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement and the managing underwriter or underwriters or agents, if any). The above shall be done at each closing under such underwriting agreement, or as and to the extent required thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuers may delay entering into such agreement in the event that and for a period of time not to exceed an aggregate of 60 days if (1) the Board of Directors of the Company determines in good faith that the disclosure of an event at such time could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, operations or prospects of the Issuers or (2) the disclosure otherwise relates to a material business transaction which has not been publicly disclosed and the Board of Directors of the Company determines that any such disclosure would jeopardize the success of such transaction.
- If (1) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof, or (2) a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 hereof is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, make available for inspection by any Initial Purchaser, any selling Holder of such Registrable Notes being sold (with respect to a Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 3 hereof), or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, any underwriter participating in any such disposition of Registrable Notes, if any, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by any such selling Holder or each such Participating Broker-Dealer (with respect to any such Registration Statement), as the case may be, or underwriter (any such Initial Purchasers, Holders, Participating Broker-Dealers, underwriters, attorneys, accountants or agents, collectively, the "Inspectors"), upon written request, at the offices where normally kept, during reasonable business hours, all pertinent financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and instruments of the Company and subsidiaries of the Company (collectively, the "Records"), as shall be reasonably necessary to enable them to exercise any applicable due diligence responsibilities, and cause the officers, directors and employees of the Company and any of its subsidiaries to supply all information ("Information") reasonably requested by any such Inspector in connection with such due diligence responsibilities. Each Inspector shall agree in writing that it will keep the Records and Information confidential and that it will not disclose any of the Records or Information that the Company determines, in good faith, to be confidential and notifies the Inspectors in writing are confidential, and that such information will be treated as confidential by it so as not to give rise to disclosure obligations on the part of the Issuer under SEC Regulation FD, unless (i) the disclosure of such Records or Information is necessary to avoid or correct a misstatement or omission in such Registration Statement or Prospectus, (ii) the release of such Records or Information is ordered pursuant to a subpoena or other order from a court of competent jurisdiction, (iii) disclosure of such Records or Information is necessary or advisable, in the opinion of counsel for any Inspector, in connection with any action, claim, suit or proceeding, directly or indirectly, involving or potentially involving such Inspector and arising out of, based upon, relating to, or involving this Agreement or the Purchase Agreement, or any transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or arising hereunder or thereunder, or (iv) the information in such Records or Information has been made generally available to the public other than by an Inspector or an "affiliate" (as defined in Rule 405) thereof; provided, however, that prior notice shall be provided as soon as practicable to the Company of the potential disclosure of any information by such Inspector pursuant to clauses (i) or (ii) of this sentence to permit the Company to obtain a protective order (or waive the provisions of this paragraph (o)) and that such Inspector shall take such actions as are reasonably necessary to protect the confidentiality of such information (if practicable) to the extent such action is otherwise not inconsistent with, an impairment of or in derogation of the rights and interests of the Holder or any Inspector.
- (p) Provide an indenture trustee for the Registrable Notes or the Exchange Notes, as the case may be, and cause the Indenture or the trust indenture provided for in Section 2(a) hereof, as the case may be, to be qualified under the TIA not later than the effective date of the first Registration Statement relating to the Registrable Notes; and in connection therewith, cooperate with the trustee under any such indenture and the Holders of the Registrable Notes, to effect such changes (if any) to such indenture as may be required for such indenture to be so qualified in accordance with the terms of the TIA; and execute, and use their respective reasonable best efforts to cause such trustee to execute, all documents as may be required to effect such changes, and all other forms and documents required to be filed with the SEC to enable such indenture to be so qualified in a timely manner.
- (q) Comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and make generally available to its securityholders with regard to any applicable Registration Statement, a consolidated earning statement satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder (or any similar rule promulgated under the Securities Act) no later than 45 days after the end of any fiscal quarter (or 90 days after the end of any 12-month period if such period is a fiscal year) (i) commencing at the end of any fiscal quarter in which Registrable Notes are sold to underwriters in a firm commitment or best efforts underwritten offering and (ii) if not sold to underwriters in such an offering, commencing on the first day of the first fiscal quarter of the Company, after the effective date of a Registration Statement, which statements shall cover said 12-month periods.
- (r) Upon consummation of the Exchange Offer or a Private Exchange, obtain an opinion of counsel to the Issuers, in a form customary for underwritten transactions, addressed to the Trustee for the benefit of all Holders of Registrable Notes participating in the Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange, as the case may be, that the Exchange Notes or Private Exchange Notes, as the case may be, the related guarantee and the related indenture constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Issuers, enforceable against the Issuers in accordance with their respective terms, subject to customary exceptions and qualifications. If the Exchange Offer or a Private Exchange is to be consummated, upon delivery of the Registrable Notes by Holders to the Company (or to such other Person as directed by the Company), in exchange for the Exchange Notes or the Private Exchange Notes, as the case may be, the Issuers shall mark, or cause to be marked, on such Registrable Notes that such Registrable Notes are being cancelled in exchange for the Exchange Notes or the Private Exchange Notes, as the case may be; in no event shall such Registrable Notes be marked as paid or otherwise satisfied.

- (s) Cooperate with each seller of Registrable Notes covered by any Registration Statement and each underwriter, if any, participating in the disposition of such Registrable Notes and their respective counsel in connection with any filings required to be made with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD").
- (t) Use their respective reasonable best efforts to take all other steps necessary to effect the registration of the Exchange Notes and/or Registrable Notes covered by a Registration Statement contemplated hereby.

The Company may require each seller of Registrable Notes as to which any registration is being effected to furnish to the Company such information regarding such seller and the distribution of such Registrable Notes as the Company may, from time to time, reasonably request. The Company may exclude from such registration the Registrable Notes of any seller so long as such seller fails to furnish such information within a reasonable time after receiving such request. Each seller as to which any Shelf Registration is being effected agrees to furnish promptly to the Company all information required to be disclosed in order to make the information previously furnished to the Company by such seller not materially misleading.

If any such Registration Statement refers to any Holder by name or otherwise as the holder of any securities of any Issuer, then such Holder shall have the right to require (i) the insertion therein of language, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such Holder, to the effect that the holding by such Holder of such securities is not to be construed as a recommendation by such Holder of the investment quality of the securities covered thereby and that such holding does not imply that such Holder will assist in meeting any future financial requirements of the Issuers, or (ii) in the event that such reference to such Holder by name or otherwise is not required by the Securities Act or any similar federal statute then in force, the deletion of the reference to such Holder in any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement filed or prepared subsequent to the time that such reference ceases to be required.

Each Holder of Registrable Notes and each Participating Broker-Dealer agrees by its acquisition of such Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes to be sold by such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, that, upon actual receipt of any notice from the Company of the happening of any event of the kind described in Section 5(c)(ii), 5(c)(iv), 5(c)(v), or 5(c)(vi) hereof, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement or Prospectus or Exchange Notes to be sold by such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, and in each case, dissemination of such Prospectus, until such Holder's or Participating Broker-Dealer's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 5(k) hereof, or until it is advised in writing (the "Advice") by the Company that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed, and has received copies of any amendments or supplements thereto. In the event that the Issuers shall give any such notice, each of the Applicable Period and the Effectiveness Period shall be extended by the number of days during such periods from and including the date of the giving of such notice to and including the date when each seller of Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement or Exchange Notes to be sold by such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, shall have received (x) the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 5(k) hereof or (y) the Advice.

#### 6. Registration Expenses

All fees and expenses incident to the performance of or compliance with this Agreement by the Issuers shall be borne by the Company, whether or not the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or any Shelf Registration Statement is filed or becomes effective or the Exchange Offer is consummated, including, without limitation, (i) all registration and filing fees (including, without limitation, (A) fees with respect to filings required to be made with the NASD in connection with an underwritten offering and (B) fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or Blue Sky laws where required (including, without limitation, fees and disbursements of counsel in connection with Blue Sky qualifications of the Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes and determination of the eligibility of the Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes for investment under the laws of such jurisdictions (x) where the holders of Registrable Notes are located, in the case of the Exchange Notes, or (y) as provided in Section 5(h) hereof, in the case of Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes to be sold by a Participating Broker-Dealer during the Applicable Period)), (ii) printing expenses, including, without limitation, expenses of printing certificates for Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company and of printing prospectuses if the printing of prospectuses is requested by the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes included in any Registration Statement or in respect of Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes to be sold by any Participating Broker-Dealer during the Applicable Period, as the case may be, (iii) messenger, telephone and delivery expenses, (iv) fees and disbursements of counsel for the Issuers and, in the case of a Shelf Registration, reasonable fees and disbursements of one special counsel for all of the sellers of Registrable Notes selected by the Holder of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Registrable Notes covered by such Shelf Registration (exclusive of any counsel retained pursuant to Section 7 hereof), (v) fees and disbursements of all independent certified public accountants referred to in Section 5(n)(iii) hereof (including, without limitation, the expenses of any "cold comfort" letters required by or incident to such performance), (vi) Securities Act liability insurance, if the Issuers desire such insurance, (vii) fees and expenses of all other Persons retained by the Issuers, (viii) internal expenses of the Issuers (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of officers and employees of the Issuers performing legal or accounting duties), (ix) the expense of any annual audit, (x) any fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the securities to be registered on any securities exchange, and the obtaining of a rating of the securities, in each case, if applicable and (xi) the expenses relating to printing, word processing and distributing all Registration Statements, underwriting agreements, indentures and any other documents necessary in order to comply with this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuers shall not pay underwriting or brokerage discounts or commissions.

#### 7. <u>Indemnification and Contribution</u>.

- (a) Each of the Issuers agree jointly and severally, to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder of Registrable Notes and each Participating Broker-Dealer selling Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, and each Person, if any, who controls such Person or its affiliates within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (each, a "Participant") against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which any Participant may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as any such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon:
  - (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made by any Issuer contained in any application or any other document or any amendment or supplement thereto executed by any Issuer based upon written information furnished by or on behalf of any Issuer filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Notes under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws thereof or filed with the SEC or any securities association or securities exchange (each, an "Application");
  - (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if any of the Issuers shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto) or any preliminary prospectus; or
  - (iii) the omission or alleged omission to state, in any Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if any of the Issuers shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto) or any preliminary prospectus or any Application or any other document or any amendment or supplement thereto, a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;

and will reimburse, as incurred, the Participant for any legal or other expenses incurred by the Participant in connection with investigating, defending against or appearing as a third-party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, none of the Issuers will be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, or liability arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in any Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or Prospectus (as amended or supplemented if any of the Issuers shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto) or any preliminary prospectus or Application or any amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any Participant furnished to the Issuers by such Participant specifically for use therein; provided further, however, that the Issuers shall not be liable if such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission or any amendment or supplement thereto and the Prospectus does not contain any other untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission of a material fact that was the subject matter of the related proceeding and any such loss, liability, claim, damage or expense suffered or incurred by the Participants resulted from any action, claim or suit by any Person who purchased Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes which are the subject thereof from such Participant and it is established in the related proceeding that such Participant failed to deliver or provide a copy of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) to such Person with or prior to the confirmation of the sale of

such Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes sold to such Person if required by applicable law, unless such failure to deliver or provide a copy of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) was a result of noncompliance by the Issuers with Section 5 of this Agreement. The indemnity provided for in this Section 7 will be in addition to any liability that the Issuers may otherwise have to the indemnified parties. The Issuers shall not be liable under this Section 7 for any settlement of any claim or action effected without their prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- Each Participant, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Issuers, their directors, their officers and each person, if any, who controls the Issuers within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Issuers or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in any Registration Statement or Prospectus, any amendment or supplement thereto, or any preliminary prospectus, or (ii) the omission or the alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning such Participant, furnished to the Issuers by the Participant, specifically for use therein, and subject to the limitation set forth immediately preceding this clause, will reimburse, as incurred, any reasonable legal or other expenses incurred by the Issuers or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending against or appearing as a third party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action in respect thereof. The indemnity provided for in this Section 7 will be in addition to any liability that the Participants may otherwise have to the indemnified parties. The Participants shall not be liable under this Section 7 for any settlement of any claim or action effected without their consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Issuers shall not, without the prior written consent of such Participant, effect any settlement or compromise of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which such Participant is or could have been a party, or indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such Participant, unless such settlement (A) includes an unconditional written release of such Participant, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such Participant, from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (B) does not include any statement as to an admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of such Participant.
- Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 7 of notice of the commencement of any action for which such indemnified party is entitled to indemnification under this Section 7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 7, notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof in writing; but the omission to so notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from any liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it may wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such coursel with a conflict of interest, (ii) the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have been advised by counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties that are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, or (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after receipt by the indemnifying party of notice of the institution of such action, then, in each such case, the indemnifying party shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties and such indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to defend such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. After notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof and approval by such indemnified party of counsel appointed to defend such action, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 7 for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of investigation, subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof, unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the immediately preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that in connection with such action the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to local counsel) in any one action or separate but substantially similar actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, designated by Participants who sold a majority in interest of the Registrable Notes and Exchange Notes sold by all such Participants in the case of paragraph (a) of this Section 7 or the Issuers in the case of paragraph (b) of this Section 7, representing the indemnified parties under such paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), as the case may be, who are parties to such action or actions) or (ii) the indemnifying party has authorized in writing the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party. All fees and expenses reimbursed pursuant to this paragraph (c) shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. After such notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party, the indemnifying party will not be liable for the costs and expenses of any settlement of such action effected by such indemnified party without the prior written consent of the indemnifying party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), unless such indemnified party waived in writing its rights under this Section 7, in which case the indemnified party may effect such a settlement without such consent.
- In circumstances in which the indemnity agreement provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Section 7 is unavailable to, or insufficient to hold harmless, an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), each indemnifying party, in order to provide for just and equitable contribution, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect (i) the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other from the offering of the Notes or (ii) if the allocation provided by the foregoing clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions or alleged statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof). The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and such Participant on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) of the Notes received by the Company bear to the total net profit received by such Participant in connection with the sale of the Notes. The relative fault of the parties shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand, or the Participants on the other, the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission or alleged statement or omission, and any other equitable considerations appropriate in the circumstances. The parties agree that it would not be equitable if the amount of such contribution were determined by pro rata or per capita allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph (d). Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph (d), no Participant shall be obligated to make contributions hereunder that in the aggregate exceed the total net profit received by such Participant in connection with the sale of the Notes, less the aggregate amount of any damages that such Participant has otherwise been required to pay by reason of the untrue or alleged untrue statements or the omissions or alleged omissions to state a material fact, and no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this paragraph (d), each person, if any, who controls a Participant within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Participants, and each director of the Issuers, each officer of the Issuers and each person, if any, who controls the Issuers within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, shall have the same rights to contribution as the Issuers.

#### 8. Rules 144 and 144A

The Issuers covenant and agree that they will file the reports required to be filed by them under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations adopted by the SEC thereunder in a timely manner in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and, if at any time the Company or any Guarantor is not required to file such reports, the Company or such Guarantor, as the case may be, will, upon the request of any Holder or beneficial owner of Registrable Notes, make available such information necessary to permit sales pursuant to Rule 144A. The Issuers further covenant and agree, for so long as any Registrable Notes remain outstanding that they will take such further action as any Holder of Registrable Notes may reasonably request, all to the extent required from time to enable such holder to sell Registrable Notes without registration under the Securities Act within the limitation of the exemptions provided by Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act and Rule 144A.

#### 9. <u>Underwritten Registrations</u>

manager or managers that will manage the offering will be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Registrable Notes included in such offering and shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company.

No Holder of Registrable Notes may participate in any underwritten registration hereunder unless such Holder (a) agrees to sell such Holder's Registrable Notes on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements and (b) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

#### 10. Miscellaneous

- (a) No Inconsistent Agreements. None of the Issuers has, as of the date hereof, and none of the Issuers shall, after the date of this Agreement, enter into any agreement with respect to any of its securities that conflicts with the rights granted to the Holders of Registrable Notes in this Agreement or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof. The rights granted to the Holders hereunder do not in any way conflict with and are not inconsistent with the rights granted to the holders of the Issuers' other issued and outstanding securities under any such agreements. None of the Issuers will enter into any agreement with respect to any of their securities that will grant to any Person piggy-back registration rights with respect to any Registration Statement.
- (b) Adjustments Affecting Registrable Notes. The Issuers shall not, directly or indirectly, take any action with respect to the Registrable Notes as a class that would adversely affect the ability of the Holders of Registrable Notes to include such Registrable Notes in a registration undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.
- (c) Amendments and Waivers. The provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, otherwise than with the prior written consent of (I) the Issuers, and (II) (A) the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Registrable Notes and (B) in circumstances that would adversely affect the Participating Broker-Dealers, the Participating Broker-Dealers holding not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Exchange Notes held by all Participating Broker-Dealers; provided, however, that Section 7 and this Section 10(c) may not be amended, modified or supplemented without the prior written consent of each Holder and each Participating Broker-Dealer (including any person who was a Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer of Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes, as the case may be, disposed of pursuant to any Registration Statement) affected by any such amendment, modification or supplement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a waiver or consent to depart from the provisions hereof with respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders of Registrable Notes whose securities are being sold pursuant to a Registration Statement and that does not directly or indirectly affect, impair, limit or compromise the rights of other Holders of Registrable Notes may be given by Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being sold pursuant to such Registration Statement.
- (d) Notices. All notices and other communications (including, without limitation, any notices or other communications to the Trustee) provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand-delivery, registered first-class mail, next-day air courier or facsimile:
  - (i) if to a Holder of the Registrable Notes or any Participating Broker-Dealer, at the most current address of such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, set forth on the records of the registrar under the Indenture, with a copy in like manner to the Initial Purchasers as follows:

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

31 West 52nd Street

New York, New York 10019

Facsimile No.: (212) 797-4869

Attention: Corporate Finance Department

with a copy to:

Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP 80 Pine Street

New York, New York 10005

Facsimile No.: (212) 269-5420

Attention: William M. Hartnett, Esq.

- (ii) if to the Initial Purchasers, at the address specified in Section 10(d)(i);
- (iii) if to the Issuers, at the address as follows:

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. 9690 Deereco Road, Suite 100 Timonium, Maryland 21093 Facsimile No.: (410) 427-8822 Attention: Robert O. Stephenson

with a copy to:

Powell Goldstein LLP 191 Peachtree, N.E., 16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Facsimile No.: (404) 572-6999 Attention: Richard H. Miller

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: when delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; one Business Day after being timely delivered to a next-day air courier; and upon written confirmation, if sent by facsimile.

Copies of all such notices, demands or other communications shall be concurrently delivered by the Person giving the same to the Trustee at the address and in the manner specified in such Indenture.

- (e) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the parties hereto, the Holders and the Participating Broker-Dealers; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall be deemed to permit any assignment, transfer or other disposition of Registrable Notes in violation of the terms of the Purchase Agreement or the Indenture.
- (f) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
  - (g) <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.
- (h) <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AS APPLIED TO CONTRACTS MADE AND PERFORMED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE APPLICATION OF ANY OTHER LAW.
- (i) <u>Severability</u>. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant or restriction. It is hereby stipulated and declared to be the intention of the parties that they would have executed the remaining terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable.
- (j) Notes Held by the Issuers or Their Affiliates Whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of Registrable Notes is required hereunder, Registrable Notes held by the Issuers or their affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) shall not be counted in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage.
- (k) <u>Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. Holders of Registrable Notes and Participating Broker-Dealers are intended third-party beneficiaries of this Agreement, and this Agreement may be enforced by such Persons.
- (I) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the Purchase Agreement and the Indenture, is intended by the parties as a final and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein and therein and any and all prior oral or written agreements, representations, or warranties, contracts, understandings, correspondence, conversations and memoranda between the Holders on the one hand and the Issuers on the other, or between or among any agents, representatives, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors in interest or successors in interest with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof are merged herein and replaced hereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

By:
Name:
Title:

By:
Name:
Title:

BAYSIDE ALABAMA HEALTHCARE SECOND, INC.
BAYSIDE ARIZONA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
BAYSIDE ARIZONA HEALTHCARE SECOND, INC.
BAYSIDE COLORADO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
BAYSIDE COLORADO HEALTHCARE SECOND, INC.
OHI (CONNECTICUT), INC.
BAYSIDE STREET II, INC.
OHI ASSET (CA), LLC
OHI ASSET (PA), LLC
OHI ASSET (FL), LLC
OHI ASSET (ID), LLC
OHI ASSET (IN), LLC
OHI ASSET (IN), LLC
OHI ASSET (LA), LLC
as Subsidiary Guarantors

Ву:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

OHI ASSET (OH), LLC,OHI ASSET (TX), LLC

OHI ASSET II (CA), LLC

OHI ASSET, LLC

OMEGA ACQUISITION FACILITY I, LLC

OHI (FLORIDA), INC.

OHI SUNSHINE, INC.

LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATES - ILLINOIS, INC.

OHI (ILLINOIS), INC.

SKILLED NURSING - HERRIN, INC.

SKILLED NURSING - PARIS, INC.

BAYSIDE INDIANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.

LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATES - INDIANA, INC.

OHI (INDIANA), INC.

SKILLED NURSING - GASTON, INC.

OHI (IOWA), INC.

OHI (KANSAS), INC.

OMEGA (KANSAS), INC.

NRS VENTURES, LLC

OS LEASING COMPANY

STERLING ACQUISITION CORP.

STERLING ACQUISITION CORP. II

ARIZONA LESSOR - INFINIA, INC.

BAYSIDE STREET, INC.

COLORADO LESSOR - CONIFER, INC.

DELTA INVESTORS I, LLC

DELTA INVESTORS II, LLC

FLORIDA LESSOR - CRYSTAL SPRINGS, INC.

as Subsidiary Guarantors

By:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

FLORIDA LESSOR - EMERALD, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - FIVE FACILITIES, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - LAKELAND, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - MEADOWVIEW, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - WEST PALM BEACH AND SOUTHPOINT, INC.

GEORGIA LESSOR - BONTERRA/PARKVIEW, INC.

INDIANA LESSOR - JEFFERSONVILLE, INC.

INDIANA LESSOR - WELLINGTON MANOR, INC.

JEFFERSON CLARK, INC.

OHIO LESSOR - WATERFORD & CRESTWOOD, INC.

OHI OF KENTUCKY, INC.

OHI OF TEXAS, INC.

OMEGA TRS I, INC.

TEXAS LESSOR - STONEGATE GP, INC.

TEXAS LESSOR - STONEGATE LIMITED, INC.

TEXAS LESSOR - STONEGATE, L.P.

TEXAS LESSOR - TREEMONT, INC. WASHINGTON LESSOR - SILVERDALE, INC.

OHIMA, INC.

LONG TERM CARE - MICHIGAN, INC.

LONG TERM CARE - NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

OHI (CLEMMONS), INC.

OHI (GREENSBORO), INC.

SKILLED NURSING - HICKSVILLE, INC.

CENTER HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC. CHERRY STREET - SKILLED NURSING, INC.

as Subsidiary Guarantors

Ву:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

DALLAS SKILLED NURSING, INC.
HERITAGE TEXARKANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
LAKE PARK - SKILLED NURSING, INC.
LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATES - TEXAS, INC.
PARKVIEW - SKILLED NURSING, INC.
PINE TEXARKANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
REUNION TEXARKANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
SAN AUGUSTINE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
SOUTH ATHENS HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
WAXAHACHIE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
WEST ATHENS HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
as Subsidiary Guarantors

Ву:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date
first above written.
DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.,
Ву:
Name:
Title:
By: Name: Title:
BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC
Ву:
Name:
Title:

Ву:

By:

**UBS SECURITIES LLC** 

Name:

Title:

Name:				
Title:				

#### SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (the "Second Supplemental Indenture") is dated as of November 5, 2004, among OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC., a Maryland corporation (the "Issuer"), each of the SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS listed on Schedule I hereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors"), OHI ASSET (OH) NEW PHILADELPHIA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer ("OHI New Philadelphia"), OHI ASSET (OH) LENDER, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer ("OHI Lender"), OHI ASSET (PA) TRUST, a Maryland business trust and wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer ("OHI Trust", and together with OHI New Philadelphia and OHI Lender, the "Acquired Subs") and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as trustee (the "Trustee").

#### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Issuer and the Subsidiary Guarantors have heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture, dated as of March 22, 2004 (as amended by the First Supplemental Indenture dated July 20, 2004, the "Indenture"), providing for the Issuer's 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"):

**WHEREAS**, Section 9.01 of the Indenture authorizes the Issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee, together, to amend or supplement the Indenture, without notice to or consent of any Holder of the Notes, in order to make any change that would not materially adversely affect the rights of any Holder of the Notes;

WHEREAS, the Issuer has recently created or acquired, as appropriate, the Acquired Subs;

**WHEREAS**, in Section 1.01 of the Indenture the term "Subsidiary Guarantor" is defined to include all Persons that become a Subsidiary Guarantor by the terms of the Indenture after the Closing Date;

**WHEREAS**, Section 10.01 of the Indenture provides that each Subsidiary Guarantor shall be a guarantor of the Issuer's obligations under the Notes, subject to the terms and conditions described in the Indenture;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.03 of the Indenture provides that the Issuer shall not be required to maintain the existence of any Restricted Subsidiary if the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes:

**WHEREAS**, Care Holdings, Inc. ("Care Holdings"), a Restricted Subsidiary under the Indenture, is an entity that currently has no holdings or property owned, and did not have any holdings or properties owned as of the date of the execution and delivery of the Indenture, and was dissolved under the laws of the State of Maryland, effective as of June 1, 2004:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Acquired Subs 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. RELEASE OF CARE HOLDINGS. Care Holdings is hereby released as a Subsidiary Guarantor under the Indenture as a result of the dissolution thereof.
- 3. AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE. The Acquired Subs hereby agree, jointly and severally with all other Subsidiary Guarantors, to guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the Notes on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Indenture, and to be bound by, and to receive the benefit of, all other applicable provisions of the Indenture as a Subsidiary Guarantor. Such guarantees shall be evidenced by the respective Acquired Subs' execution of Subsidiary Guarantees, the form of which is attached as Exhibit E to the Indenture, and shall be effective as of November 5, 2004.
- 4. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, partner, affiliate, beneficiary or stockholder of the Acquired Subs, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor under the Notes, any Guarantees, the Indenture or this Second Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of the Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

- 5. NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN. The laws of the State of New York shall govern and be used to construe this Second Supplemental Indenture.
- 6. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Second Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.
- 7. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- 8. THE TRUSTEE. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Second Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Acquired Subs.

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

OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

By:

Name: C. Taylor Pickett

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of each Subsidiary Guarantor named on the attached

Schedule I

By:

Name: C. Taylor Pickett

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

OHI Asset (OH) New Philadelphia, LLC

By:

Name: C. Taylor Pickett

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

OHI Asset (OH) Lender, LLC

By:

Name: C. Taylor Pickett

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

OHI Asset (PA) Trust

By:

Name: C. Taylor Pickett

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[Signatures continued on next page]

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Name:

Title:

#### Schedule I

## SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.

Arizona Lessor - Infinia, Inc.

Bayside Alabama Healthcare Second, Inc.

Bayside Arizona Healthcare Associates, Inc.

Bayside Arizona Healthcare Second, Inc.

Bayside Colorado Healthcare Associates, Inc.

Bayside Colorado Healthcare Second, Inc.

Bayside Indiana Healthcare Associates, Inc.

Bayside Street II, Inc.

Bayside Street, Inc.

Care Holdings, Inc \* Entity dissolved on June 1, 2004.

Center Healthcare Associates, Inc.

Cherry Street - Skilled Nursing, Inc.

Colorado Lessor - Conifer, Inc.

Dallas Skilled Nursing, Inc.

Delta Investors I, LLC

Delta Investors II, LLC

Florida Lessor - Crystal Springs, Inc.

Florida Lessor - Emerald, Inc.

Florida Lessor - Five Facilities, Inc.

Florida Lessor - Lakeland, Inc.

Florida Lessor - Meadowview, Inc.

Florida Lessor - West Palm Beach and

Southpoint, Inc.

Georgia Lessor - Bonterra/Parkview, Inc.

Heritage Texarkana Healthcare Associates, Inc.

Indiana Lessor - Jeffersonville, Inc.

Indiana Lessor - Wellington Manor, Inc.

Jefferson Clark, Inc.

Lake Park Skilled Nursing, Inc.

Long Term Care - Michigan, Inc.

Long Term Care - North Carolina, Inc.

Long Term Care Associates - Illinois, Inc. Long Term Care Associates - Indiana, Inc.

Long Term Care Associates - Texas, Inc.

NRS Ventures, LLC

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OHI (Connecticut), Inc.
OHI (Florida), Inc.
OHI (Illinois), Inc.
OHI (Indiana), Inc.
OHI (Iowa), Inc.
OHI (Kansas), Inc.
OHI Asset (CA), LLC
OHI Asset (PA), LLC (f/k/a OHI Asset (FL) Tarpon Springs, Pinellas Park & Gainesville, LLC)
OHI Asset (FL), LLC
OHI Asset (ID), LLC
OHI Asset (IN), LLC
OHI Asset (LA), LLC
OHI Asset (MI/NC), LLC
OHI Asset (MO), LLC
OHI Asset (OH), LLC
OHI Asset (TX), LLC
OHI Asset II (CA), LLC
OHI Asset II (TX), LLC
OHI Asset, LLC
Ohio Lessor Waterford & Crestwood, Inc.
OHI of Kentucky, Inc.
OHI of Texas, Inc.
OHI Sunshine, Inc.
OHIMA. Inc.
Omega (Kansas), Inc.
Omega Acquisition Facility I, LLC
Omega TRS I, Inc.
OS Leasing Company
Parkview - Skilled Nursing, Inc.
Pine Texarkana Healthcare Associates, Inc.
Reunion Texarkana Healthcare Associates, Inc.
San Augustine Healthcare Associates, Inc.
Skilled Nursing - Gaston, Inc.
Skilled Nursing - Herrin, Inc.
Skilled Nursing - Hicksville, Inc.
Skilled Nursing - Paris, Inc.
South Athens Healthcare Associates, Inc.
Sterling Acquisition Corp.
Sterling Acquisition Corp. II
Texas Lessor - Stonegate GP, Inc.
Texas Lessor - Stonegate Limited, Inc.
Texas Lessor - Stonegate, L.P.
Texas Lessor - Treemont, Inc.
Washington Lessor - Silverdale, Inc.
Waxahachie Healthcare Associates, Inc.
West Athens Healthcare Associates, Inc.
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#### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

\$60,000,000

7% Senior Notes due 2014

#### **PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

October 29, 2004

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.
BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC
UBS SECURITIES LLC
c/o Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

60 Wall Street

New York, New York 10005

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the '<u>Company</u>"), and the Company's subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto (the "<u>Subsidiary Guarantors</u>"), hereby confirm their agreement with you (the "<u>Initial Purchasers</u>"), as set forth below.

Section 1. The Securities. Subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, the Company proposes to issue and sell to the Initial Purchasers \$60,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Notes"). The Notes will be unconditionally guaranteed (the "Guarantees") on a senior basis by the Subsidiary Guarantors. The Notes and the Guarantees are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities." The Securities are to be issued under an indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of March 22, 2004 by and among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), as amended by that certain Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 20, 2004 by and among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee.

The Securities will be offered and sold to the Initial Purchasers without being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), in reliance on exemptions therefrom.

In connection with the sale of the Securities, the Company has prepared a final offering memorandum dated as of October 29, 2004 (the "Memorandum"), substantially in the form of and not otherwise materially different from the offering memorandum dated March 15, 2004, as modified to reflect the financial and other information contained in the Form 10-Q's dated May 4, 2004 and August 4, 2004 and the Form 8-K dated October 26, 2004, in each case, as filed by the Company with the Commission (as defined below) and setting forth or including a description of the terms of the Securities, the terms of the offering of the Securities, a description of the Company and any material developments relating to the Company occurring after the date of the most recent historical financial statements included therein. The Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 will contain the Company's nine months ended financial statements, which shall not in substance be materially different from nine months ended financial statements contained in the the Company's Form 8-K dated October 26, 2004. Any reference herein to the Memorandum shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein.

The Initial Purchasers and their direct and indirect transferees of the Securities will be entitled to the benefits of the Registration Rights Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors have agreed, among other things, to use their best efforts to file a registration statement (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") registering the Securities or the Exchange Notes (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) under the Act.

- Section 2. Representations and Warranties. The Company represents and warrants to and agrees with the Initial Purchasers with respect to itself and jointly with each Subsidiary Guarantor with respect to such Subsidiary Guarantor and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors represents and warrants to, severally with respect to itself, and agrees with the Initial Purchasers as follows:
  - (a) Neither the Memorandum nor any amendment or supplement thereto as of the date thereof and at all times subsequent thereto up to the Closing Date (as defined in Section 3 below) contained or contains any untrue

statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the representations and warranties set forth in this Section 2(a) do not apply to (i) statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Initial Purchasers furnished to the Company in writing by the Initial Purchasers expressly for use in the Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

- (b) Each document, if any, filed or to be filed pursuant to the Exchange Act and incorporated by reference in the Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto) complied or will comply when so filed in all material respects with the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.
- (c) As of the date of this Agreement, the Company has an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the section of the Memorandum entitled "Capitalization" (subject to the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of stock options and warrants disclosed as outstanding in the Memorandum and the grant of options under existing stock option plans described in the Memorandum). All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all federal and state securities laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right.
- (d) The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with full corporate power and authority to acquire, own, lease and operate its properties, and to lease the same to others, and to conduct its business as described in the Memorandum, to execute and deliver this Agreement and to issue, sell and deliver the Notes as contemplated herein. The Company is in compliance in all respects with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such jurisdictions, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, either (i) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operation or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries (as hereinafter defined) taken as a whole or (ii) prevent consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (the occurrence of such effect or such prevention described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) being herein referred to as a "Material Adverse Effect").
- (e) The Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign entity and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership or leasing of its properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- The Company has no subsidiaries (as defined under the Act) other than those listed in Schedule 2 annexed hereto (collectively, the "Subsidiaries"). On the Closing Date, each Subsidiary will issue its guarantee of the Notes; the Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of each of the Subsidiaries; other than the equity interests of the Subsidiaries, the Company does not own, directly or indirectly, any shares of stock or any other equity or long-term debt securities of any corporation or have any equity interest in any firm, partnership, joint venture, association or other entity. Complete and correct copies of the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the Company and all amendments thereto have been delivered to you, and no changes therein or to the articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or other organizational documents) of the Subsidiaries will be made on or after the date hereof or on or before the Closing Date. Each Subsidiary has been duly formed and is validly existing as a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, with full corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Memorandum. Each Subsidiary is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership or leasing of its properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Subsidiary is in compliance in all respects with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such jurisdictions, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. All of the outstanding shares of equity interests of each of the Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by the Company subject to no security interest, other material encumbrance or adverse claims other than security interests, as disclosed in the Memorandum, granted under the Company's senior credit agreement dated March 22, 2004, as amended. No options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue or other rights to convert any obligation into shares of capital stock or ownership interests in the Subsidiaries are outstanding. The Company has no "significant subsidiary," as that term is defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Act, other than those listed in Exhibit 21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.
- (g) The Company has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform each of its obligations under the Notes, the Exchange Notes (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) and the Private Exchange Notes (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement). The Notes, when issued, will be in the form contemplated by the Indenture. The Notes, the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes have each been duly and

validly authorized by the Company and, when executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and, in the case of the Notes, when delivered to and paid for by the Initial Purchasers in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, in each case entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except that the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.

- Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors has all requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform each of its obligations under the Guarantees and the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes. The Guarantees, and the guarantees of the Exchange Notes, when issued, will be in the form contemplated by the Indenture. The Guarantees have been duly and validly authorized by each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and, when the Guarantees are executed by each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Notes are authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, will have been duly executed, issued and delivered and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantors, and the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes, if any, have been duly and validly authorized by each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and, when the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes, if any, are executed by each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes, if any, are authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and issued in exchange for the guarantees of the Notes in accordance with the Indenture, will constitute valid and binding obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor, in each case entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against such Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with their terms, subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.
- (i) The Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors has all requisite corporate or organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Indenture. The Indenture meets the requirements for qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "TIA"). The Indenture has been duly and validly authorized by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors (assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee), will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except that the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.
- (j) The Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors has all requisite corporate or organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement. The Registration Rights Agreement has been duly and validly authorized by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors (assuming the due authorization, execution and delivered by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors (assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Initial Purchasers), will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except that (A) the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought and (B) any rights to indemnity or contribution thereunder may be limited by federal and state securities laws and public policy considerations.
- (k) The Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors has all requisite corporate or organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement and the consummation by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors.
- (I) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is in breach or violation of or in default under (nor has any event occurred which with notice, lapse of time or both would result in any breach or violation of, constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a part of such indebtedness under) its (i) respective charter or bylaws (or other formation documents), (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected or (iii) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or

any of their respective properties, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for such breaches, violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Securities and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (A) will neither conflict with, result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time or both would result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a part of such indebtedness under) (1) the charter or bylaws (or other formation documents) of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, (2) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected, or (3) any federal, state or local law, regulation or rule, including the rules and regulations of the NYSE or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, except in the case of clause (2) above, for such breaches, violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, nor (B) result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge, claim or encumbrance upon any of the properties (real and personal (including, without limitation, mortgage loans and unsecured loans)) described in the Memorandum as being owned or leased by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries (the "Properties").

- (m) No approval, authorization, consent or order of or filing with any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, or of or with the NYSE, or approval of the stockholders of the Company, is required in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors of the transactions contemplated hereby other than which has been effected and any necessary qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of the various jurisdictions in which the Securities are being offered by the Initial Purchasers.
- (n) Except as expressly set forth in the Memorandum, (i) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue or sell to it any shares of common stock of the Company or shares of any other capital stock or other equity interests of the Company and (ii) no person has any preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase any shares of common stock of the Company or shares of any other capital stock of or other equity interests in the Company and (iii) no person has the right to act as an initial purchaser or as a financial advisor to the Company in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities, whether as a result of the sale of the Securities as contemplated thereby or otherwise.
- (o) Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries (and, to the Company's knowledge, each operator, lessee or sublessee of any Property or portion thereof) (i) has all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals, (ii) has made all necessary filings required under any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, and (iii) has obtained all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, in order to acquire and own, lease or sublease, lease to others and conduct its respective business as described in the Memorandum, except in the case of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above, where the failure to have such items, make such filings or obtain such items would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries (nor, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, any such operator, lessee or sublessee) is in violation of, or in default under, or has received notice of any proceedings relating to revocation or modification of, any such license, authorization, consent or approval or any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, order or judgment applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, except where such violation, default, revocation or modification would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (p) All legal or governmental proceedings, affiliate transactions, off-balance sheet transactions (including, without limitation, transactions related to, and the existence of, "variable interest entities" within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46), contracts, licenses, agreements, leases or documents of a character required to be described in a Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed by the Company or to be filed as an exhibit to such a Registration Statement or any incorporated document have been so described or filed as required.
- (q) There are no actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, threatened or contemplated to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers (or, to the Company's knowledge, any person from whom the Company or any Subsidiary acquired any of the Properties (each, a "seller"), or any lessee, sublessee or operator of any Property or any portion thereof) is or would be a party, or of which any of the respective properties or assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries, or any Property, is or would be subject at law or in equity, before or by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, except any such action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding which would not result in a judgment, decree or order having, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (r) Ernst & Young LLP, whose report on the consolidated financial statements of the Company and the Subsidiaries is incorporated by reference in the Memorandum, are independent public accountants as required by the Act

and by Rule 3600T of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

- The financial statements of the Company and the Subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Memorandum, together with the related notes, present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations and cash flows of the Company and the Subsidiaries for the periods specified and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved. Any pro forma financial statements or data included or incorporated by reference in the Memorandum comply with the requirements of Regulation S-X of the Act and the pro forma adjustments have been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of those statements and data. The other financial and statistical data set forth or incorporated by reference in the Memorandum are accurately presented in all material respects and prepared on a basis consistent with the financial statements and books and records of the Company. There are no financial statements (historical or pro forma) that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Memorandum (including, without limitation, as required by Rules 3-12 or 3-05 or Article 11 of Regulation S-X under the Act) that are not included as required. The Company and the Subsidiaries do not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations or any "variable interest entities" within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46), not disclosed in the Memorandum. Other than with respect to the financial data under the caption "Selected Pro Forma Financial Data" in the section of the Memorandum captioned "Summary-Summary Historical Financial Data," all disclosures included in the Memorandum regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply in all material respects with Regulation G of the Exchange Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Act, to the extent applicable (as if such provisions were applicable to the Memorandum).
- (t) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Memorandum, there has not been (i) any material adverse change, or any development which could have a reasonable possibility of giving rise to a prospective material adverse change, in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) any transaction which is material to the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (iii) any obligation, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), incurred by the Company or any Subsidiary, which is material to the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (iv) any change in the capital stock (except as the result of the exercise of rights by directors and employees under the Company's stock incentive plans described in the Memorandum) or outstanding indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary or (v) any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made on the capital stock of the Company or any Subsidiary.
- (u) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities, neither of them will be an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act").
- (v) None of the Company, the Subsidiaries or any agent acting on their behalf, other than the Initial Purchasers, has taken or will take any action that might cause this Agreement or the sale of the Notes to violate Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in each case as in effect, or as the same may hereafter be in effect, on the Closing Date.
- (w) The Company, and each of the Subsidiaries, has insurable title, and, in the case of real property, in fee simple, to the Properties, free and clear of all liens, claims, mortgages, deeds of trust, restrictions, security interests and other encumbrances or defects ("Property Encumbrances"), except for (x) the leasehold interests of lessees in the Properties of the Company and the Subsidiaries held under lease (the "Leases") and (y) any other Property Encumbrances that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. All Property Encumbrances on or affecting the Properties which are required to be disclosed in the Memorandum are disclosed therein as required.
- (x) Each of the Leases pertaining to the Properties has been duly authorized by the Company or a Subsidiary, as applicable, and is a valid, subsisting and enforceable agreement of the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, and, to the knowledge of the Company, each other party thereto, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally or general equitable principles.
- (y) No person other than the Company or a Subsidiary has an option or right of first refusal to purchase all or part of any Property owned by the Company or any interest therein, and to the Company's knowledge no such right exists with respect to any Property that the Company leases (as lessee), except for such options or rights of first refusal which, if refused, will not individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (z) To the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, except as disclosed in the Memorandum, no lessee of any portion of any of the Properties is in default under its respective lease, and there is no

event which, with notice, lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under any such lease, except such defaults that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (aa) To the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, except as disclosed in the Memorandum, no borrower of a mortgage loan from the Company is in default under its respective mortgage loan, and there is no event which, with notice, lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under any such mortgage loan, except such defaults that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (bb) The Company and the Subsidiaries own, or have obtained valid and enforceable licenses for, or other rights to use, the inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), trade names, service names, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information described in the Memorandum as being owned or licensed by them or which are necessary for the conduct of their respective businesses, except where the failure to own, license or have such rights would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (cc) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is engaged in any unfair labor practice, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no violation of any federal, state or local law relating to discrimination in the hiring, promotion or pay of employees, any applicable wage or hour laws or any provision of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder concerning the employees of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- The Company and the Subsidiaries and their properties, assets and operations (and, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, each operator or lessee of any Property or portion thereof) are in compliance with, and hold all permits, authorizations and approvals required under, Environmental Laws (as defined below), except to the extent that failure to so comply or to hold such permits, authorizations or approvals would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. There are no past, present or, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, reasonably anticipated future events, conditions, circumstances, activities, practices, actions, omissions or plans that could reasonably be expected to give rise to any material costs or liabilities to the Company or any Subsidiary under, or to interfere with or prevent compliance by the Company or any Subsidiary with, Environmental Laws, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, any seller, lessee, sublessee or operator of any Property or portion thereof or any previous owner thereof, (i) is the subject of any investigation, (ii) has received any notice or claim, (iii) is a party to or affected by any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding, (iv) is bound by any judgment, decree or order or (v) has entered into any agreement, in each case relating to any alleged violation of any Environmental Law or any actual or alleged release or threatened release or cleanup at any location of any Hazardous Materials (as defined below). Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, any seller, lessee, sublessee or operator of any Property or portion thereof or any previous owner thereof, has received from any governmental authority notice of any violation, concerning the Properties, of any municipal, state or federal law, rule or regulation or of any Environmental Law, except for such violations as have heretofore been cured and except for such violations as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. As used herein, "Environmental Law" means any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, decree, judgment, injunction, permit, license, authorization or other binding requirement, or common law, relating to health, safety or the protection, cleanup or restoration of the environment or natural resources, including those relating to the distribution, processing, generation, treatment, storage, disposal, transportation, other handling or release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials, and "Hazardous Materials" means any material (including, without limitation, pollutants, contaminants, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes) that is regulated by or may give rise to liability under any Environmental Law.
- (ee) The Company and the Subsidiaries have (A) all licenses, certificates, permits, authorizations, approvals, franchises and other rights from, and have made all declarations and filings with, all applicable authorities, all self-regulatory authorities and all courts and other tribunals (each, an "Authorization") necessary to engage in the business conducted by them in the manner described in the Memorandum, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and (B) no reason to believe that any governmental body or agency, domestic or foreign, is considering limiting, suspending or revoking any such Authorization, except where any such limitations, suspensions or revocations would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. All such Authorizations are valid and in full force and effect and the Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such Authorizations and with the rules and regulations of the regulatory authorities having jurisdiction with respect to such Authorizations, except for any invalidity, failure to be in full force and effect or noncompliance with any Authorization that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (ff) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, any seller, lessee, sublessee or operator of any Property or portion thereof, has received from any governmental authority any written notice of any condemnation of, or zoning change affecting, the Properties or any portion

thereof, and the Company does not know of any such condemnation or zoning change which is threatened, except for such condemnations or zoning changes that, if consummated, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Properties, and the current and intended use and occupancy thereof, complies with all applicable zoning laws, ordinances and regulations, except where such failure does and will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (gg) All tax returns required to be filed by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries have been timely filed, and all taxes and other assessments of a similar nature (whether imposed directly or through withholding) including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto due or claimed to be due from such entities have been timely paid, other than those being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been provide and which would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, there is no tax deficiency which has been asserted against the Company or any Subsidiary, except any tax deficiency which would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (hh) There is no strike, labor dispute, slowdown or work stoppage with the employees of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries that is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors, threatened.
- (ii) Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries is insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amount as the Company reasonably deems to be adequate and as are customary in the business in which they are engaged, except as described in the Memorandum. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, all policies of insurance insuring the Company and the Subsidiaries or any of their businesses, assets, employees, officers, directors and trustees are in full force and effect, and the Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of such policies in all material respects. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, there are no claims by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause.
- (jj) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has sustained since the date of the last audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Memorandum any loss or interference with its respective business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, except for such loss or interference as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (kk) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has sent or received any communication regarding termination of, or intent not to renew, any of the leases, contracts or agreements referred to or described in, or filed as an exhibit to, any Incorporated Document, and no such termination or non-renewal has been threatened by the Company or any Subsidiary or, to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor after due inquiry, any other party to any such contract or agreement, except for such termination or non-renewal as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (II) The Company, and each of the Subsidiaries, maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for assets, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.
- (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act) and "internal control over financial reporting" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer by others within those entities, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established; the Company's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company have been advised of: (i) any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data; and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a role in the Company's internal controls. Any material weaknesses in internal controls have been identified for the Company's auditors. Since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures, there have been no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; the principal executive officers (or their equivalents) and principal financial officers (or their equivalents) of the Company have made all certifications required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") and any related rules and

regulations promulgated by the Commission, and the statements contained in any such certification are complete and correct. The Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable effective provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission and the NYSE promulgated thereunder.

- (nn) This Agreement, the Securities, the Indenture and the Registration Rights Agreement will conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof in the Memorandum.
- (oo) No holder of securities of the Company or any Subsidiary will be entitled to have such securities registered under the registration statements required to be filed by the Company pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement other than as expressly permitted thereby.
- (pp) Immediately after the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the fair value and present fair saleable value of the assets of each of the Company and the Subsidiaries (each on a consolidated basis) will exceed the sum of its stated liabilities and identified contingent liabilities; none of the Company or the Subsidiaries (each on a consolidated basis) is, nor will any of the Company or the Subsidiaries (each on a consolidated basis) be, after giving effect to the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (a) left with unreasonably small capital with which to carry on its business as it is proposed to be conducted, (b) unable to pay its debts (contingent or otherwise) as they mature or (c) otherwise insolvent.
- (qq) None of the Company, the Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates (as defined in Rule 501(b) of Regulation D under the Act) has directly, or through any agent, (i) sold, offered for sale, solicited offers to buy or otherwise negotiated in respect of any "security" (as defined in the Act) that is or could be integrated with the sale of the Notes in a manner that would require the registration under the Act of the Notes or (ii) engaged in any form of general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Regulation D under the Act) in connection with the offering of the Securities or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the Act. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Initial Purchasers in Section 8 hereof, it is not necessary in connection with the offer, sale and delivery of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers in the manner contemplated by this Agreement to register any of the Notes under the Act or to qualify the Indenture under the TIA.
- (rr) No securities of the Company or any Subsidiary are of the same class (within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Act) as the Securities and listed on a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Exchange Act, or quoted in a U.S. automated inter-dealer quotation system.
- (ss) None of the Company, the Subsidiaries, any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers) has engaged in any directed selling efforts (as that term is defined in Regulation S under the Act ("Regulation S")) with respect to the Securities. The Company, the Subsidiaries and their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers) have complied with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S.
- (tt) The Company has provided you true, correct and complete copies of all documentation pertaining to any extension of credit in the form of a personal loan made, directly or indirectly, by the Company or any Subsidiary to any director or executive officer of the Company, or to any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer of the Company. On or after July 30, 2002, the Company has not, directly or indirectly, including through any Subsidiary: (i) extended credit, arranged to extend credit, or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or executive officer of the Company, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer of the Company; or (ii) made any material modification, including any renewal thereof, to any term of any personal loan to any director or executive officer of the Company, or any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer, which loan was outstanding on July 30, 2002.
- (uu) All statistical or market-related data included or incorporated by reference in the Memorandum are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate in all material respects, and the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources to the extent required.
- (vv) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors, any employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary has made any payment of funds of the Company or any Subsidiary or received or retained any funds in violation of any law, rule or regulation, which payment, receipt or retention of funds is of a character required to be disclosed in the Memorandum or any document incorporated by reference therein.
- (ww) Except pursuant to this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has incurred any liability for any finder's or broker's fee or agent's commission in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or by the Memorandum.

- (xx) From and including the Company's taxable year ended 1992, the Company has continuously met, currently meets, and as of the time of purchase or additional time of purchase, as the case may be, will meet, the requirements for, and its proposed methods of operations as described in the Memorandum will permit the Company to continue to meet the requirements for, qualification and taxation as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). All statements in the Memorandum regarding the Company's qualification as a REIT are true, complete and correct in all material respects.
- (yy) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor any of their respective directors, officers, affiliates or controlling persons has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed, or which has constituted or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.
- (zz) Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor and delivered to any Initial Purchaser or to counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall be deemed a joint and several representation and warranty by the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors to each Initial Purchaser as to the matters covered thereby.
- Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Notes. On the basis of the representations, warranties, Section 3. agreements and covenants herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors agree to issue and sell to the Initial Purchasers, and the Initial Purchasers, acting severally and not jointly, agree to purchase the Securities in the respective amounts set forth on Schedule 1 hereto from the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors at 97.955% of their principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from October 1, 2004 to the Closing Date. One or more certificates in definitive form for the Securities that the Initial Purchasers have agreed to purchase hereunder, and in such denomination or denominations and registered in such name or names as the Initial Purchasers request upon notice to the Company of at least 48 hours prior to the Closing Date, shall be delivered by or on behalf of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors to the Initial Purchasers, against payment by or on behalf of the Initial Purchasers of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer (same day funds), to such account or accounts as the Company shall specify in writing prior to the Closing Date, or by such means as the parties hereto shall agree prior to the Closing Date. Such delivery of and payment for the Securities shall be made at the offices of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, 80 Pine Street, New York, New York at 10:00 A.M., New York time, on November 8, 2004, or at such other place, time or date as the Initial Purchasers, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, may agree upon, such time and date of delivery against payment being herein referred to as the "Closing Date." The Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors will make such certificate or certificates for the Securities available for checking and packaging by the Initial Purchasers at the offices of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. in New York, New York, or at such other place as Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. may designate, at least 24 hours prior to the Closing Date.
- Section 4. Offering by the Initial Purchasers. The Initial Purchasers propose to make an offering of the Securities at the price and upon the terms set forth in the Memorandum as soon as practicable after this Agreement is entered into and as in the judgment of the Initial Purchasers is advisable.
- Section 5. <u>Covenants of the Company</u>. Each of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, as the case may be, jointly and severally, covenants and agrees with the Initial Purchasers as follows:
  - (a) The Company will not amend or supplement the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto of which the Initial Purchasers shall not previously have been advised and furnished a copy for a reasonable period of time prior to the proposed amendment or supplement and as to which the Initial Purchasers shall not have given their consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld). The Company will promptly, upon the reasonable request of the Initial Purchasers or counsel for the Initial Purchasers, make any amendments or supplements to the Memorandum that may be necessary or advisable in connection with the resale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers.
  - (b) The Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors will cooperate with the Initial Purchasers, to arrange for the qualification of the Securities for offering and sale under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of which jurisdictions as the Initial Purchasers may designate and will continue such qualifications in effect for as long as may be necessary to complete the resale of the Securities; provided, however, that in connection therewith, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction or subject itself to taxation in excess of a nominal dollar amount in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.
  - (c) If, at any time prior to the completion of the distribution by the Initial Purchasers of the Securities or the Private Exchange Notes, any event occurs or information becomes known as a result of which the Memorandum as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if for any other reason it is necessary at any time to amend or supplement the Memorandum to comply with applicable law, the Company will promptly notify the Initial Purchasers thereof and will prepare, at the expense of the Company, an amendment or supplement to the Memorandum that corrects such statement or omission or effects such compliance.

- (d) The Company will, without charge, provide to the Initial Purchasers and to counsel for the Initial Purchasers as many copies of the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto as the Initial Purchasers may reasonably request.
- (e) The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes as set forth under "Use of Proceeds" in the Memorandum.
- (f) For so long as any of the Securities remain outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Initial Purchasers copies of all reports and other communications (financial or otherwise) furnished by the Company to the Trustee or to the holders of the Securities and, as soon as available, copies of any reports or financial statements furnished to or filed by the Company with the Commission or any national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the Company may be listed; provided that the foregoing obligation will not apply to any reports or other communication made available on the Commission's EDGAR database.
- (g) Prior to the Closing Date, the Company will furnish to the Initial Purchasers, as soon as they have been prepared, a copy of any unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company and the Subsidiaries for any period subsequent to the period covered by the most recent financial statements appearing in the Memorandum.
- (h) None of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors or any of their Affiliates will sell, offer for sale or solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of any "security" (as defined in the Act) that could be integrated with the sale of the Securities in a manner which would require the registration under the Act of the Securities.
- (i) The Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors will not, and will not permit any of the other Subsidiaries to, engage in any form of general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Regulation D under the Act) in connection with the offering of the Securities or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the Act.
- (j) For so long as any of the Securities remain outstanding, the Company will make available at its expense, upon request, to any holder of such Securities and any prospective purchasers thereof the information specified in Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Act, unless the Company is then subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.
- (k) The Company will use its best efforts to (i) permit the Securities to be designated as PORTAL-eligible securities in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") relating to trading in the NASD's Portal Market (the 'Portal Market") and (ii) permit the Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through The Depository Trust Company.
- (I) In connection with Securities offered and sold in an off shore transaction (as defined in Regulation S) the Company will not register any transfer of such Notes not made in accordance with the provisions of Regulation S and will not, except in accordance with the provisions of Regulation S, if applicable, issue any such Notes in the form of definitive securities.
- (m) None of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors or any of their Affiliates will engage in any directed selling efforts (as that term is defined in Regulation S) with respect to the Securities.
- (n) For a period of two years (calculated in accordance with paragraph (d) of Rule 144 under the Act) following the date of original issuance of the Securities none of the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors or any of their respective Affiliates will re-sell any such Securities which are restricted securities (as such term is defined under Rule 144(a)(3) under the Act).
- Section 6. Expenses. The Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree to pay all costs and expenses incident to the performance of their obligations under this Agreement, whether or not the transactions contemplated herein are consummated or this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 11 hereof, including all costs and expenses incident to (i) the printing, word processing or other production of documents with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, including any costs of printing the Memorandum and any amendment or supplement thereto, and any "Blue Sky" memoranda, (ii) all arrangements relating to the delivery to the Initial Purchasers of copies of the foregoing documents, (iii) the fees and disbursements of the counsel, the accountants and any other experts or advisors retained by the Company, (iv) preparation (including printing), issuance and delivery to the Initial Purchasers of the Securities, (v) the qualification of the Securities under state securities and "Blue Sky" laws, including filing fees and fees and disbursements of counsel for the Initial Purchasers relating thereto, (vi) expenses in connection with the "roadshow" and any other meetings with prospective investors in the Securities, (vii) fees and expenses of the Trustee, including fees and expenses of counsel, (viii) all expenses and listing fees incurred in connection with the application for quotation of the Securities on the PORTAL Market and (ix) any fees charged by investment rating agencies for the rating of the Securities. If the sale of the Securities provided for

herein is not consummated because any condition to the obligations of the Initial Purchasers set forth in Section 7 hereof is not satisfied, because this Agreement is terminated or because of any failure, refusal or inability on the part of the Company or the Subsidiary Guarantors to perform all obligations and satisfy all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied hereunder (other than solely by reason of a default by the Initial Purchasers of their obligations hereunder after all conditions hereunder have been satisfied in accordance herewith), the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors agree to promptly reimburse the Initial Purchasers upon demand for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses (including the fees, disbursements and charges of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers), that shall have been incurred by the Initial Purchasers in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Securities.

Section 7. <u>Conditions of the Initial Purchasers' Obligations</u> The obligation of the Initial Purchasers to purchase and pay for the Securities shall, in their sole discretion, be subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions on or prior to the Closing Date:

- (a) On the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers shall have received the opinions, dated as of the Closing Date and addressed to the Initial Purchasers, of (i) Powell Goldstein LLP, counsel for the Company and certain of the Subsidiary Guarantors, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Initial Purchasers, as set forth in <a href="Exhibit B-1">Exhibit B-1</a> and <a href="Exhibit B-2">Exhibit B-2</a> hereto and (ii) local counsel for certain of the Subsidiary Guarantors, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Initial Purchasers, as set forth in <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a> hereto. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors and certificates of public officials, copies of which shall have been provided to the Initial Purchasers.
- (b) On the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers shall have received the opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers, dated as of the Closing Date and addressed to the Initial Purchasers, of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers, with respect to certain legal matters relating to this Agreement and such other related matters as the Initial Purchasers may reasonably require. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors and certificates of public officials, copies of which shall have been provided to the Initial Purchasers.
- (c) The Initial Purchasers shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP a comfort letter or letters dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Initial Purchasers.
- (d) The representations and warranties of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date as if made on and as of the Closing Date; the statements of the Company's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' officers made pursuant to any certificate delivered in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be true and correct on and as of the date made and on and as of the Closing Date; the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall have performed all covenants and agreements and satisfied all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date; and, except as described in the Memorandum (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto after the date hereof), subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements in such Memorandum, there shall have been no event or development, and no information shall have become known, that, individually or in the aggregate, has or would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) The sale of the Securities hereunder shall not be enjoined (temporarily or permanently) on the Closing Date.
- (f) Subsequent to the date of the most recent financial statements in the Memorandum (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto after the date hereof), none of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries shall have sustained any loss or interference with respect to its business or properties from fire, flood, hurricane, accident or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any strike, labor dispute, slow down or work stoppage or from any legal or governmental proceeding, order or decree, which loss or interference, individually or in the aggregate, has or would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (g) The Initial Purchasers shall have received certificates of the Company and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors, dated the Closing Date, signed on behalf of the Company or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor by its Chairman of the Board, President or any Vice President and the Chief Financial Officer, to the effect that
  - (i) the representations and warranties of the Company or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor contained in this Agreement are true and correct on and as of the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date, and the Company or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor has performed all covenants and agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date;

- (ii) at the Closing Date, since the date hereof or since the date of the most recent financial statements in the Memorandum (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto after the date hereof), no event or development has occurred, and no information has become known to the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor, that, individually or in the aggregate, has or would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect; and
- (iii) the sale of the Securities hereunder has not been enjoined (temporarily or permanently).
- (h) On the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers shall have received the Registration Rights Agreement executed by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors and such agreement shall be in full force and effect.
- (i) On the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers shall have received the Indenture executed by the Company, each of the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Trustee and such agreement shall be in full force and effect.
  - (j) The Securities shall be eligible for clearance and settlement through The Depository Trust Company.
- (k) The Securities shall be designated PORTAL-eligible securities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NASD.

On or before the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers and counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall have received such further documents, opinions, certificates, letters and schedules or instruments relating to the business, corporate, legal and financial affairs of the Company and the Subsidiaries as they shall have heretofore reasonably requested from the Company.

All such documents, opinions, certificates, letters, schedules or instruments delivered pursuant to this Agreement will comply with the provisions hereof only if they are reasonably satisfactory in all material respects to the Initial Purchasers and counsel for the Initial Purchasers. The Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall furnish to the Initial Purchasers such conformed copies of such documents, opinions, certificates, letters, schedules and instruments in such quantities as the Initial Purchasers shall reasonably request.

- Section 8. Offering of Securities; Restrictions on Transfer. (a) Each of the Initial Purchasers agrees with the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors that (i) it has not and will not solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities by any form of general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Regulation D under the Act) or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the Act; and (ii) it has and will solicit offers for the Securities only from, and will offer the Securities only to, (A) in the case of offers inside the United States, persons whom the Initial Purchasers reasonably believe to be QIBs or, if any such person is buying for one or more institutional accounts for which such person is acting as fiduciary or agent, only when such person has represented to the Initial Purchasers that each such account is a QIB, to whom notice has been given that such sale or delivery is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, and, in each case, in transactions under Rule 144A and (B) in the case of offers outside the United States, to persons other than U.S. persons ("non-U.S. purchasers," which term shall include dealers or other professional fiduciaries in the United States acting on a discretionary basis for non-U.S. beneficial owners (other than an estate or trust)); provided, however, that, in the case of this clause (B), in purchasing such Securities such persons are deemed to have represented and agreed as provided under the caption "Notice to Investors" contained in the Memorandum (or, if the Memorandum is not in existence, in the most recent Memorandum).
- (b) Each of the Initial Purchasers represents and warrants (as to itself only) with respect to offers and sales outside the United States that (i) it has and will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each jurisdiction in which it acquires, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes the Memorandum or any such other material, in all cases at its own expense, (ii) the Notes have not been and will not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in accordance with Regulation S under the Act or pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Act and (iii) it has offered the Notes and will offer and sell the Notes (A) as part of its distribution at any time and (B) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the Closing Date, only in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S and, accordingly, neither it nor any persons acting on its behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts (within the meaning of Regulation S) with respect to the Notes, and any such persons have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S.

Terms used in this Section 8 and not defined in this Agreement have the meanings given to them in Regulation S.

Section 9. <u>Indemnification and Contribution</u>. (a) The Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Initial Purchaser and each person, if any, who controls any Initial Purchaser within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which any Initial Purchaser or such controlling person may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as any such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon

the following:

- (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor in Section 2 hereof;
- (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto; or
- (iii) the omission or alleged omission to state, in the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto, a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;

and will reimburse, as incurred, the Initial Purchasers and each such controlling person for any reasonable legal or other documented expenses incurred by the Initial Purchasers or such controlling person in connection with investigating, defending against or appearing as a third-party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; *provided*, *however*, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage, or liability arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning the Initial Purchasers furnished to the Company by the Initial Purchasers through Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. specifically for use therein. The indemnity provided for in this Section 9 will be in addition to any liability that the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors may otherwise have to the indemnified parties. The Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall not be liable under this Section 9 for any settlement of any claim or action effected without their prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- (b) Each Initial Purchaser, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, their respective directors, their respective officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto, or (ii) the omission or the alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated in the Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning such Initial Purchaser, furnished to the Company by the Initial Purchasers through Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. specifically for use therein; and subject to the limitation set forth immediately preceding this clause, will reimburse, as incurred, any reasonable legal or other documented expenses incurred by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending against or appearing as a third party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action in respect thereof. The indemnity provided for in this Section 9 will be in addition to any liability that the Initial Purchasers may otherwise have to the indemnified parties. The Initial Purchasers shall not be liable under this Section 9 for any settlement of any claim or action effected without their consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 9 of notice of the commencement of any action for which such indemnified party is entitled to indemnification under this Section 9, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 9, notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof in writing; but the omission to so notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from any liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it may wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with a conflict of interest, (ii) the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have been advised by counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties that are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party or (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after receipt by the indemnifying party of notice of the institution of such action, then, in each such case, the indemnifying party shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties and such indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to defend such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. After notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof and approval by such indemnified party of counsel appointed to defend such action, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 9 for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of investigation, subsequently incurred by such

indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof, unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the immediately preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that in connection with such action the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to local counsel) in any one action or separate but substantially similar actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, designated by the Initial Purchasers in the case of paragraph (a) of this Section 9 or the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors in the case of paragraph (b) of this Section 9, representing the indemnified parties under such paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), as the case may be, who are parties to such action or actions) or (ii) the indemnifying party has authorized in writing the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party. All fees and expenses reimbursed pursuant to this paragraph (c) shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. After such notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party, the indemnifying party will not be liable for the costs and expenses of any settlement of such action effected by such indemnified party without the prior written consent of the indemnifying party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), unless such indemnified party waived in writing its rights under this Section 9, in which case the indemnified party may effect such a settlement without such consent. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement or compromise of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party, or indemnity could have been sought hereunder by any indemnified party, unless such settlement (A) includes an unconditional written release of the indemnified party, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party, from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (B) does not include any statement as to an admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

- (d) In circumstances in which the indemnity agreement provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Section 9 is unavailable to, or insufficient to hold harmless, an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to herein, each indemnifying party, in order to provide for just and equitable contribution, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect (i) the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by the foregoing clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions or alleged statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof). The relative benefits received by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors on the one hand and any Initial Purchaser on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total discounts and commissions received by such Initial Purchaser. The relative fault of the parties shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors on the one hand, or such Initial Purchaser on the other, the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission or alleged statement or omission, and any other equitable considerations appropriate in the circumstances. The Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers agree that it would not be equitable if the amount of such contribution were determined by pro rata or per capita allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph (d). Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph (d), no Initial Purchaser shall be obligated to make contributions hereunder that in the aggregate exceed the total discounts, commissions and other compensation received by such Initial Purchaser under this Agreement, less the aggregate amount of any damages that such Initial Purchaser has otherwise been required to pay by reason of the untrue or alleged untrue statements or the omissions or alleged omissions to state a material fact, and no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this paragraph (d), each person, if any, who controls an Initial Purchaser within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Initial Purchasers, and each director of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, each officer of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors and each person, if any, who controls the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.
- Section 10. <u>Survival Clause</u>. The respective representations, warranties, agreements, covenants, indemnities and other statements of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, their officers and the Initial Purchasers set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them pursuant to this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, any of their officers or directors, the Initial Purchasers or any controlling person referred to in Section 9 hereof and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Securities. The respective agreements, covenants, indemnities and other statements set forth in Sections 6, 9, 10 and 15 hereof shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination or cancellation of this Agreement.
- Section 11. <u>Termination</u>. (a) This Agreement may be terminated in the sole discretion of the Initial Purchasers by notice to the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors given prior to the Closing Date in the event that the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall have failed, refused or been unable to perform all obligations and satisfy all conditions on their part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior thereto or, if at or prior to the Closing Date:

- (i) any of the Company or the Subsidiaries shall have sustained any loss or interference with respect to its businesses or properties from fire, flood, hurricane, accident or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any strike, labor dispute, slow down or work stoppage or any legal or governmental proceeding, which loss or interference, in the sole judgment of the Initial Purchasers, has had or has a Material Adverse Effect, or there shall have been, in the sole judgment of the Initial Purchasers, any event or development that, individually or in the aggregate, has or could be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect (including without limitation a change in control of the Company or the Subsidiaries), except as described in the Memorandum (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto);
- (ii) trading in securities of the Company generally on the NYSE, American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market shall have been suspended or materially limited or minimum or maximum prices shall have been established on any such exchange or market;
- (iii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared by New York or United States authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States;
- (iv) there shall have been (A) an outbreak or escalation of hostilities between the United States and any foreign power, (B) an outbreak or escalation of any other insurrection or armed conflict involving the United States or any other national or international calamity or emergency or (C) any material change in the financial markets of the United States which, in the case of (A), (B) or (C) above and in the sole judgment of the Initial Purchasers, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Memorandum; or
- (v) any securities of the Company shall have been downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization or any such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, or has changed its outlook with respect to, its ratings of any securities of the Company (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading).
- (b) Termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 11 shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 10 hereof.
- Section 12. <u>Information Supplied by the Initial Purchasers</u>. The statements set forth in the last paragraph on the front cover page and in the first and third sentences of the third paragraph and the third sentence of the fifth paragraph under the heading "Private Placement" in the Memorandum (to the extent such statements relate to the Initial Purchasers) constitute the only information furnished by the Initial Purchasers to the Company for the purposes of Sections 2(a) and 9 hereof.
- Section 13. <u>Notices</u>. All communications hereunder shall be in writing and, if sent to the Initial Purchasers, shall be mailed or delivered to (i) Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., 60 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, Attention: Corporate Finance Department; if sent to the Company, shall be mailed or delivered to the Company at 9690 Deereco Road, Suite 100, Timonium, Maryland 21093, Attention: Robert O. Stephenson; with a copy to Powell Goldstein LLP, Sixteenth Floor, 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Attention: Richard H. Miller.

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: when delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five business days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; and one business day after being timely delivered to a next-day air courier.

Section 14. Successors. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Initial Purchasers, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and their respective successors and legal representatives, and nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any other person any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement, or any provisions herein contained; this Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof being intended to be and being for the sole and exclusive benefit of such persons and for the benefit of no other person except that (i) the indemnities of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors contained in Section 9 of this Agreement shall also be for the benefit of any person or persons who control the Initial Purchasers within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and (ii) the indemnities of the Initial Purchasers contained in Section 9 of this Agreement shall also be for the benefit of the directors of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, their officers and any person or persons who control the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act. No purchaser of Securities from the Initial Purchasers will be deemed a successor because of such purchase.

Section 15. <u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>. THE VALIDITY AND INTERPRETATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH HEREIN SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED WHOLLY THEREIN, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY PROVISIONS THEREOF RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF LAW.

Section 16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

If the foregoing correctly sets forth our understanding, please indicate your acceptance thereof in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement between the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers.

Very truly yours,

OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.,

as Issuer

By:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer

BAYSIDE ALABAMA HEALTHCARE SECOND, INC.
BAYSIDE ARIZONA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
BAYSIDE ARIZONA HEALTHCARE SECOND, INC.
BAYSIDE COLORADO HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
BAYSIDE COLORADO HEALTHCARE SECOND, INC.
OHI (CONNECTICUT), INC.
BAYSIDE STREET II, INC.
OHI ASSET (CA), LLC
OHI ASSET (FL), LLC
OHI ASSET (ID), LLC
OHI ASSET (IN), LLC
OHI ASSET (LA), LLC

By:

as Subsidiary Guarantors

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

OHI ASSET (MI/NC), LLC
OHI ASSET (MO), LLC
OHI ASSET (OH), LLC
OHI ASSET (TX), LLC
OHI ASSET II (CA), LLC
OHI ASSET, LLC
OMEGA ACQUISITION FACILITY I, LLC
OHI (FLORIDA), INC.
OHI SUNSHINE, INC.

LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATES - ILLINOIS, INC.

OHI (ILLINOIS), INC.

SKILLED NURSING - HERRIN, INC.

SKILLED NURSING - PARIS, INC.

BAYSIDE INDIANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.

LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATES - INDIANA, INC.

OHI (INDIANA), INC.

SKILLED NURSING - GASTON, INC.

OHI (IOWA), INC.

OHI (KANSAS), INC.

OMEGA (KANSAS), INC.

NRS VENTURES, LLC

OS LEASING COMPANY

STERLING ACQUISITION CORP.

STERLING ACQUISITION CORP. II

ARIZONA LESSOR - INFINIA, INC.

BAYSIDE STREET, INC.

COLORADO LESSOR - CONIFER, INC.

DELTA INVESTORS I, LLC

DELTA INVESTORS II, LLC

FLORIDA LESSOR - CRYSTAL SPRINGS, INC.

as Subsidiary Guarantors

By:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

FLORIDA LESSOR - EMERALD, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - FIVE FACILITIES, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - LAKELAND, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - MEADOWVIEW, INC.

FLORIDA LESSOR - WEST PALM BEACH AND SOUTHPOINT, INC.

GEORGIA LESSOR - BONTERRA/PARKVIEW, INC.

INDIANA LESSOR - JEFFERSONVILLE, INC.

INDIANA LESSOR - WELLINGTON MANOR, INC.

JEFFERSON CLARK, INC.

OHI LESSOR WATERFORD & CRESTWOOD, INC.

OHI OF KENTUCKY, INC.

OHI OF TEXAS, INC.

OMEGA TRS I, INC.

TEXAS LESSOR - STONEGATE GP, INC.

TEXAS LESSOR - STONEGATE LIMITED, INC.

TEXAS LESSOR - STONEGATE, L.P.

TEXAS LESSOR - TREEMONT, INC.

WASHINGTON LESSOR - SILVERDALE, INC.

OHIMA, INC.

LONG TERM CARE - MICHIGAN, INC.

LONG TERM CARE - NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

SKILLED NURSING - HICKSVILLE, INC.

CENTER HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.

CHERRY STREET - SKILLED NURSING, INC. as Subsidiary Guarantors

Name:	Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

DALLAS SKILLED NURSING, INC.
HERITAGE TEXARKANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
LAKE PARK SKILLED NURSING, INC.
LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATES - TEXAS, INC.
PARKVIEW - SKILLED NURSING, INC.
PINE TEXARKANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
REUNION TEXARKANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
SAN AUGUSTINE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
SOUTH ATHENS HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
WAXAHACHIE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
WEST ATHENS HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATES, INC.
OHI ASSET II (TX), LLC
as Subsidiary Guarantors

By:

By:

Name: Robert O. Stephenson

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed
and accepted as of the date first above written.
DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.
Ву:
Name:
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Ву:	
Name:	
Title:	
BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC	
By: Name: Title:	
UBS SECURITIES LLC	
Ву:	
Name:	
Title:	
Ву:	
Name:	
Title:	
	SCHEDULE 1
Initial Purchasers	Principal Amount of Notes
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Banc of America Securities LLC UBS Securities LLC.	\$24,000,000 \$18,000,000 \$18,000,000
Total	\$60,000,000

Subsidiary Name	State of Incorporation
Bayside Alabama Healthcare Second, Inc.	Alabama
Bayside Arizona Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Arizona
Bayside Arizona Healthcare Second, Inc.	Arizona
Bayside Colorado Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Colorado
Bayside Colorado Healthcare Second, Inc.	Colorado
OHI (Connecticut), Inc.	Connecticut
Bayside Street II, Inc.	Delaware
OHI Asset (CA), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (FL), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (ID), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (IN), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (LA), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (MI/NC), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (MO), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (OH), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (TX), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset II (CA), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset, LLC	Delaware
Omega Acquisition Facility I, LLC	Delaware
OHI (Florida), Inc.	Florida
OHI Sunshine, Inc.	Florida
Long Term Care Associates - Illinois, Inc.	Illinois
OHI (Illinois), Inc.	Illinois
Skilled Nursing - Herrin, Inc.	Illinois
Skilled Nursing - Paris, Inc.	Illinois
Bayside Indiana Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Indiana
Long Term Care Associates - Indiana, Inc.	Indiana
OHI (Indiana), Inc.	Indiana
Skilled Nursing - Gaston, Inc.	Indiana
OHI (lowa), Inc.	lowa
OHI (Kansas), Inc.	Kansas
Omega (Kansas), Inc.	Kansas
NRS Ventures, LLC	Kentucky
OS Leasing Company	Kentucky
Sterling Acquisition Corp.	Kentucky
Sterling Acquisition Corp. II	Kentucky
Arizona Lessor - Infinia, Inc.	Maryland
Bayside Street, Inc.	Maryland
Colorado Lessor - Conifer, Inc.	Maryland
Delta Investors I, LLC	Maryland
Delta Investors II, LLC	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Crystal Springs, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Emerald, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Five Facilities, Inc.	
	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Lakeland, Inc. Florida Lessor - Meadowview, Inc.	Maryland Maryland
Florida Lessor - Meadowview, Inc. Florida Lessor - West Palm Beach and Southpoint, Inc.	Maryland Maryland
Georgia Lessor - West Palm Beach and Southpoint, Inc.	Maryland Maryland
Indiana Lessor - Jeffersonville, Inc.	Maryland Maryland
	Maryland
Indiana Lessor - Wellington Manor, Inc.	Maryland
Jefferson Clark, Inc.	Maryland
OHI Lessor Waterford & Crestwood, Inc.	Maryland
OHI of Kentucky, Inc.	Maryland
OHI of Texas, Inc.	Maryland
Omega TRS I, Inc.	Maryland

Texas Lessor - Stonegate GP, Inc.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Stonegate Limited, Inc.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Stonegate, L.P.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Treemont, Inc.	Maryland
Washington Lessor - Silverdale, Inc.	Maryland
OHIMA, Inc.	Massachusetts
Long Term Care - Michigan, Inc.	Michigan
Long Term Care - North Carolina, Inc.	North Carolina
Skilled Nursing - Hicksville, Inc.	Ohio
Center Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
Cherry Street - Skilled Nursing, Inc.	Texas
Dallas Skilled Nursing, Inc.	Texas
Heritage Texarkana Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
Lake Park Skilled Nursing, Inc.	Texas
Long Term Care Associates - Texas, Inc.	Texas
Parkview - Skilled Nursing, Inc.	Texas
Pine Texarkana Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
Reunion Texarkana Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
San Augustine Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
South Athens Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
Waxahachie Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
West Athens Healthcare Associates, Inc.	Texas
OHI Asset II (TX), LLC	Delaware

**EXHIBIT A** 

Form of Registration Rights Agreement

**EXHIBIT B-1** 

#### Form of Opinion of Powell Goldstein, LLP

- (i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with the requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Memorandum, and to execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement and to issue, sell and deliver the Securities as contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.
- (ii) Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors identified on Schedule A hereto (the "Schedule A Guarantors") has been duly formed and is validly existing as a corporation or limited liability company in good standing in its jurisdiction of organization as set forth on Schedule A. The Company or direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Company are the sole shareholder or members, as the case may be, of the Schedule A Guarantors. All of the shares of capital stock of membership interests, as the case may be, in the Schedule A Guarantors are validly issued and, to the knowledge of such counsel, no options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue or other rights to convert any obligations into shares of capital stock or membership interests, as the case may be, or other ownership interests in the Schedule A Guarantors are outstanding, other than as provided in the Company's \$175 million revolving senior secured credit facility.1
- (iii) The Company and the Schedule A Guarantors are qualified to transact business as foreign entities and are in good standing in the respective states identified opposite each such entity's name on Schedule B.

- (iv) As of the date of the Memorandum, the Company's authorized capital stock consisted of (a) 100,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.10 par value per share, of which \_\_\_\_\_\_ shares were outstanding, (b) 20,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock \$1.00 par value per share, of which (1) 2,000,000 shares have been designated as 8.625% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock and were outstanding, and (2) 4,739,500 shares of which have been designated as 8.375% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and were outstanding. The issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are not subject to statutory preemptive rights, preemptive rights under the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, or to our knowledge, contractual preemptive rights, rights of first refusal, or other rights to purchase or subscribe for shares of capital stock of the Company arising under any contract or agreement of the Company filed an exhibit to any document incorporated by reference in the Memorandum, or otherwise known to us.
- (v) The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform each of its obligations under the Notes, the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes; the Notes are in the form contemplated by the Indenture; the Notes, the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes have each been duly and validly authorized for issuance and the Notes have been executed by the Company and, assuming the due authentication by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and, in the case of the Notes, and the delivery to and payment for by the Initial Purchasers in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement, constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, in each case entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except that the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.
- Each of the Schedule A Guarantors has the requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform each of its obligations under the Guarantees, the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Guarantees of the Private Exchange Notes; the Guarantees are, and the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes when issued will be, in the form contemplated by the Indenture; the Guarantees have been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Schedule A Guarantors and, assuming the Notes have been authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, constitute valid and binding obligations of Sterling Acquisition Corp. (the "Kentucky Guarantor") and the Schedule A Guarantors; and the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes, if any, have been duly and validly authorized by each of the Schedule A Guarantors for issuance in the form contemplated by and in accordance with the terms of, the Indenture and, when the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes, if any, are executed by the Kentucky Guarantor and the Schedule A Guarantors and the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes, if any, are authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and issued in exchange for the guarantees of the Notes in accordance with the Indenture, will constitute valid and binding obligations of each of the Kentucky Guarantor and the Schedule A Guarantors, in each case entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against such Schedule A Guarantor in accordance with their terms, subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.
- (vii) The Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors has the requisite corporate or organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Indenture; the Indenture meets the requirements for qualification under the TIA; the Indenture has been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by each of the Subsidiary Guarantors not listed on Schedule A (the "Other Subsidiary Guarantors") and the Trustee, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company and each of the Kentucky Guarantor and the Schedule A Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and each of the Kentucky Guarantor and the Schedule A Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except that the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.
- (viii) The Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors has the requisite corporate or organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement; the Registration Rights Agreement has been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by each of the Kentucky Guarantor and the Initial Purchasers, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company and each of the Kentucky Guarantor and Schedule A Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and each of the Kentucky Guarantor and Schedule A Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except that (A) the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought and (B) any rights to indemnity or contribution thereunder may be limited by federal and state securities laws and public policy considerations.
- (ix) The Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors has the requisite corporate or organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Purchase Agreement and to consummate the

transactions contemplated thereby; the Purchase Agreement and the consummation by the Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors of the transactions contemplated thereby have been duly authorized by the Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors; the Purchase Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company and each of the Schedule A Guarantors.

- (x) Each document incorporated by reference in the Memorandum, at the time such document was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), or if amended, supplemented, or superseded by the filing of a subsequent filing the SEC, as of the date of such subsequent filing, complied as to form, in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act (except as to the financial statements and schedules, and other financial data derived therefrom, contained in such documents, as to which such counsel need express no opinion).
- (xi) No approval, authorization, consent or order of or filing with any federal or state governmental commission, board, body, authority or agency, or of or with the NYSE, or approval of the stockholders of the Company, is required in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors of the transactions contemplated hereby other than which has been effected and any necessary registration or qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of applicable jurisdictions.
- (xii) The execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture, the Registration Rights Agreement, the Securities and the Guarantees by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, the sale of the Securities by the Company and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement do not and will not, (a) result in any breach or violation by the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors of or constitute a default by the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time or both would result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a part of such indebtedness under) (x) the Company's or any Subsidiary Guarantor's organizational documents, (y) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument, in each case identified on Schedule C hereto to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or any of their respective Properties may be bound or (z) any law, rule or regulation to which the Company or, to our knowledge, any Subsidiary Guarantor is subject, or any decree, judgment or order known to us of any court or governmental authority binding upon the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor or their respective properties or (b) result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge, claim or encumbrance upon any Property, except in the case of clauses (a) (y) and (b), such matters as would not individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xiii) The Purchase Agreement, the Indenture, the Securities, the Guarantees and the Registration Rights Agreement conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the Memorandum.
- (xiv) Insofar as such statements constitute a summary of matters of law and regulations or legal conclusions, the statements in the Memorandum (x) under the captions "Description of Other Indebtedness" and (y) under the heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," insofar as such statements address Medicare and Medicaid, as of the date of the Memorandum and the date hereof fairly summarize the matters set forth therein in all material respects.
- (xv) No registration under the Act of the Securities is required in connection with the sale of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers as contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and the Memorandum or in connection with the initial resale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers in accordance with Section 8 of the Purchase Agreement, and prior to the commencement of the Exchange Offer (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) or the effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement), the Indenture is not required to be qualified under the TIA, in each case assuming (i) (A) that the purchasers who buy such Notes in the initial resale thereof are qualified institutional buyers as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the Act ("QIBs") or (B) that the offer or sale of the Securities is made in an offshore transaction as defined in Regulation S, (ii) the accuracy of the Initial Purchasers' representations in Section 8 of the Purchase Agreement and those of the Company contained in the Purchase Agreement regarding the absence of a general solicitation in connection with the sale of such Securities to the Initial Purchasers and the initial resale thereof and (iii) the due performance by the Initial Purchasers of the agreements set forth in Section 8 of the Purchase Agreement.
- (xvi) Neither the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement nor the sale, issuance, execution or delivery of the Securities will violate Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

We are not aware of any litigation, actions, suits, or proceedings, in any such case whether pending or overtly threatened, against the Company or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors which are required to be disclosed in the Memorandum but are not so disclosed.

independent public accountants of the Company and representatives of the Initial Purchasers at which the contents of the Memorandum were discussed. Except as and to the extent expressly stated in paragraphs (xiii) and (xiv) above, and notwithstanding this paragraph, we have not independently verified and is not passing upon, and does not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information contained in the Memorandum. Based upon the participation and discussions described above, however, and relying as to materiality to the extent we have deemed appropriate on the information provided by the Company or certificates of officers and other representatives of the Company, no facts have come to our attention that cause it to believe that (i) the Memorandum, as of its date, or the Closing Date, contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (it being understood that we expresses no view with respect to the financial statements and schedules, and other financial data derived therefrom) or (ii) there are any affiliate transactions, contracts, licenses, agreements, leases or documents of a character which are required to be filed as an exhibit to any documents incorporated by reference therein which have not been filed as so required.

#### Schedule A

# **Schedule A (Subsidiary) Guarantors**

Subsidiary Name	State of
	Formation
Bayside Street II, Inc.	Delaware
OHI Asset (CA), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (FL), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (ID), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (IN), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (LA), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (MI/NC), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (MO), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (OH), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (TX), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset, LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset II (CA), LLC	Delaware
Omega Acquisition Facility I, LLC	Delaware
Arizona Lessor - Infinia, Inc.	Maryland
Bayside Street, Inc.	Maryland
Colorado Lessor - Conifer, Inc.	Maryland
Delta Investors I, LLC	Maryland
Delta Investors II, LLC	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Crystal Springs, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Emerald, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Five Facilities, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Lakeland, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - Meadowview, Inc.	Maryland
Florida Lessor - West Palm Beach and Southpoint, Inc.	Maryland
Georgia Lessor - Bonterra/Parkview, Inc.	Maryland
ndiana Lessor - Jeffersonville, Inc.	Maryland
Indiana Lessor - Wellington Manor, Inc.	Maryland

Jefferson Clark, Inc.	Maryland
OHI of Kentucky, Inc.	Maryland
OHI of Texas, Inc.	Maryland
Omega TRS I, Inc.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Stonegate GP, Inc.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Stonegate Limited, Inc.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Stonegate, L.P.	Maryland
Texas Lessor - Treemont, Inc.	Maryland
Washington Lessor - Silverdale, Inc.	Maryland
OHI Asset II (TX), LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (PA) Trust	Maryland
OHI Asset (OH) New Philadelphia, LLC	Delaware
OHI Asset (OH) Lender, LLC	Delaware

# Schedule B

# **Foreign Qualification**

Jurisdictions

Indiana Lessor - Wellington Manor, Inc.	
Jefferson Clark, Inc.	
OHI Lessor Waterford & Crestwood, Inc.	
OHI of Kentucky, Inc.	
OHI of Texas, Inc.	
Omega TRS I, Inc.	
Texas Lessor - Stonegate GP, Inc.	
Texas Lessor - Stonegate Limited, Inc.	
Texas Lessor - Stonegate, L.P.	
Texas Lessor - Treemont, Inc.	
Washington Lessor - Silverdale, Inc.	
OHI Asset II (TX), LLC	
OHI Asset (PA) Trust	
OHI Asset (OH) New Philadelphia, LLC	
OHI Asset (OH) Lender, LLC	_

#### Schedule C

### **Identified Documents**

- 1. All items filed as exhibits to documents incorporated by reference into the Memorandum except (a) items filed as exhibits to Incorporated Documents filed before the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 (the "Annual Report") and which are not incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Annual Report and (b) Exhibits 3.1 through 3.7 to the Annual Report, and (c) agreements that have been terminated on or prior to, or otherwise no longer in effect as of, the Closing Date.
- 2. Amended and Restated Master Lease Agreement dated as of December 1, 2003, as amended on March 1, 2004, by and among Delta Investors I, LLC, Delta Investors II, LLC, OHI Asset, LLC and OHI Asset (CA), LLC as lessor entities ("Lessors"), Care Enterprises, Inc., Circleville Healthcare Corp., Beckley Health Care Corp., Putnam Health Care Corp., Care Enterprises West, Braswell Enterprises, Inc., Meadowbrook Rehabilitation Center, Regency Rehab Hospitals, Inc., Dunbar Health Care Corp., Marion Health Care Corp., Salem Health Care Corp., Regency-North Carolina, Inc., Coalinga Rehabilitation Center, Fullerton Rehabilitation Center, Sunbridge Healthcare Corporation, San Bernardino Rehabilitation Hospital, Inc., Shandin Hills Rehabilitation Center, and Regency-Tennessee, Inc. as lessee entities ("Lessees"), Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., and Sun Healthcare Group, Inc., as guarantor, and related Amended and Restated Security Agreement by and among Lessors and Lessees, and Amended and Restated Guaranty executed by Sun Healthcare Group, Inc. as guarantor in favor of Lessors and Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.
- 3. Consolidated Amended and Restated Master Lease dated November 8, 2000 by and between Sterling Acquisition Corp. as landlord, and Diversicare Leasing Corp. as tenant, as amended by First Amendment to Consolidated Amended and Restated Master Lease dated September 30, 2001 between landlord and tenant, and Master Sublease dated November 8, 2000 by and between Diversicare Leasing Corp. as sublessor and Sterling HealthCare Management, Inc., as sublessee with respect to two facilities located in West Virginia.
- 4. Multiple Facilities Lease dated February 28, 2003 by and between Florida Lessor Five Facilities, Inc. as lessor and Alpha Health Care Properties, LLC, as lessee, and Multiple Facilities Lease dated July 1, 2003 by and between OHI Asset (FL), LLC as lessor and Alpha Health Care Properties, LLC as lessee.
- 5. Master Lease dated September 30, 2003 by and between OHI Asset (CA), LLC as lessor and Permunitum LLC as lessee.
- 6. Credit Agreement dated as of March 22, 2004, by and among Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, as amended from time to time.
- 7. [Purchase Agreement regarding the Company's \$78.8 million investment in certain facilities as of November 2, 2004.]<sup>2</sup>

Name to be conformed to actual agreement when we receive a draft.

**EXHIBIT B-2** 

Form of Tax Opinion of Powell Goldstein, LLP

Still under review

We have acted as special counsel to Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation of the Offering Memorandum relating to the issuance by the Company of up to \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 7% Senior Notes due 2014 (the "Offering Memorandum").

In rendering our opinion, we have examined and relied on originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction of (i) the Articles of Incorporation of the Company and the Articles of Amendment, Articles of Amendment and Restatement, and Articles Supplementary thereto, (ii) the Offering Memorandum, and (iii) such other documents, certificates, and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate. We also have relied upon factual statements and representations made to us by representatives of the Company and others that are set forth in a certificate executed and provided to us by the Company (the "Officer's Certificate"). We have also relied on a letter from Explorer Holdings, L.P., regarding the ownership of the stock of the Company by Explorer Holdings, L.P., Explorer Holdings Level II, L.P., and Hampstead Investment Partners III, L.P. (the "Representation Letter"). For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed the validity and accuracy of the documents, certificates and records set forth above, and that the statements and representations made therein are and will remain true and complete. We also have assumed that the Offering Memorandum and such other documents, certificates and records and that the statements as to factual matters contained in the Offering Memorandum are true, correct and complete and will continue to be true, correct and complete through the completion of the transactions contemplated therein.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photo copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. In making our examination of documents executed, or to be executed, by the parties indicated therein, we have assumed that each party (other than the Company) has, or will have, the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and we have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties. All of the documents we have reviewed will be complied with without waiver. Finally, in connection with the opinions rendered below, we have assumed that:

- (i) During its taxable year ended December 31, 1992 and in each subsequent taxable year to present, the Company has operated and will continue to operate in such a manner that makes and will continue to make the representations contained in the Officer's Certificate true for such years;
- (ii) Explorer Holdings, L.P., Explorer Holdings Level II, L.P., and Hampstead Investment Partners III, L.P. (collectively "Explorer") are partnerships for purposes of Section 544(a)(1) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");
- (iii) Yale University and The Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University are organizations described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Code; and

In rendering our opinion, we have considered the applicable provisions of the Code, Treasury Department regulations promulgated thereunder, pertinent judicial authorities, interpretive rulings of the Internal Revenue Service and such other authorities as we have considered relevant, all in effect as of the date hereof. It should be noted that statutes, regulations, judicial decisions and administrative interpretations are subject to change at any time (possibly with retroactive effect). A change in the authorities or the accuracy or completeness of any of the information, documents, certificates, records, statements, representations, covenants, or assumptions on which our opinion is based could affect our conclusions.

Based on the foregoing, in reliance thereon and subject thereto and to the limitations stated below, it is our opinion

Certificate ha estate investi described in	From and including the Company's taxable year ended December 31, 1992, the Company was zed in conformity with the requirements for, and its method of operations as described in the Officer's is permitted and will permit the Company to meet the requirements for, qualification and taxation as a real ment trust ("REIT") under the Code, and, based on the Company's proposed method of operations as the Offering Memorandum, the Company will continue to meet such requirements after consummation of the contemplated in the Offering Memorandum.
	The discussion in the Offering Memorandum under the heading "CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME DERATIONS," fairly and accurately summarizes the federal income tax considerations that are likely to be holder of the Company's securities being offered.
local or foreig contemplated supplement o or any inform	t as set forth above, we express no opinion to any party as to the tax consequences, whether federal, state, gn, of the offerings discussed in the Offering Memorandum or of any transaction related thereto or a thereby. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we are under no obligation to advise you of, or to revise our opinion to reflect, any changes (including changes that have retroactive effect) in applicable law ation, document, certificate, record, statement, representation, covenant or assumption relied upon herein that orrect or untrue.
Very truly yours,	
/s/ Powell, Goldstein	n, Frazer & Murphy LLP
	EXHIBIT C
	Subsidiary Guarantor Opinion
1. of the Commonwea	Sterling Acquisition Corp ("Sterling") is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws lth of Kentucky and is in good standing as that term is defined in 30 KAR 1:010.
warrants or other rig	Based solely on the Officer's Certificate and our review of the Minute Book as presented to us: (i) the areholder of Sterling, (ii) all of the shares of capital stock in Sterling are validly issued and (iii) no options, that to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue or other rights to convert any obligations into eck or other ownership interests in Sterling are outstanding.
3. Sterling is qualified	Based solely on certificates provided by agencies of the states of Arkansas, Florida and Tennessee, s of the respective dates of those certificates to transact business as a foreign corporation in those states.
validly authorized, e	Sterling has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes; the Guarantee has been duly and executed and delivered by Sterling; and the guarantees of the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange been duly and validly authorized by Sterling.

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7. Sterling has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and per the Purchase Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby and the Purchauly and validly authorized, executed and delivered by Sterling and the consummation by Sterling contemplated thereby has been duly and validly authorized by Sterling.	nase Agreement has been
This Opinion is limited to the specific issues addressed herein, and no opinion may be inferr stated.	ed beyond that expressly
Except for certificates and representations which have obtained from Sterling concerning the expressed above, we have not undertaken any independent investigation to determine the existence Further, we call your attention to the fact that we have not in the past acted as counsel to Sterling, of Sterling, and are unaware of the existence of any specific factual matters pertaining to Sterling, vopinions set forth herein.	ce or absence of such facts. have made no special inquiry
This Opinion is limited to the law (excluding the principles of conflict of laws) of the Common do not express any opinion concerning any other law	wealth of Kentucky and we
Schedule A <u>Identified Subsidiary Guarantors</u>	
Subsidiary Name	State of Incorporation

Kentucky

Sterling Acquisition Corp.

# Schedule B

## **Foreign Qualification**

Subsidiary Name	Jurisdictions
Sterling Acquisition Corp.	