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FORM N-2

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

(Check appropriate box or boxes)

Pre-Effective Amendment No.

Post-Effective Amendment No. 6

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

4201 Congress St., Suite 360
Charlotte, NC 28209

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including Area Code: (704) 376-5502

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Approximate date of proposed public offering: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) of Capitala Finance Corp. (the "Registration Statement") is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), solely for the purpose of filing exhibits to the Registration Statement. Accordingly, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 consists only of a facing page, this explanatory note and Part C of the Registration Statement, which sets forth the exhibits to the Registration Statement. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 does not modify any other part of the Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The contents of the Registration Statement are hereby incorporated by reference.

PART C — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 25. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

1. Financial Statements

The following financial statements of Capitala Finance Corp. (the “Registrant” or the “Company”) are included in Part A, “Information Required to be in the Prospectus” of the Registration Statement.

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b.1	Bylaws ⁽¹⁾
b.2	Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership ⁽³⁾
b.3	Form of Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P. ⁽³⁾
d.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate ⁽¹⁾
d.2	Form of Base Indenture ⁽⁴⁾
d.3	Form of First Supplemental Indenture relating to the 7.125% notes due 2021, by and between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, including the form of Global Note ⁽⁴⁾
d.4	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 ⁽¹²⁾
d.5	Form of Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.00% notes due 2022, by and between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, including the form of Global Note ⁽¹⁴⁾
d.6	Form of Third Supplemental Indenture relating to the 5.75% convertible notes due 2022, by and between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, including the form of Global Note*
e.	Form of Dividend Reinvestment Plan ⁽¹⁾
g.	Form of Investment Advisory Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC ⁽¹⁾
h.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement ⁽⁶⁾
h.2	Underwriting Agreement, dated May 10, 2017, among Capitala Finance Corp., Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC and Capitala Advisors Corp., on the one hand, and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named therein, on the other hand ⁽¹⁴⁾
h.3	Underwriting Agreement, dated May 23, 2017, among Capitala Finance Corp., Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC and Capitala Advisors Corp., on the one hand, and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named therein, on the other hand*
j.	Form of Custodian Agreement ⁽¹⁾
k.1	Form of Administration Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Advisors Corp. ⁽¹⁾
k.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors ⁽¹⁾
k.3	Form of Trademark License Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC ⁽¹⁾
k.4	Form of Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 17, 2014, among Registrant, as Borrower, the lenders party thereto, and ING Capital LLC, as Administrative Agent, Arranger and Bookrunner ⁽⁵⁾
k.5	Form of Guarantee, Pledge and Security Agreement, dated October 17, 2014, among Registrant, as Borrower, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, ING Capital LLC, as Revolving Administrative Agent for the Revolving Lenders and as Collateral Agent, and each Financing Agent and Designated Indebtedness Holder party thereto ⁽⁵⁾
k.6	Form of Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated January 6, 2015, relating to the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of October 17, 2014, among Capitala Finance Corp., as borrower, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and ING Capital LLC, as administrative agent, arranger and bookrunner ⁽⁷⁾
k.7	First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Capitala Senior Liquid Loan Fund I, LLC, dated March 24, 2015 ⁽⁹⁾

Exhibit Number	Description
k.8	Form of Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated August 19, 2015, relating to the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of October 17, 2014, among Capitala Finance Corp., as borrower, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and ING Capital LLC, as administrative agent, arranger and bookrunner ⁽¹⁰⁾
l.1	Opinion and Consent of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP ⁽⁸⁾
l.2	Opinion and Consent of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP ⁽¹⁴⁾
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n.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP ⁽¹³⁾
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n.6	License from the Small Business Administration allowing CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ⁽²⁾
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n.10	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP*
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r.	Code of Ethics of Registrant, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, and Capitala Private Advisors, LLC ⁽¹¹⁾
99.1	Code of Business Conduct of Registrant ⁽¹⁾
99.2	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Common Stock Offerings ⁽⁶⁾
99.3	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Preferred Stock Offerings ⁽⁶⁾
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99.6	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Warrants Offerings ⁽⁶⁾
99.7	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Retail Note Offerings ⁽⁶⁾
99.8	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Institutional Note Offerings ⁽⁶⁾

* Filed herewith.

- (1) Previously filed in connection with the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-188956) filed on September 9, 2013.
- (2) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-188956) filed on September 16, 2013.
- (3) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 5 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-188956) filed on September 24, 2013.
- (4) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-193374) filed on May 21, 2014.
- (5) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on October 21, 2014.
- (6) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-199106) filed on November 17, 2014.
- (7) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on January 8, 2015.
- (8) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on July 28, 2015.
- (9) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2015.

- (10) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on August 25, 2015.
- (11) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No.1 to Capitala Finance Corp's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on March 29, 2016.
- (12) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to Capitala Finance Corp's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on March 9, 2017.
- (13) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on April 28, 2017.
- (14) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No. 5 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on May 16, 2017.

ITEM 26. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

The information contained under the heading "Plan of Distribution" in the prospectus that is part of this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 27. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

SEC registration fee	\$ 58,100*
FINRA filing fee	\$ 75,500**
NASDAQ Global Select Market	\$ 65,000
Printing and postage	\$ 40,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 200,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 150,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000
Total	<u>\$ 598,600</u>

Note: All listed amounts are estimates except for the SEC registration fee and FINRA filing fee.

* \$50,547 of this amount has been offset against filing fees associated with unsold securities registered under a previous registration statement.

** \$65,250 of this amount has been offset against filing fees associated with unsold securities registered under a previous registration statement.

ITEM 28. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL

The following list sets forth each of Capitala Finance Corp.'s subsidiaries, the state under whose laws the subsidiary is organized and the voting securities owned by Capitala Finance Corp., directly, in such subsidiary:

CapitalSouth Partners Florida Sidecar Fund I, L.P. (Delaware)	100%
CSP-Florida Mezzanine Fund I, LLC (North Carolina)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership (North Carolina)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners F-II, LLC (North Carolina)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P. (Delaware)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners SBIC F-III, LLC (North Carolina)	100%

Currently, each of Capitala Finance Corp.'s subsidiaries is consolidated with Capitala Finance Corp. for financial reporting purposes.

In addition, we may be deemed to control certain portfolio companies. See "Portfolio Companies" in the prospectus that is part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 29. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the number of record holders of the Registrant's common stock at April 27, 2017.

<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Number of Record Holders</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	53

ITEM 30. INDEMNIFICATION

Directors and Officers

Reference is made to Section 2-418 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, Article VII of the Registrant's charter and Article XI of the Registrant's bylaws.

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. The Registrant's charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Registrant's charter authorizes the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The Registrant's bylaws obligate the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit the Registrant to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of the Registrant in any of the capacities described above and any of the Registrant's employees or agents or any employees or agents of the Registrant's predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, the Registrant will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Registrant's charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to

advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer in advance of final disposition of a proceeding upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

Adviser and Administrator

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC (the "investment adviser") and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of the investment adviser's services under the Investment Advisory Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Registrant.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Capitala Advisors Corp. and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Capitala Advisors Corp.'s services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Registrant.

The law also provides for comparable indemnification for corporate officers and agents. Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors. The indemnification agreements are intended to provide the Registrant's directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act. Each indemnification agreement provides that the Registrant shall indemnify the director who is a party to the agreement (an "Indemnitee"), including the advancement of legal expenses, if, by reason of his or her corporate status, the Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding, other than a proceeding by or in the right of the Registrant.

ITEM 31. BUSINESS AND OTHER CONNECTIONS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

A description of any other business, profession, vocation, or employment of a substantial nature in which the investment adviser, and each managing director, director or executive officer of the investment adviser, is or has been during the past two fiscal years, engaged in for his or her own account or in the capacity of director, officer, employee, partner or trustee, is set forth in Part A of this Registration Statement in the sections titled "Management — Board of Directors," "Investment Advisory Agreement" and "Portfolio Management — Investment Personnel." Additional information regarding the investment adviser and its officers and directors is set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the SEC (SEC File No. 801-77467), under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 32. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All accounts, books, and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) the Registrant, Capitala Finance Corp., 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219;
- (3) the Custodian, U.S. Bank National Association, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202; and
- (4) the investment adviser, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209.

ITEM 33. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not applicable.

ITEM 34. UNDERTAKINGS

(1) Registrant undertakes to suspend the offering of the shares of common stock covered hereby until it amends its prospectus contained herein if (a) subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement, its net asset value per share of common stock declines more than 10.0% from its net asset value per share of common stock as of the effective date of this Registration Statement, or (b) its net asset value per share of common stock increases to an amount greater than its net proceeds as stated in the prospectus contained herein.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Registrant undertakes in the event that the securities being registered are to be offered to existing stockholders pursuant to warrants or rights, and any securities not taken by shareholders are to be reoffered to the public, to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent underwriting thereof. Registrant further undertakes that if any public offering by the underwriters of the securities being registered is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, the Registrant shall file a post-effective amendment to set forth the terms of such offering.

(4) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of those securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering; and

(d) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the 1933 Act to any purchaser, if the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C: Each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or (e) under the 1933 Act as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the 1933 Act, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness; Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(e) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the 1933 Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser:

(i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the 1933 Act;

(ii) the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the 1933 Act relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iii) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(f) To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement, and to suspend any offers or sales pursuant the registration statement until such post-effective amendment has been declared effective under the 1933 Act, in the event the shares of the Registrant is trading below its net asset value and either (i) Registrant receives, or has been advised by its independent registered accounting firm that it will receive, an audit report reflecting substantial doubt regarding the Registrant's ability to continue as a going concern or (ii) Registrant has concluded that a material adverse change has occurred in its financial position or results of operations that has caused the financial statements and other disclosures on the basis of which the offering would be made to be materially misleading.

(5)

(a) For the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of a registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the Registrant under Rule 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(b) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(6) The Registrant undertakes to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery within two business days of receipt of a written or oral request, any Statement of Additional Information.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, on the 26th day of May, 2017.

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III

Joseph B. Alala, III
Chief Executive Officer, President and
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant, and in the capacities indicated, on the 26th day of May, 2017.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Joseph B. Alala, III</u>	Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of
<u>Joseph B. Alala, III</u>	Directors (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>*</u>	Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Treasurer
<u>John F. McGlenn</u>	
<u>/s/ Stephen A. Arnall</u>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and
<u>Stephen A. Arnall</u>	Principal Accounting Officer)
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>M. Hunt Broyhill</u>	
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>H. Paul Chapman</u>	
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>Larry W. Carroll</u>	
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>R. Charles Moyer</u>	

* Signed by Joseph B. Alala, III pursuant to a power of attorney signed by each individual and filed with this registration statement on May 29, 2015.

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

between

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

Dated as of May 26, 2017

THIS THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this “**Third Supplemental Indenture**”), dated as of May 26, 2017, is between Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Base Indenture (as defined below).

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company and the Trustee executed and delivered an Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2014 (the “**Base Indenture**” and, as supplemented by this Third Supplemental Indenture, the “**Indenture**”), to provide for the issuance by the Company from time to time of the Company’s unsecured debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (the “**Securities**”), to be issued in one or more series as provided in the Indenture.

The Company desires to issue and sell up to \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount (or up to \$57,500,000 aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Notes is exercised in full) of the Company’s 5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022 (the “**Notes**”).

The Company previously entered into each of (i) the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2014 (the “**First Supplemental Indenture**”) and (ii) the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 16, 2017 (the “**Second Supplemental Indenture**”), each of which amended and supplemented the Base Indenture. The First Supplemental Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture are not applicable to the Notes.

Sections 901(4) and 901(6) of the Base Indenture provide that without the consent of Holders of the Securities of any series issued under the Indenture, the Company, when authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Base Indenture to (i) change or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture when there is no Security Outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of the supplemental indenture that is entitled to the benefit of such provision and (ii) establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Section 201 and Section 301 of the Base Indenture.

The Company desires to establish the form and terms of the Notes and to modify, alter, supplement and change certain provisions of the Base Indenture for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes (except as may be provided in a future supplemental indenture to the Indenture (“**Future Supplemental Indenture**”)).

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Third Supplemental Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Notes and all acts and things necessary to make this Third Supplemental Indenture a valid, binding, and legal obligation of the Company and to constitute a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done and performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Notes by the Holders thereof, it is mutually agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

ARTICLE I TERMS OF THE NOTES

Section 1.01. Terms of the Notes. The following terms relating to the Notes are hereby established:

(a) The Notes shall constitute a series of Senior Securities having the title “5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022.” The Notes shall bear a CUSIP number of 14054R 403 and an ISIN number of US14054R4039.

(b) The aggregate principal amount of the Notes that may be initially authenticated and delivered under the Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes pursuant to Sections 304, 305, 306 and 906 of the Base Indenture, and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 303 of the Base Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered under the Indenture) shall be \$50,000,000 (or up to \$57,500,000 aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Notes is exercised in full). Under a Board Resolution, Officers’ Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Notes, issue additional Notes (in any such case “**Additional Notes**”) having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes. Any Additional Notes and the existing Notes will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Notes herein shall include the Additional Notes unless the context otherwise requires.

(c) The entire outstanding principal of the Notes shall be payable on May 31, 2022.

(d) The rate at which the Notes shall bear interest shall be 5.75% per annum. The date from which interest shall accrue on the Notes shall be May 26, 2017, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for; the Interest Payment Dates for the Notes shall be February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30 of each year, commencing August 31, 2017; the initial interest period will be the period from and including May 26, 2017, to, but excluding, the initial Interest Payment Date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next Interest Payment Date or the Maturity Date, as the case may be; the interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. If any Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date or a Fundamental Change Repurchase Date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the required payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest on such payment will accrue in respect of such delay. Payment of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 111 Fillmore Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Capitala Finance Corp. (5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022) and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as the Notes are registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee. Interest on Physical Notes will be payable (i) to Holders having an aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 or less, by check mailed to the Holders of such Notes and (ii) to holders having an aggregate principal amount of more than \$5,000,000, either by check mailed to each Holder or, upon application by a holder to the Security Registrar not later than the relevant Regular Record Date, by wire transfer in immediately available funds to that Holder's account within the United States, which application will remain in effect until the Holder notifies, in writing, the Security Registrar to the contrary. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(e) Each Holder of a Note shall have the right, at such Holder's option, to convert all or any portion (if the portion to be converted is \$25.00 principal amount or an integral multiple thereof) of such Note at any time prior to the close of business on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding the Maturity Date, in each case, at an initial conversion rate of 1.5913 shares of Common Stock (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 10.04 of the Third Supplemental Indenture) per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes (subject to the settlement provisions of Section 10.02 of the Third Supplemental Indenture);

(f) The Notes shall be initially issuable in global form (each such Note, a "Global Note"). The Global Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication thereon shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Third Supplemental Indenture. Each Global Note shall represent the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Security Registrar, in accordance with Sections 203 and 305 of the Base Indenture.

- (g) The depository for such Global Notes (the “**Depository**”) shall be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. The Paying Agent, Conversion Agent and Security Registrar with respect to the Global Notes shall be the Trustee.
- (h) The Notes shall not be subject to any sinking fund pursuant to Section 1201 of the Base Indenture.
- (i) The Notes shall be issuable in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.
- (j) Holders of the Notes shall have the right, upon the occurrence of a Fundamental Change, to have the Company repurchase their Notes in accordance with Article THIRTEEN of the Base Indenture, as amended hereby.
- (k) The Notes shall not be redeemable by the Company prior to the Maturity Date.
- (l) The Notes are hereby designated as “Senior Securities” under the Indenture.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Section 2.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article ONE of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following defined terms to Section 101 in appropriate alphabetical sequence, as follows:

“**Additional Interest**” means all amounts, if any, payable pursuant to Section 515.”

“**Additional Notes**” shall have the meaning set forth, in Section 1.01(b) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Additional Shares**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.03(a) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

The term Business Day in the Base Indenture shall be replaced by, “**Business Day**” means, with respect to any Note, each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City or another specified place of payment are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.”

“**Capital Stock**” means, for any entity, any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) stock issued by that entity.”

“**Clause A Distribution**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Clause B Distribution**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Clause C Distribution**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**close of business**” means 5:00 p.m. New York City time.”

“**Common Equity**” of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person that is generally entitled (a) to vote in the election of directors of such Person or (b) if such Person is not a corporation, to vote or otherwise participate in the selection of the governing body, partners, managers or others that will control the management or policies of such Person.”

“**Common Stock**” means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, at the date of the Indenture, subject to Section 10.07 of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Conversion Agent**” means the office or agency where the Notes may be surrendered for conversion.”

“**Conversion Date**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.02(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Conversion Obligation**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.01 of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Conversion Price**” means as of any date, \$25.00, *divided by* the Conversion Rate as of such date.”

“**Conversion Rate**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.01 of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Custodian**” means the Trustee, as custodian for The Depository Trust Company, with respect to the Global Notes, or any successor entity thereto.”

“**Defaulted Amounts**” means any amounts on any Note (including, without limitation, the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price, principal and interest) that are payable but are not punctually paid or duly provided for.”

“**Depository**” shall have the meaning set forth in in Section 1.01(g) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Distributed Property**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**DTA**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(d) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Effective Date**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.03(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Events of Default**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 501 of the Base Indenture as amended hereby.”

“**Ex-Dividend Date**” means the first date on which shares of the Common Stock trade on the applicable exchange or in the applicable market, regular way, without the right to receive the issuance, dividend or distribution in question, from the Company or, if applicable, from the seller of Common Stock on such exchange or market (in the form of due bills or otherwise) as determined by such exchange or market.”

“**Exchange Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any statute successor thereto.”

“**First Supplemental Indenture**” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.”

“**Form of Notice of Conversion**” shall mean the “Form of Notice of Conversion” attached as Attachment 1 to the Form of Note attached as Exhibit A to the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Fundamental Change**” shall be deemed to have occurred at the time after the Notes are originally issued if any of the following occurs:

(a) a “person” or “group” within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, other than the Company, its Subsidiaries and the employee benefit plans of the Company and its Subsidiaries, has become the direct or indirect “beneficial owner,” as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of the Company’s Common Equity representing more than 50% of the voting power of the Company’s Common Equity and files a Schedule 13D or Schedule TO or any other schedule, form or report under the Exchange Act disclosing such beneficial ownership;

(b) the consummation of (A) any recapitalization, reclassification or change of the Common Stock (other than changes resulting from a subdivision or combination or a change solely in par value) as a result of which the Common Stock would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities, other property or assets; (B) any share exchange, consolidation or merger of the Company pursuant to which the Common Stock will be converted into cash, securities or other property; or (C) any sale, lease or other transfer in one transaction or a series of transactions of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any Person other than one of the Company’s Subsidiaries; *provided, however*, that a transaction described in clause (A) or (B) in which the holders of all classes of the Company’s Common Equity immediately prior to such transaction own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of all classes of Common Equity of the continuing or surviving corporation or transferee or the parent thereof immediately after such transaction in substantially the same proportions as such ownership immediately prior to such transaction shall not be a Fundamental Change pursuant to this clause (b);

(c) the stockholders of the Company approve any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

(d) the Common Stock (or other common stock underlying the Notes) ceases to be listed or quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors);

provided, however, that (i) a transaction or transactions described in clause (b) above shall not constitute a Fundamental Change (even if that transaction is, or those transactions are, also described under another clause above) if at least 90% of the consideration received or to be received by the common stockholders of the Company, excluding cash payments for fractional shares, in connection with such transaction or transactions consists of shares of Publicly Traded Securities, and as a result of this transaction or transactions, the Notes become convertible into such Publicly Traded Securities, excluding cash payments for fractional shares; (ii) after any transaction in which the Common Stock is replaced by the securities of another entity, should one occur, following completion of any related Make-Whole Fundamental Change period and any related Fundamental Change Repurchase Date, the references to the Company or the Common Stock in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) above will apply to such other entity and its respective securities instead; and (iii) a filing that would otherwise constitute a Fundamental Change under clause (a) above will not constitute a Fundamental Change if (x) the filing occurs in connection with a transaction in which the Company becomes a wholly-owned Subsidiary of an entity required to report under the Exchange Act, and for purposes of the conversion provisions herein, the Common Stock is replaced by the Publicly Traded Securities of such entity required to report under the Exchange Act, and (y) no such filing is made or is in effect with respect to Common Equity representing more than 50% of the voting power of such other entity.”

“**Fundamental Change Company Notice**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 1301(c).”

“**Fundamental Change Repurchase Date**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 1301(a).”

“**Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 1301(b)(i).”

“**Fundamental Change Repurchase Price**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 1301(a).”

“**Future Supplemental Indenture**” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.”

“**Global Note**” means a Note in global form registered in the name of the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary.”

“**Indenture**” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.”

“**Interest Payment Date**” means each February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30 of each year, beginning on August 31, 2017.”

“**Investment Company Act**” means the Investment Company act of 1940, as amended, and the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated thereunder, to the extent applicable, and any statute successor thereto.”

“**Last Reported Sale Price**” of the Common Stock on any date means the closing sale price per share (or if no closing sale price is reported, the average of the bid and ask prices or, if more than one in either case, the average of the average bid and the average ask prices) on that date as reported in composite transactions for the principal U.S. national or regional securities exchange on which the Common Stock is traded. The “**Last Reported Sale Price**” will be determined without reference to after-hours trading or extended market trading. If the Common Stock is not listed for trading on a U.S. national or regional securities exchange on the relevant date, the “**Last Reported Sale Price**” shall be the last quoted bid price for the Common Stock in the over-the-counter market on the relevant date as reported by OTC Markets Group Inc. or a similar organization. If the Common Stock is not so quoted, the “**Last Reported Sale Price**” shall be the average of the mid-point of the last bid and ask prices for the Common Stock on the relevant date from each of at least three nationally recognized independent investment banking firms selected by the Company for this purpose.”

“**Limitation**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.02(k) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Make-Whole Fundamental Change**” means any transaction or event that constitutes a Fundamental Change (as defined in clauses (a), (b) or (d) in the definition thereof and determined after giving effect to any exceptions to or exclusions from such definition, but without regard to the *proviso* in clause (b) of the definition thereof).”

“**Market Disruption Event**” means (a) a failure by the primary U.S. national or regional securities exchange or market on which the Common Stock is listed or admitted for trading to open for trading during its regular trading session or (b) the occurrence or existence prior to 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on any Scheduled Trading Day for the Common Stock for more than one half-hour period in the aggregate during regular trading hours of any suspension or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant stock exchange or otherwise) in the Common Stock or in any options, contracts or future contracts relating to the Common Stock.”

“**Maturity Date**” means May 31, 2022.”

“**Merger Common Stock**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.07(e)(i) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Merger Event**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.07(a) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Merger Valuation Percentage**” for any Merger Event shall be equal to (x) the arithmetic average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of one share of such Merger Common Stock over the relevant Merger Valuation Period (determined as if references to “Common Stock” in the definition of “Last Reported Sale Price” were references to the “Merger Common Stock” for such Merger Event), *divided by* (y) the arithmetic average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of one share of Common Stock over the relevant Merger Valuation Period.”

“**Merger Valuation Period**” for any Merger Event means the five consecutive Trading Day period immediately preceding, but excluding, the effective date for such Merger Event.”

“**Note Register**” means a register maintained at the Corporate Trust Office (or in any other office or agency of the Company designated pursuant to Section 1002) in which, subject to such reasonable procedures as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Notes and of transfers of Notes.”

“**Notice of Conversion**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.02(b) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**open of business**” means 9:00 a.m. New York City time.”

“**Physical Notes**” mean permanent certificated Notes in registered form issued in denominations of \$25.00 principal amount and multiples thereof.”

“**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**” means the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement of the Company, dated May 22, 2017, related to the Notes.”

“**Pricing Term Sheet**” means the Pricing Term Sheet of the Company, dated May 23, 2017, related to the Notes.”

“**Publicly Traded Securities**” means shares of common stock that are listed or quoted on any of The New York Stock Exchange, The NASDAQ Global Select Market or The NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors) or will be so listed or quoted when issued or exchanged in connection with a Fundamental Change described in clause (b) of the definition thereof and the proviso to the definition thereof.”

“**Record Date**” means, with respect to any dividend, distribution or other transaction or event in which the holders of Common Stock (or other security) have the right to receive any cash, securities or other property or in which the Common Stock (or other applicable security) is exchanged for or converted into any combination of cash, securities or other property, the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive such cash, securities or other property (whether such date is fixed by the Board of Directors, by statute, by contract or otherwise).”

“**Reference Property**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.07(a) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Regular Record Date**,” with respect to any Interest Payment Date, shall mean the February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 (whether or not such day is a Business Day) immediately preceding the applicable February 28, May 31, August 31 or November 30 Interest Payment Date, respectively.”

“**Scheduled Trading Day**” means a day that is scheduled to be a Trading Day on the principal U.S. national or regional securities exchange or market on which the Common Stock is listed or admitted for trading. If the Common Stock is not so listed or admitted for trading, “**Scheduled Trading Day**” means a Business Day.”

“**Second Supplemental Indenture**” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.”

“**Significant Subsidiary**” means a Subsidiary of the Company that meets the definition of “significant subsidiary” in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.”

“**Spin-Off**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Stock Price**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.03(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Successor Company**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 801.”

“**Third Supplemental Indenture**” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals.”

“**Trading Day**” means a day on which (i) trading in the Common Stock generally occurs on The NASDAQ Global Select Market or, if the Common Stock is not then listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market, on the principal other U.S. national or regional securities exchange on which the Common Stock is then listed or, if the Common Stock is not then listed on a U.S. national or regional securities exchange, on the principal other market on which the Common Stock is then traded and (ii) a Last Reported Sale Price for the Common Stock is available on such securities exchange or market; *provided* that if the Common Stock is not so listed or traded, “**Trading Day**” means a Business Day; and *provided, further*, that for purposes of determining amounts due upon conversion only, “**Trading Day**” means a day on which (x) there is no Market Disruption Event and (y) trading in the Common Stock generally occurs on The NASDAQ Global Select Market or, if the Common Stock is not then listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market, on the principal other U.S. national or regional securities exchange on which the Common Stock is then listed or, if the Common Stock is not then listed on a U.S. national or regional securities exchange, on the principal other market on which the Common Stock is then listed or admitted for trading, except that if the Common Stock is not so listed or admitted for trading, “**Trading Day**” means a Business Day.”

“**Trigger Event**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**unit of Reference Property**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.07(a) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

“**Valuation Period**” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.04(c) of the Third Supplemental Indenture.”

**ARTICLE III
EXECUTION OF SECURITIES**

Section 3.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 303 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the first paragraph thereof with the following:

“The Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer, its President, its Chief Operating Officer, its Chief Financial Officer or any of its Vice Presidents and attested by its Secretary, any of its Assistant Secretaries, its Chief Financial Officer (if the Chief Financial Officer is not otherwise executing the Securities), or its Chief Compliance Officer. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such authorized officer and may be imprinted or otherwise reproduced on the Securities.”

**ARTICLE IV
SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE**

Section 4.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article FOUR of the Base Indenture shall be replaced with the following:

“Section 401. Satisfaction and Discharge. The Indenture shall upon written request of the Company contained in an Officers’ Certificate cease to be of further effect, and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when (a) (i) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than Notes which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 306) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or (ii) the Company has deposited with the Trustee or delivered to Holders, as applicable, after all outstanding Notes have become due and payable, whether at the Maturity Date, any Fundamental Change Repurchase Date, upon conversion or otherwise, shares of Common Stock (and cash in lieu of fractional shares of Common Stock), solely to satisfy the Company’s Conversion Obligation, sufficient to pay all of the outstanding Notes and all other sums due and payable under the Indenture by the Company; and (b) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with. Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee under Section 606, the obligations of the Company to any Authenticating Agent under Section 612 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to this Section 301, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 402 and the last paragraph of Section 1003 shall survive any termination of this Indenture.

Section 402. Application of Funds or Securities Deposited for Payment of Notes. All moneys or securities deposited with the Trustee, Paying Agent or Conversion Agent, as applicable, shall be held in trust and applied by it to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent or Conversion Agent (other than the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, as applicable), to the Holders of the Notes for the payment of which such moneys or securities have been deposited, of all sums due and to become due thereon, but such money need not be segregated from other funds or securities except to the extent required by law.”

ARTICLE V REMEDIES

Section 5.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 501 of the Base Indenture shall be replaced with the following:

“The following events shall be “**Events of Default**” with respect to the Notes:

- (1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Note when such interest becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (2) default in the payment of principal of any Note when it becomes due and payable at its Maturity;
- (3) the Company’s failure to comply with its obligation to convert the Notes in accordance with the Indenture upon exercise of a Holder’s conversion right;
- (4) the Company’s failure to provide a Fundamental Change Company Notice required pursuant to Section 1301(c);
- (5) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or agreement of the Company in this Indenture with respect to any Notes (other than a covenant or agreement a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section 501 specifically dealt with or which has expressly been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of a series of Securities other than that Notes), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a “Notice of Default” hereunder;
- (6) the Company’s failure to comply with the obligation set forth under Section 1007;
- (7) default by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, with respect to any mortgage, agreement or other instrument under which there may be outstanding, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any indebtedness for money borrowed in excess of \$25 million in the aggregate of the Company and/or any such subsidiary, whether such indebtedness now exists or will hereafter be created (i) resulting in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable or (ii) constituting a failure to pay the principal or interest of any such debt when due and payable at its Maturity unless such indebtedness is discharged, or such acceleration is rescinded, stayed or annulled, within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice of such failure is given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25.0% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

(8) a final judgment for the payment of \$25 million or more (excluding any amounts covered by insurance) rendered against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, which judgment is not discharged or stayed within 60 days after (i) the date on which the right to appeal thereof has expired if no such appeal has commenced, or (ii) the date on which all rights to appeal have been extinguished;

(9) the Company or any Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:

(A) commences a voluntary case or proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law,

(B) consents to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or files a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief against it,

(C) consents to the entry of a decree or order for relief against it in an involuntary case or proceeding,

(D) consents to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a Custodian of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary, or

(E) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admits in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due or takes any corporate action in furtherance of any such action; or

(10) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

(A) is for relief against the Company or any Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case or proceeding, or

(B) adjudges the Company or any Significant Subsidiary bankrupt or insolvent, or approves as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company, or

(C) appoints a Custodian of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary, or

(D) orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary,

and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days.”

Section 5.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, the following paragraph is added as the new second paragraph of Section 502 of the Base Indenture:

“In the case of an Event of Default pursuant to clauses (9) or (10) of Section 501 (only with respect to a case or proceeding pertaining to the Company), 100% of the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes shall automatically become due and payable. Upon such a declaration of acceleration, such principal and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall be due and payable immediately.”

Section 5.03. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, clause (1) of Section 502 of the Base Indenture shall be amended in its entirety with the following:

“(1) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee (i) a sum sufficient to pay in the Currency in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and except, if applicable, as provided in Sections 312(b), 312(d) and 312(e)) and (ii) with respect to clause (C), a number of shares of Common Stock sufficient to satisfy:”

Section 5.04. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, sub-clause (C) below is hereby added under clause (1) of Section 502 of the Base Indenture and sub-clauses (C) and (D) are re-lettered (D) and (E):

“(C) all amounts of consideration due upon the conversion of any and all converted Notes;”

Section 5.05. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 513 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended by adding “; or” following clause (2) and adding new clause (3) below:

“(3) with respect to the failure to deliver consideration due upon conversion of the Notes.”

Section 5.06. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, the following is added as new Section 515 of the Base Indenture:

“Section 515. Additional Interest. Notwithstanding anything in the Indenture or in the Notes to the contrary, to the extent the Company elects, the sole remedy for an Event of Default relating to the Company’s failure to comply with its obligations as set forth in Section 704 and for any failure to comply with the requirements of Section 314(a)(1) of the Trust Indenture Act shall, after the occurrence of such an Event of Default, consist exclusively of the right to receive Additional Interest on the Notes at a rate equal to (a) 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding for each day during the 90-day period beginning on, and including, the date on which such an Event of Default first occurs and (b) 0.50% per annum of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding for each day during the 90-day period beginning on, and including, the 91st day following, and including, the occurrence of such an Event of Default during which such Event of Default is continuing. In no event will Additional Interest accrue at a rate per year exceeding 0.50% in the aggregate during the period beginning on, and including, the date that is six months after the last date of original issuance of the Notes through the date that is 365 days after the last date of original issuance of the Notes. If the Company so elects, such Additional Interest shall be payable in the same manner and on the same dates as regular interest on the Notes. On the 181st day after such Event of Default (if such Event of Default is not cured or waived prior to such 181st day), the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in Section 502. In the event the Company does not elect to pay Additional Interest following an Event of Default in accordance with this Section 515, the Notes shall be subject to acceleration as provided in Section 502.

In order to elect to pay Additional Interest as the sole remedy during the first 180 days after the occurrence of any Event of Default described in the immediately preceding paragraph, the Company must notify in writing all Holders of the Notes, the Trustee and the Paying Agent of such election prior to the fifth Business Day of such 180-day period. Upon the failure to timely give such notice, the Notes shall be immediately subject to acceleration as provided in Section 502.”

ARTICLE VI THE TRUSTEE

Section 6.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 601 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended by adding “or a Default in the payment or delivery of the Conversion Obligation upon conversion of the Notes” following “the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Security of such series.”

Section 6.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 602 clause (11) of the Base Indenture is hereby amended by adding the below following word “Indenture”:

“, or written notice of any Default or Event of Default shall have been given by the Company to the Trustee or by the Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee and references the Indenture and the Notes.”

ARTICLE VII
HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND COMPANY

Section 7.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 704(1) of the Base Indenture is hereby amended by adding the words "(giving effect to any grace period provided by Rule 12b-25 under the Exchange Act)" following the first reference to the word "1934."

Section 7.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 704 of the Base Indenture is hereby amended by adding, as the second sentence of the second paragraph of such section, the sentence "The Trustee shall not be obligated to monitor or confirm, on a continuing basis or otherwise, the Company's compliance with covenants or with respect to any reports or other documents filed with the Commission under the Indenture, or participate in any conference calls."

ARTICLE VIII
SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 8.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 901 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by inserting "; or" following clause (9) and adding the below clauses (10), (11) and (12) in sequential order:

"(10) to conform the provisions of the Indenture to the "Description of Notes" section in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, as supplemented by the related Pricing Term Sheet as determined in good faith by the Company; or

(11) to comply with any requirement of the Commission in connection with the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; or

(12) to reflect the replacement of the Company's Common Stock by Reference Property in accordance with Section 10.07 of the Third Supplemental Indenture."

Section 8.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 902 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by inserting "; or" following clause (3) and adding the below clauses (4), (5), (6) and (7) in sequential order:

"(4) make any change that adversely affects the Conversion Obligation; or

(5) reduce the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price of any Note or amend or modify in any manner adverse to the Holders of Notes the Company's obligation to make such payments, whether through an amendment or waiver of provisions in the covenants, definitions or otherwise; or

(6) impair the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal and interest on such Holder's Notes on or after the due dates therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such Holder's Notes; or

(7) make any change in the provisions of this Article NINE that require each Holder's consent or in the waiver provisions, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby."

Section 8.03. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 902 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following paragraph following the last paragraph of such Section:

"Upon effectiveness of an amendment to the Indenture, the Company must mail to the Holders a notice briefly describing such amendment. The failure to provide such notice to all the Holders, or any defect in such notice, shall not impair or affect the validity of such amendment."

ARTICLE IX COVENANTS

Section 9.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article TEN of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following new Section 1007 thereto, as set forth below:

"Section 1007. Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act.

The Company agrees that for the period of time during which Notes are outstanding, the Company will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions thereto of the Investment Company Act, whether or not the Company continues to be subject to such provisions of the Investment Company Act, but giving effect to any exemptive relief that may be granted to the Company by the Commission."

ARTICLE X CONVERSION OF NOTES

Section 10.01. Conversion Privilege. Subject to and upon compliance with the provisions of this Article X, each Holder of a Note shall have the right, at such Holder's option, to convert all or any portion (if the portion to be converted is \$25.00 principal amount or an integral multiple thereof) of such Note at any time prior to the close of business on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding the Maturity Date, in each case, at an initial conversion rate of 1.5913 shares of Common Stock (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 10.04, the "**Conversion Rate**") per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes (subject to the settlement provisions of Section 10.02, the "**Conversion Obligation**").

Section 10.02. Conversion Procedure; Settlement Upon Conversion.

(a) Subject to this Section 10.02, Section 10.03 and Section 10.07(a), upon conversion of any Note, the Company shall deliver to the converting Holder, in respect of each \$25.00 principal amount of Notes being converted, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the close of business on the relevant Conversion Date, together with cash, if applicable, in lieu of any fractional share of Common Stock in accordance with subsection (j) of this Section 10.02.

(b) Subject to Section 10.02(e), before any Holder of a Note shall be entitled to convert a Note as set forth above, such Holder shall (i) in the case of a Global Note, comply with the procedures of the Depository in effect at that time and, if required, pay funds equal to interest payable on the next Interest Payment Date to which such Holder is not entitled as set forth in Section 10.02(h) and (ii) in the case of a Physical Note (1) complete, manually sign and deliver an irrevocable notice to the Conversion Agent as set forth in the Form of Notice of Conversion (or a facsimile thereof) (a “**Notice of Conversion**”) at the office of the Conversion Agent and state in writing therein the principal amount of Notes to be converted and the name or names (with addresses) in which such Holder wishes the certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock to be delivered upon settlement of the Conversion Obligation to be registered, (2) surrender such Notes, duly endorsed to the Company or in blank (and accompanied by appropriate endorsement and transfer documents), at the office of the Conversion Agent, (3) if required, furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and (4) if required, pay funds equal to interest payable on the next Interest Payment Date as set forth in Section 10.02(h). The Trustee (and, if different, the Conversion Agent) shall notify the Company of any conversion pursuant to this Article X on the Conversion Date for such conversion. No Notice of Conversion with respect to any Notes may be surrendered by a Holder thereof if such Holder has also delivered a Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice to the Paying Agent in respect of such Notes and not validly withdrawn such Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice in accordance with Section 1302.

If more than one Note shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same Holder, the Conversion Obligation with respect to such Notes shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes (or specified portions thereof to the extent permitted thereby) so surrendered.

(c) A Note shall be deemed to have been converted immediately prior to the close of business on the date (the “**Conversion Date**”) that the Holder has complied with the requirements set forth in subsection (b) above. Except as provided in Section 10.03 and in Section 10.07, the Company shall deliver the consideration due in respect of the Conversion Obligation on the third Business Day immediately following the relevant Conversion Date. For shares of Common Stock due to converting Holders, the Company shall issue or cause to be issued, and deliver to such Holder, or such Holder’s nominee or nominees, certificates or a book-entry transfer through the Depository for the full number of shares of Common Stock to which such Holder shall be entitled in satisfaction of the Company’s Conversion Obligation, and, on or prior to such issuance, the Company shall give the Conversion Agent notice of the number of shares of Common Stock being so issued and the method by which the issuance shall take place.

(d) In case any Note shall be surrendered for partial conversion, the Company shall execute and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the written order of the Holder of the Note so surrendered a new Note or Notes in authorized denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unconverted portion of the surrendered Note, without payment of any service charge by the converting Holder but, if required by the Company or Trustee, with payment by the converting Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge required by law or that may be imposed in connection therewith as a result of the name of the Holder of the new Notes issued upon such conversion being different from the name of the Holder of the old Notes surrendered for such conversion.

(e) If a Holder submits a Note for conversion, the Company shall pay any documentary, stamp or similar issue or transfer tax due on the issue of shares of Common Stock upon conversion, unless the tax is due because the Holder requests such shares to be issued in a name other than the Holder's name, in which case the Holder shall pay that tax. The Conversion Agent may refuse to deliver the certificates representing the shares of Common Stock being issued in a name other than the Holder's name until the Trustee receives a sum sufficient to pay any tax that is due by such Holder in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence.

(f) Except as provided in Section 10.04, no adjustment shall be made for dividends on any shares issued upon the conversion of any Note as provided in this Article X.

(g) Upon the conversion of an interest in a Global Note, the Trustee, or the Custodian at the direction of the Trustee, shall make a notation on such Global Note as to the reduction in the principal amount represented thereby. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of any conversion of Notes effected through any Conversion Agent other than the Trustee.

(h) Upon conversion, a Holder shall not receive any cash payment for accrued and unpaid interest, if any, except as set forth below. The Company's settlement of the Conversion Obligation shall be deemed to satisfy in full its obligation to pay the principal amount of the Note and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Conversion Date. As a result, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Conversion Date shall be deemed to be paid in full rather than cancelled, extinguished or forfeited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Notes are converted after the close of business on a Regular Record Date, Holders of such Notes as of the close of business on such Regular Record Date will receive the full amount of interest payable on such Notes on the corresponding Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the conversion. Notes surrendered for conversion during the period from the close of business on any Regular Record Date to the open of business on the immediately following Interest Payment Date must be accompanied by funds equal to the amount of interest payable on the Notes so converted; *provided* that no such payment shall be required (1) for conversions following the Regular Record Date immediately preceding the Maturity Date; (2) if the Company has specified a Fundamental Change Repurchase Date that is after a Regular Record Date and on or prior to the Business Day immediately following the corresponding Interest Payment Date; or (3) to the extent of any Defaulted Amounts, if any Defaulted Amounts exist at the time of conversion with respect to such Note.

(i) The Person in whose name the certificate for any shares of Common Stock delivered upon conversion is registered shall be treated as a stockholder of record as of the close of business on the relevant Conversion Date solely for the purpose of receiving or participating in any dividend, distribution, issuance, share split or combination, tender or exchange offer or any other event that would lead to a Conversion Rate adjustment as described in Section 10.04. Upon a conversion of Notes, such Person shall no longer be a Holder of such Notes surrendered for conversion.

(j) The Company shall not issue any fractional share of Common Stock upon conversion of the Notes and shall instead pay cash in lieu of any fractional share of Common Stock issuable upon conversion based on the closing sale price of the Common Stock on the Conversion Date.

(k) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Holder shall be entitled to receive shares of Common Stock upon conversion to the extent (but only to the extent) that such receipt would cause such converting Holder to become, directly or indirectly, a “beneficial owner” (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) of more than 5.0% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding at such time (the “**Limitation**”). Any purported delivery of shares of Common Stock upon conversion of Notes shall be void and have no effect to the extent (but only to the extent) that such delivery would result in the converting Holder becoming the beneficial owner of more than the Limitation. If any delivery of shares of Common Stock owed to a Holder upon conversion of Notes is not made, in whole or in part, as a result of the Limitation, the Company’s obligation to make such delivery shall not be extinguished and the Company shall deliver such shares as promptly as practicable after any such converting Holder gives notice to the Company that such delivery would not result in it being the beneficial owner of more than 5.0% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding at such time. The Limitation shall no longer apply following the effective date of any Fundamental Change.

Section 10.03. Increased Conversion Rate Applicable to Certain Notes Surrendered in Connection with Make-Whole Fundamental Changes. (a) If a Make-Whole Fundamental Change occurs and a Holder elects to convert its Notes in connection with such Make-Whole Fundamental Change, the Company shall, under the circumstances described below, increase the Conversion Rate for the Notes so surrendered for conversion by a number of additional shares of Common Stock (the “**Additional Shares**”), as described below. A conversion of Notes shall be deemed for these purposes to be “in connection with” such Make-Whole Fundamental Change if the relevant Notice of Conversion is received by the Conversion Agent from, and including, the Effective Date of the Make-Whole Fundamental Change up to, and including, the Business Day immediately prior to the related Fundamental Change Repurchase Date (or, in the case of a Make-Whole Fundamental Change that would have been a Fundamental Change but for the proviso in clause (b) of the definition thereof, the 35th calendar day immediately following the Effective Date of such Make-Whole Fundamental Change).

(b) The Company shall notify the Holders of Notes of the Effective Date of any Make-Whole Fundamental Change and issue a press release announcing such Effective Date no later than five Business Days after such Effective Date.

(c) The number of Additional Shares, if any, by which the Conversion Rate shall be increased shall be determined by reference to the table below, based on the date on which the Make-Whole Fundamental Change occurs or becomes effective (the “**Effective Date**”) and the price (the “**Stock Price**”) paid (or deemed to be paid) per share of the Common Stock in the Make-Whole Fundamental Change. If the holders of the Common Stock receive only cash in a Make-Whole Fundamental Change described in clause (b) of the definition of Fundamental Change, the Stock Price shall be the cash amount paid per share. Otherwise, the Stock Price shall be the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock over the five Trading Day period ending on, and including, the Trading Day immediately preceding the Effective Date of the Make-Whole Fundamental Change. The Board of Directors shall make appropriate adjustments to the Stock Price, in its good faith determination, to account for any adjustment to the Conversion Rate that becomes effective, or any event requiring an adjustment to the Conversion Rate where the Ex-Dividend Date of the event occurs, during such five consecutive Trading Day period.

(d) The Stock Prices set forth in the column headings of the table below shall be adjusted as of any date on which the Conversion Rate of the Notes is otherwise adjusted. The adjusted Stock Prices shall equal the Stock Prices applicable immediately prior to such adjustment, *multiplied* by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Conversion Rate immediately prior to such adjustment giving rise to the Stock Price adjustment and the denominator of which is the Conversion Rate as so adjusted. The number of Additional Shares set forth in the table below shall be adjusted in the same manner and at the same time as the Conversion Rate as set forth in Section 10.04.

(e) The following table sets forth the number of Additional Shares to be received per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes pursuant to this Section 10.03 for each Stock Price and Effective Date set forth below:

Effective Date	Effective Stock Price											
	\$13.78	\$14.00	\$14.50	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$15.71	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$17.50	\$18.00	\$18.50
May 26, 2017	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.1003	0.0890	0.0747	0.0532	0.0355	0.0216	0.0113	0.0046
May 31, 2018	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.1003	0.0890	0.0747	0.0532	0.0355	0.0216	0.0113	0.0046
May 31, 2019	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.1003	0.0890	0.0747	0.0526	0.0347	0.0210	0.0111	0.0046
May 31, 2020	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.0981	0.0859	0.0706	0.0483	0.0308	0.0177	0.0088	0.0035
May 31, 2021	0.2228	0.2040	0.1605	0.1194	0.0852	0.0729	0.0577	0.0363	0.0207	0.0101	0.0040	0.0013
May 31, 2022	0.2228	0.1934	0.1327	0.0753	0.0215	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

The exact Stock Prices and Effective Dates may not be set forth in the table above, in which case:

- (i) if the Stock Price is between two Stock Prices in the table above or the Effective Date is between two Effective Dates in the table, the number of Additional Shares shall be determined by a straight-line interpolation between the number of Additional Shares set forth for the higher and lower Stock Prices and the earlier and later Effective Dates, as applicable, based on a 365-day year;
- (ii) if the Stock Price is greater than \$18.56 per share (subject to adjustment in the same manner as the Stock Prices set forth in the column headings of the table above pursuant to subsection (d) above), no Additional Shares shall be added to the Conversion Rate; and
- (iii) if the Stock Price is less than \$13.78 per share (subject to adjustment in the same manner as the Stock Prices set forth in the column headings of the table above pursuant to subsection (d) above), no Additional Shares shall be added to the Conversion Rate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the total number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion exceed 1.8142 per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes, subject to adjustment in the same manner as the Conversion Rate pursuant to Section 10.04.

(f) Nothing in this Section 10.03 shall prevent an adjustment to the Conversion Rate pursuant to Section 10.04 in respect of a Make-Whole Fundamental Change.

Section 10.04. Adjustment of Conversion Rate. The Conversion Rate shall be adjusted from time to time by the Company if any of the following events occurs, except that the Company shall not make any adjustments to the Conversion Rate if Holders of the Notes participate (other than in the case of a share split or share combination), at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of the Common Stock and solely as a result of holding the Notes, in any of the transactions described in this Section 10.04, without having to convert their Notes, as if they held a number of shares of Common Stock equal to (i) the principal amount of such Holder's Notes, divided by \$25, multiplied by (ii) the Conversion Rate.

(a) If the Company exclusively issues shares of Common Stock as a dividend or distribution on shares of its Common Stock, or if the Company effects a share split or share combination, the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 \times \frac{OS_1}{OS_0}$$

where,

CR₀ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date of such dividend or distribution, or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such share split or share combination, as applicable;

- CR₁ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately after the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date of such dividend or distribution or immediately after the effectiveness of such share split or share combination, as applicable;
- OS₀ = the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date of such dividend or distribution or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such share split or share combination, as applicable; and
- OS₁ = the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such dividend, distribution, share split or share combination.

Any adjustment made under this Section 10.04(a) shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such dividend or distribution, or immediately after the effectiveness of such share split or share combination, as applicable. If any dividend or distribution of the type described in this Section 10.04(a) is declared but not so paid or made, the Conversion Rate shall be immediately readjusted, effective as of the date the Board of Directors determines not to pay such dividend or distribution, to the Conversion Rate that would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared.

(b) If the Company issues to all or substantially all holders of its Common Stock any rights, options or warrants entitling them, for a period of not more than 45 calendar days after the issuance date for such distribution, to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Common Stock at a price per share that is less than the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock for the 10 consecutive Trading Day period ending on, and including, the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of announcement of such issuance, the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 \times \frac{OS_0 + X}{OS_0 + Y}$$

where,

- CR₀ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such issuance;
- CR₁ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately after the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date;
- OS₀ = the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date;
- X = the total number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to such rights, options or warrants; and
- Y = the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the aggregate price payable to exercise such rights, options or warrants, *divided by* the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock over the 10 consecutive Trading Day period ending on, and including, the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of announcement of the issuance of such rights, options or warrants.

Any increase made under this Section 10.04(b) shall be made successively whenever any such rights, options or warrants are issued and shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such issuance. To the extent that shares of the Common Stock are not delivered after the expiration of such rights, options or warrants, the Conversion Rate shall be decreased to the Conversion Rate that would then be in effect had the increase with respect to the issuance of such rights, options or warrants been made on the basis of delivery of only the number of shares of Common Stock actually delivered. If such rights, options or warrants are not so issued, the Conversion Rate shall be decreased to the Conversion Rate that would then be in effect if such Ex-Dividend Date for such issuance had not occurred.

For purposes of this Section 10.04(b), in determining whether any rights, options or warrants entitle the holders to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Common Stock at less than such average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock for the 10 consecutive Trading Day period ending on, and including, the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of announcement of such issuance, and in determining the aggregate offering price of such shares of Common Stock, there shall be taken into account any consideration received by the Company for such rights, options or warrants and any amount payable on exercise or conversion thereof, the value of such consideration, if other than cash, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

(c) If the Company distributes shares of its Capital Stock, evidences of its indebtedness, other assets or property of the Company or rights, options or warrants to acquire its Capital Stock or other securities, to all or substantially all holders of the Common Stock, excluding (i) dividends, distributions or issuances as to which an adjustment was effected pursuant to Section 10.04(a) or Section 10.04(b), (ii) dividends or distributions paid exclusively in cash and (iii) Spin-Offs as to which the provisions set forth below in this Section 10.04(c) shall apply (any of such shares of Capital Stock, evidences of indebtedness, other assets or property or rights, options or warrants to acquire Capital Stock or other securities of the Company, the “**Distributed Property**”), then the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 \times \frac{SP_0}{SP_0 - FMV}$$

where,

CR_0 = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such distribution;

CR_1 = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately after the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date;

- SP₀ = the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock over the 10 consecutive Trading Day period ending on, and including, the Trading Day immediately preceding the Ex-Dividend Date for such distribution; and
- FMV = the fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors) of the Distributed Property with respect to each outstanding share of the Common Stock on the Ex-Dividend Date for such distribution.

Any increase made under the portion of this Section 10.04(c) above shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such distribution. If such distribution is not so paid or made, the Conversion Rate shall be decreased to the Conversion Rate that would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if “FMV” (as defined above) is equal to or greater than “SP₀” (as defined above), in lieu of the foregoing increase, each Holder of a Note shall receive, in respect of each \$25.00 principal amount thereof, at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of the Common Stock receive the Distributed Property, the amount of Distributed Property such Holder would have received if such Holder owned a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Conversion Rate in effect on the Ex-Dividend Date for the distribution. If the Board of Directors determines the “FMV” (as defined above) of any distribution for purposes of this Section 10.04(c) by reference to the actual or when-issued trading market for any securities, it shall in doing so consider the prices in such market over the same period used in computing the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock over the 10 consecutive Trading Day period ending on, and including, the Trading Day immediately preceding the Ex-Dividend Date for such distribution.

With respect to an adjustment pursuant to this Section 10.04(c) where there has been a payment of a dividend or other distribution on the Common Stock of shares of Capital Stock of any class or series, or similar equity interest, of or relating to a Subsidiary or other business unit of the Company, that are, or, when issued, will be, listed or admitted for trading on a U.S. national securities exchange (a “**Spin-Off**”), the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 \times \frac{FMV + MP_0}{MP_0}$$

where,

- CR₀ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date of the Spin-Off;
- CR₁ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately after the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date of the Spin-Off;
- FMV = the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Capital Stock or similar equity interest distributed to holders of the Common Stock applicable to one share of the Common Stock (determined by reference to the definition of Last Reported Sale Price as set forth in Section 2.01 of this Third Supplemental Indenture as if references therein to Common Stock were to such Capital Stock or similar equity interest) over the first 10 consecutive Trading Day period after, and including, the Ex-Dividend Date of the Spin-Off (the “**Valuation Period**”); and

MP_0 = the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock over the Valuation Period.

The adjustment to the Conversion Rate under the preceding paragraph shall occur on the last Trading Day of the Valuation Period but will be given effect as of the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for the Spin-Off; *provided* that in respect of any conversion during the Valuation Period, references in the portion of this Section 10.04(c) related to Spin-Offs to 10 Trading Days shall be deemed to be replaced with such lesser number of Trading Days as have elapsed between the Ex-Dividend Date of such Spin-Off and the Conversion Date in determining the Conversion Rate.

For purposes of this Section 10.04(c) (and subject in all respect to Section 10.11), rights, options or warrants distributed by the Company to all holders of its Common Stock entitling them to subscribe for or purchase shares of the Company's Capital Stock, including Common Stock (either initially or under certain circumstances), which rights, options or warrants, until the occurrence of a specified event or events ("**Trigger Event**"): (i) are deemed to be transferred with such shares of the Common Stock; (ii) are not exercisable; and (iii) are also issued in respect of future issuances of the Common Stock, shall be deemed not to have been distributed for purposes of this Section 10.04(c) (and no adjustment to the Conversion Rate under this Section 10.04(c) will be required) until the occurrence of the earliest Trigger Event, whereupon such rights, options or warrants shall be deemed to have been distributed and an appropriate adjustment (if any is required) to the Conversion Rate shall be made under this Section 10.04(c). If any such right, option or warrant, including any such existing rights, options or warrants distributed prior to the date of this Third Supplemental Indenture, are subject to events, upon the occurrence of which such rights, options or warrants become exercisable to purchase different securities, evidences of indebtedness or other assets, then the date of the occurrence of any and each such event shall be deemed to be the date of distribution and Ex-Dividend Date with respect to new rights, options or warrants with such rights (in which case the existing rights, options or warrants shall be deemed to terminate and expire on such date without exercise by any of the holders thereof). In addition, in the event of any distribution (or deemed distribution) of rights, options or warrants, or any Trigger Event or other event (of the type described in the immediately preceding sentence) with respect thereto that was counted for purposes of calculating a distribution amount for which an adjustment to the Conversion Rate under this Section 10.04(c) was made, (1) in the case of any such rights, options or warrants that shall all have been redeemed or purchased without exercise by any holders thereof, upon such final redemption or purchase (x) the Conversion Rate shall be readjusted as if such rights, options or warrants had not been issued and (y) the Conversion Rate shall then again be readjusted to give effect to such distribution, deemed distribution or Trigger Event, as the case may be, as though it were a cash distribution, equal to the per share redemption or purchase price received by a holder or holders of Common Stock with respect to such rights, options or warrants (assuming such holder had retained such rights, options or warrants), made to all holders of Common Stock as of the date of such redemption or purchase, and (2) in the case of such rights, options or warrants that shall have expired or been terminated without exercise by any holders thereof, the Conversion Rate shall be readjusted as if such rights, options and warrants had not been issued.

For purposes of Section 10.04(a), Section 10.04(b) and this Section 10.04(c), any dividend or distribution to which this Section 10.04(c) is applicable that also includes one or both of:

- (A) a dividend or distribution of shares of Common Stock to which Section 10.04(a) is applicable (the “**Clause A Distribution**”); or
- (B) a dividend or distribution of rights, options or warrants to which Section 10.04(b) is applicable (the “**Clause B Distribution**”),

then (1) such dividend or distribution, other than the Clause A Distribution and the Clause B Distribution, shall be deemed to be a dividend or distribution to which this Section 10.04(c) is applicable (the “**Clause C Distribution**”) and any Conversion Rate adjustment required by this Section 10.04(c) with respect to such Clause C Distribution shall then be made, and (2) the Clause A Distribution and Clause B Distribution shall be deemed to immediately follow the Clause C Distribution and any Conversion Rate adjustment required by Section 10.04(a) and Section 10.04(b) with respect thereto shall then be made, except that, if determined by the Company (I) the “Ex-Dividend Date” of the Clause A Distribution and the Clause B Distribution shall be deemed to be the Ex-Dividend Date of the Clause C Distribution and (II) any shares of Common Stock included in the Clause A Distribution or Clause B Distribution shall be deemed not to be “outstanding immediately prior to the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date or effective date” within the meaning of Section 10.04(a) or “outstanding immediately prior to the open of business on such Ex-Dividend Date” within the meaning of Section 10.04(b).

(d) If any cash dividend or distribution is made by the Company to all or substantially all holders of the Common Stock, other than a regular, monthly cash dividend that does not exceed the DTA, the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 \times \frac{SP_0 - DTA}{SP_0 - C}$$

where,

CR_0 = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such dividend or distribution;

CR_1 = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately after the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such dividend or distribution;

SP_0 = the Last Reported Sale Price of the Common Stock on the Trading Day immediately preceding the Ex-Dividend Date for such dividend or distribution;

DTA = the dividend threshold amount (the “DTA”), which will initially be equal to \$0.13 per month; *provided that* if there is not an ex-dividend date for a dividend in any month, the DTA may be carried forward by the Company to the next subsequent month and to the extent the aggregate amount of any dividends with an ex-dividend date in such subsequent month is less than \$0.26 such difference may be carried forward to the second subsequent month, subject to a maximum dividend threshold amount at any time of \$0.39; and

C = the amount in cash per share the Company distributes to holders of its Common Stock.

The DTA is subject to adjustment in a manner inversely proportional to adjustments to the Conversion Rate; *provided that* no adjustment will be made to the DTA for any adjustment to the Conversion Rate pursuant to this Section 10.04(d). If an adjustment is required to be made as set forth in this Section 10.04(d) as a result of a distribution that is not a regular monthly dividend, the DTA will be deemed to be zero. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time regular dividends are distributed other than on a monthly basis, the DTA shall be appropriately adjusted as set forth in an Officers’ Certificate delivered to the Trustee and shall apply to such regular dividends.

Any increase pursuant to this Section 10.04(d) shall become effective immediately after the open of business on the Ex-Dividend Date for such dividend or distribution. If such dividend or distribution is not so paid, the Conversion Rate shall be decreased, effective as of the date the Board of Directors determines not to make or pay such dividend or distribution, to the Conversion Rate that would then be in effect if such dividend or distribution had not been declared. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if “C” (as defined above) is equal to or greater than “SP₀” (as defined above), in lieu of the foregoing increase, each Holder of a Note shall receive, for each \$25.00 principal amount of Notes, at the same time and upon the same terms as holders of shares of the Common Stock, the amount of cash that such Holder would have received if such Holder owned a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Conversion Rate on the Ex-Dividend Date for such cash dividend or distribution.

(e) If the Company or any of its Subsidiaries make a payment in respect of a tender or exchange offer for the Common Stock, to the extent that the cash and value of any other consideration included in the payment per share of the Common Stock exceeds the Last Reported Sale Price of the Common Stock on the Trading Day next succeeding the last date on which tenders or exchanges may be made pursuant to such tender or exchange offer, the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted based on the following formula:

$$CR_1 = CR_0 \times \frac{AC + (SP_1 \times OS_1)}{OS_0 \times SP_1}$$

where,

CR₀ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately prior to the open of business on the Trading Day immediately following the date such tender or exchange offer expires;

CR₁ = the Conversion Rate in effect immediately after the open of business on the Trading Day immediately following the date such tender or exchange offer expires;

- AC = the aggregate value of all cash and any other consideration (as determined by the Board of Directors) paid or payable for shares of Common Stock purchased in such tender or exchange offer;
- OS₀ = the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the date such tender or exchange offer expires (prior to giving effect to the purchase of all shares of Common Stock accepted for purchase or exchange in such tender or exchange offer);
- OS₁ = the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after the date such tender or exchange offer expires (after giving effect to the purchase of all shares of Common Stock accepted for purchase or exchange in such tender or exchange offer); and
- SP₁ = the average of the Last Reported Sale Prices of the Common Stock over the 10 consecutive Trading Day period commencing on, and including, the Trading Day next succeeding the date such tender or exchange offer expires.

The adjustment to the Conversion Rate under this Section 10.04(e) shall occur at the close of business on the 10th Trading Day immediately following, and including, the Trading Day next succeeding the date such tender or exchange offer expires but will be given effect as of the open of business on the Trading Day next succeeding the date such tender or exchange offer expires; *provided* that in respect of any conversion within the 10 Trading Days immediately following, and including, the expiration date of any tender or exchange offer, references in this Section 10.04(e) with respect to 10 Trading Days shall be deemed replaced with such lesser number of Trading Days as have elapsed between the date that such tender or exchange offer expires and the Conversion Date in determining the Conversion Rate.

(f) Notwithstanding this Section 10.04 or any other provision of this Indenture or the Notes, if a Conversion Rate adjustment becomes effective on any Ex-Dividend Date, and a Holder that has converted its Notes on or after such Ex-Dividend Date and on or prior to the related Record Date would be treated as the record holder of the shares of Common Stock as of the related Conversion Date as described under Section 10.02(i) based on an adjusted Conversion Rate for such Ex-Dividend Date, then, notwithstanding the Conversion Rate adjustment provisions in this Section 10.04, the Conversion Rate adjustment relating to such Ex-Dividend Date shall not be made for such converting Holder. Instead, such Holder shall be treated as if such Holder were the record owner of the shares of Common Stock on an unadjusted basis and participate in the related dividend, distribution or other event giving rise to such adjustment.

(g) Except as stated herein, the Company shall not adjust the Conversion Rate for the issuance of shares of its Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of its Common Stock or the right to purchase shares of its Common Stock or such convertible or exchangeable securities.

(h) In addition to those adjustments required by clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 10.04, and to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to the applicable rules of The NASDAQ Global Select Market, the Company from time to time may increase the Conversion Rate by any amount for a period of at least 20 Business Days if the Board of Directors determines that such increase would be in the Company's best interest. In addition, but subject to the same limitations set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, the Company may (but is not required to) increase the Conversion Rate to avoid or diminish any income tax to holders of Common Stock or rights to purchase Common Stock in connection with a dividend or distribution of shares (or rights to acquire shares) or similar event. The Company will not take any action that would result in an adjustment of the Conversion Rate, pursuant to clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 10.04, in such a manner as to result in the reduction of the Conversion Price to less than the par value per share of the Common Stock. Whenever the Conversion Rate is adjusted pursuant to either of the preceding two sentences, the Company shall mail to the Holder of each Note at its last address appearing on the Note Register a notice of the increase at least 15 days prior to the date the adjusted Conversion Rate takes effect, and such notice shall state the adjusted Conversion Rate and the period during which it will be in effect.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article X, the Conversion Rate shall not be adjusted:

- (i) upon the issuance of any shares of Common Stock pursuant to any present or future plan providing for the reinvestment of dividends or interest payable on the Company's securities and the investment of additional optional amounts in shares of Common Stock under any plan;
- (ii) upon the issuance of any shares of Common Stock or options or rights to purchase those shares pursuant to any present or future employee, director or consultant benefit plan or program of or assumed by the Company or any of the Company's Subsidiaries;
- (iii) upon the issuance of any shares of the Common Stock pursuant to any option, warrant, right or exercisable, exchangeable or convertible security not described in clause (ii) of this subsection and outstanding as of the date the Notes were first issued;
- (iv) solely for a change in the par value of the Common Stock or a change in the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation; or
- (v) for accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

(j) All calculations and other determinations under this Article X shall be made by the Company and shall be made to the nearest one-tenth thousandth (1/10,000) of a share. The Company shall not be required to make an adjustment in the Conversion Rate unless the adjustment would require a change of at least 1% in the Conversion Rate. However, the Company shall carry forward any adjustments that are less than 1% of the Conversion Rate and make such carried forward adjustment, regardless of whether the aggregate adjustment is less than 1%, on the Conversion Date for any Notes.

(k) Whenever the Conversion Rate is adjusted as herein provided, the Company shall promptly file with the Trustee (and the Conversion Agent if not the Trustee) an Officers' Certificate setting forth the Conversion Rate after such adjustment and setting forth a brief statement of the facts requiring such adjustment. Unless and until a Responsible Officer of the Trustee (and Conversion Agent, if applicable) shall have received such Officers' Certificate, the Trustee (and Conversion Agent, if applicable) shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any adjustment of the Conversion Rate and may assume without inquiry that the last Conversion Rate of which it has knowledge is still in effect. Promptly after delivery of such certificate, the Company shall prepare a notice of such adjustment of the Conversion Rate setting forth the adjusted Conversion Rate and the date on which each adjustment becomes effective and shall mail such notice of such adjustment of the Conversion Rate to each Holder at its last address appearing on the Note Register of the Indenture. Failure to deliver such notice shall not affect the legality or validity of any such adjustment.

Section 10.05. Adjustments of Prices. Whenever any provision of this Indenture requires the Company to calculate the Last Reported Sale Prices over a span of multiple days (including the period for determining the Stock Price for purposes of a Make-Whole Fundamental Change), the Board of Directors shall make appropriate adjustments to each to account for any adjustment to the Conversion Rate that becomes effective, or any event requiring an adjustment to the Conversion Rate where the Ex-Dividend Date of the event occurs, at any time during the period when the Last Reported Sale Prices are to be calculated.

Section 10.06. Shares to Be Fully Paid. The Company shall provide, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued shares, sufficient shares of Common Stock to provide for conversion of the Notes from time to time as such Notes are presented for conversion.

Section 10.07. Effect of Recapitalizations, Reclassifications and Changes of the Common Stock.

(a) In the case of:

- (i) any recapitalization, reclassification or change of the Common Stock (other than changes resulting from a subdivision or combination or a change solely in par value),
- (ii) any consolidation, merger or combination involving the Company,
- (iii) any sale, lease or other transfer to a third party of all or substantially all of the Company and the Company's Subsidiaries' consolidated assets or
- (iv) any statutory share exchange,

in each case, as a result of which the Common Stock then outstanding would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities, other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof) (any such event, a “**Merger Event**”), then, at and after the effective time of such Merger Event, the right to convert each \$25.00 principal amount of Notes shall be changed into a right to convert such principal amount of Notes into the kind and amount of shares of stock, other securities or other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof) that a holder of a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the Conversion Rate immediately prior to such Merger Event would have owned or been entitled to receive (the “**Reference Property**”, with each “**unit of Reference Property**” meaning the kind and amount of Reference Property that a holder of one share of Common Stock is entitled to receive) upon such Merger Event and, prior to or at the effective time of such Merger Event, the Company or the successor or purchasing Person, as the case may be, shall execute with the Trustee a supplemental indenture permitted under Section 901 of the Base Indenture as amended hereby providing for such change in the right to convert each \$25.00 principal amount of Notes; *provided, however*, that at and after the effective time of the Merger Event any shares of Common Stock that the Company would have been required to deliver upon conversion of the Notes in accordance with Section 10.02 shall instead be deliverable in the amount and type of Reference Property that a holder of that number of shares of Common Stock would have been entitled to receive in such Merger.

If the Merger Event causes the Common Stock to be converted into the right to receive more than a single type of consideration (determined based in part upon any form of stockholder election), then (i) the Reference Property into which the Notes will become convertible shall be deemed to be the kind and amount of consideration elected to be received by a majority of the Common stock voted for such an election (if electing between two types of consideration) or a plurality of the Common Stock voted for such an election (if electing between more than two types of consideration), as the case may be. If the holders receive only cash in such Merger Event, then for all conversions that occur after the effective date of such Merger Event (x) the consideration due upon conversion of each \$25.00 principal amount of Notes shall be solely cash in an amount equal to the Conversion Rate in effect on the Conversion Date (as may be increased by any Additional Shares pursuant to Section 10.03), *multiplied by* the price paid per share of Common Stock in such Merger Event and (y) the Company shall satisfy the Conversion Obligation by paying cash to converting Holders on the third Business Day immediately following the relevant Conversion Date.

Such supplemental indenture described in the second immediately preceding paragraph shall provide for adjustments that shall be as nearly equivalent as is possible to the adjustments provided for in this Article X. If, in the case of any Merger Event, the Reference Property includes shares of stock, securities or other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof) of a Person other than the successor or purchasing corporation, as the case may be, in such Merger Event, then such supplemental indenture shall also be executed by such other Person and shall contain such additional provisions to protect the interests of the Holders of the Notes as the Board of Directors shall reasonably consider necessary by reason of the foregoing, including, to the extent required by the Board of Directors and practicable, the provisions providing for the purchase rights set forth in this Article X.

(b) In the event the Company shall execute a supplemental indenture pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section 10.07, the Company shall promptly file with the Trustee an Officers’ Certificate briefly stating the reasons therefore, the kind or amount of cash, securities or property or asset that will comprise the Reference Property after any such Merger Event, any adjustment to be made with respect thereto and that all conditions precedent have been complied with, and shall promptly mail notice thereof to all Holders. The Company shall cause notice of the execution of such supplemental indenture to be mailed to each Holder, at its address appearing on the Note Register provided for in the Indenture, within 20 days after execution thereof. Failure to deliver such notice shall not affect the legality or validity of such supplemental indenture.

(c) The Company shall not become a party to any Merger Event unless its terms are consistent with this Section 10.07 in all material respects. None of the foregoing provisions shall affect the right of a Holder of Notes to convert its Notes into shares of Common Stock as set forth in Section 10.01 and Section 10.02 prior to the effective date of such Merger Event.

(d) The above provisions of this Section shall similarly apply to successive Merger Events.

(e) In connection with any Merger Event, the DTA shall be subject to adjustment as described in clause (i), clause (ii) or clause (iii) below, as the case may be.

- (i) In the case of a Merger Event in which the Reference Property (determined, as appropriate, pursuant to subsection (a) above and excluding any dissenters' appraisal rights) is composed entirely of shares of common stock (the "**Merger Common Stock**"), the DTA at and after the effective time of such Merger Event will be equal to (x) the DTA immediately prior to the effective time of such Merger Event, *divided by* (y) the number of shares of Merger Common Stock that a holder of one share of Common Stock would receive in such Merger Event (such quotient rounded down to nearest cent).
- (ii) In the case of a Merger Event in which the Reference Property (determined, as appropriate, pursuant to subsection (a) above and excluding any dissenters' appraisal rights) is composed in part of shares of Merger Common Stock, the DTA at and after the effective time of such Merger Event will be equal to (x) the DTA immediately prior to the effective time of such Merger Event, *multiplied by* (y) the Merger Valuation Percentage for such Merger Event (such product rounded down to nearest cent).
- (iii) For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of a Merger Event in which the Reference Property (determined, as appropriate, pursuant to subsection (a) above and excluding any dissenters' appraisal rights) is composed entirely of consideration other than shares of common stock, the DTA at and after the effective time of such Merger Event will be equal to zero.

Section 10.08. Certain Covenants. (a) The Company covenants that all shares of Common Stock issued upon conversion of Notes will be fully paid and non-assessable by the Company and free from all taxes, liens and charges (other than those created by the Holder) with respect to the issue thereof.

(b) The Company covenants that, if any shares of Common Stock to be provided for the purpose of conversion of Notes hereunder require registration with or approval of any governmental authority under any federal or state law before such shares may be validly issued upon conversion, the Company will, to the extent then permitted by the rules and interpretations of the Commission, secure such registration or approval, as the case may be.

(c) The Company further covenants that if at any time the Common Stock shall be listed on any national securities exchange or automated quotation system the Company will list and keep listed, so long as the Common Stock shall be so listed on such exchange or automated quotation system, any Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes.

Section 10.09. Responsibility of Trustee. The Trustee and any other Conversion Agent shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any Holder to determine the Conversion Rate (or any adjustment thereto) or whether any facts exist that may require any adjustment (including any increase) of the Conversion Rate, or with respect to the nature or extent or calculation of any such adjustment when made, or with respect to the method employed, or herein or in any supplemental indenture provided to be employed, in making the same. The Trustee and any other Conversion Agent shall not be accountable with respect to the validity or value (or the kind or amount) of any shares of Common Stock, or of any securities, property or cash that may at any time be issued or delivered upon the conversion of any Note; and the Trustee and any other Conversion Agent make no representations with respect thereto. Neither the Trustee nor any Conversion Agent shall be responsible for any failure of the Company to issue, transfer or deliver any shares of Common Stock or stock certificates or other securities or property or cash upon the surrender of any Note for the purpose of conversion or to comply with any of the duties, responsibilities or covenants of the Company contained in this Article X. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, neither the Trustee nor any Conversion Agent shall be under any responsibility to determine the correctness of any provisions contained in any supplemental indenture entered into pursuant to Section 10.07 relating either to the kind or amount of shares of stock or securities or property (including cash) receivable by Holders upon the conversion of their Notes after any event referred to in such Section 10.07 or to any adjustment to be made with respect thereto, but, subject to the provisions of Article SIX of the Base Indenture, may accept (without any independent investigation) as conclusive evidence of the correctness of any such provisions, and shall be protected in relying upon, the Officers' Certificate (which the Company shall be obligated to file with the Trustee prior to the execution of any such supplemental indenture) with respect thereto.

Section 10.10. Notice to Holders Prior to Certain Actions. In case of any:

- (a) action by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries that would require an adjustment in the Conversion Rate pursuant to Section 10.04 or Section 10.11;
- (b) Merger Event; or

(c) voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries;

then, in each case (unless notice of such event is otherwise required pursuant to another provision of the Indenture), the Company shall cause to be filed with the Trustee and the Conversion Agent (if other than the Trustee) and to be mailed to each Holder at its address appearing on the Note Register, as promptly as possible but in any event at least 20 days prior to the applicable date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (i) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of such action by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or, if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of Common Stock of record are to be determined for the purposes of such action by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries, or (ii) the date on which such Merger Event, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up is expected to become effective or occur, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their Common Stock for securities or other property deliverable upon such Merger Event, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, if any. Failure to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not affect the legality or validity of such action by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries, Merger Event, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up.

Section 10.11. Stockholder Rights Plans. To the extent that the Company has a rights plan in effect upon conversion of the Notes, each share of Common Stock, if any, issued upon such conversion shall be entitled to receive the appropriate number of rights, if any, and the certificates representing the Common Stock issued upon such conversion shall bear such legends, if any, in each case as may be provided by the terms of any such stockholder rights plan, as the same may be amended from time to time. If at the time of conversion, however, the rights have separated from the shares of Common Stock in accordance with the provisions of the applicable stockholder rights plan so that the Holders would not be entitled to receive any rights in respect of Common Stock, if any, issuable upon conversion of the Notes, the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted at the time of separation as if the Company distributed to all or substantially all holders of Common Stock Distributed Property as provided in Section 10.04(c), subject to readjustment in the event of the expiration, termination or redemption of such rights.

ARTICLE XI REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Section 11.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article THIRTEEN of the Base Indenture shall not apply to the Notes and shall be replaced with the following:

“Section 1301 Repurchase at Option of Holders Upon a Fundamental Change. (a) If a Fundamental Change occurs at any time, each Holder shall have the right, at such Holder’s option, to require the Company to repurchase for cash all of such Holder’s Notes, or any portion thereof that is equal to \$25.00 or an integral multiple of \$25.00, on the date (the “**Fundamental Change Repurchase Date**”) specified by the Company that is not less than 20 Business Days or more than 35 Business Days following the date of the Fundamental Change Company Notice (with such Fundamental Change Repurchase Date being subject to postponement by a number of days by which the Company’s Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice is delivered to Holders beyond the deadline set forth in Section 1301(d)), at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date (the “**Fundamental Change Repurchase Price**”), unless the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date falls after a Regular Record Date but on or prior to the Interest Payment Date to which such Regular Record Date relates, in which case the Company shall instead pay the full amount of accrued and unpaid interest to Holders of record as of such Regular Record Date, and the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price shall be equal to 100% of the principal amount of Notes to be repurchased pursuant to this Article THIRTEEN.

(b) Repurchases of Notes under this Section 1301 shall be made, at the option of the Holder thereof, upon:

(i) delivery to the Paying Agent by a Holder of a duly completed notice (the “**Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice**”) in the form set forth in Attachment 2 to the Form of Note attached hereto as Exhibit A, if the Notes are Physical Notes, or in compliance with the Depository’s procedures for surrendering interests in Global Notes, if the Notes are Global Notes, in each case on or before the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date; and

(ii) delivery of the Notes, if the Notes are Physical Notes, to the Paying Agent at any time after delivery of the Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice (together with all necessary endorsements for transfer) at the Corporate Trust Office of the Paying Agent, or book-entry transfer of the Notes, if the Notes are Global Notes, in compliance with the procedures of the Depository, in each case such delivery being a condition to receipt by the Holder of the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price therefor.

The Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice in respect of any Notes to be repurchased shall state:

- (i) in the case of Physical Notes, the certificate numbers of the Notes to be delivered for repurchase;
- (ii) the portion of the principal amount of Notes to be repurchased, which must be \$25.00 or an integral multiple thereof; and
- (iii) that the Notes are to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Notes and the Indenture;

provided, however, that if the Notes are Global Notes, the Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice must comply with appropriate Depository procedures.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any Holder delivering to the Paying Agent a Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice contemplated by this Section 1301 shall have the right to withdraw, in whole or in part, such Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice at any time prior to the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date by delivery of a written notice of withdrawal to the Paying Agent in accordance with Section 1302.

The Paying Agent shall promptly notify the Company of the receipt by it of any Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice or written notice of withdrawal thereof.

(c) On or before the 20th calendar day after the date that the Fundamental Change occurred, the Company shall provide to all Holders of Notes and the Trustee and the Paying Agent (in the case of a Paying Agent other than the Trustee) a written notice (the “**Fundamental Change Company Notice**”) of the occurrence of the effective date of the Fundamental Change and of the repurchase right at the option of the Holders arising as a result thereof. Such notice shall be by first class mail or, in the case of Global Notes, in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depository. Simultaneously with providing such notice, the Company shall publish a notice containing the information set forth in the Fundamental Change Company Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in The City of New York or publish such information on the Company’s website or through such other public medium as the Company may use at that time. Each Fundamental Change Company Notice shall specify:

- (i) the events causing the Fundamental Change;
- (ii) the date of the Fundamental Change;
- (iii) the last date on which a Holder may exercise the repurchase right pursuant to this Article THIRTEEN;
- (iv) the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price;
- (v) the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date;
- (vi) the name and address of the Paying Agent and the Conversion Agent, if applicable;
- (vii) if applicable, the Conversion Rate and any adjustments to the Conversion Rate;

(viii) if applicable, that the Notes with respect to which a Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice has been delivered by a Holder may be converted only if the Holder withdraws the Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice in accordance with the terms of the Indenture; and

- (ix) the procedures that Holders must follow to require the Company to repurchase their Notes.

No failure of the Company to give the foregoing notices and no defect therein shall limit the Holders’ repurchase rights or affect the validity of the proceedings for the repurchase of the Notes pursuant to this Section 1301.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give such notice in the Company's name and at the Company's expense; *provided, however*, that, in all cases, the text of such Company Notice shall be prepared by the Company.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Notes may be repurchased by the Company on any date at the option of the Holders upon a Fundamental Change if the principal amount of the Notes has been accelerated, and such acceleration has not been rescinded, on or prior to such date (except in the case of an acceleration resulting from a Default by the Company in the payment of the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price with respect to such Notes). The Paying Agent will promptly return to the respective Holders thereof any Physical Notes held by it during the acceleration of the Notes (except in the case of an acceleration resulting from a Default by the Company in the payment of the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price with respect to such Notes), or any instructions for book-entry transfer of the Notes in compliance with the procedures of the Depository shall be deemed to have been cancelled, and, upon such return or cancellation, as the case may be, the Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice with respect thereto shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

Section 1302. Withdrawal of Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice. A Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice may be withdrawn (in whole or in part) by means of a written notice of withdrawal delivered to the Corporate Trust Office of the Paying Agent in accordance with this Section 1302 at any time prior to the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date, specifying:

- (i) the principal amount of the Notes with respect to which such notice of withdrawal is being submitted,
- (ii) if Physical Notes have been issued, the certificate number of the Note in respect of which such notice of withdrawal is being submitted, and
- (iii) the principal amount, if any, of such Note that remains subject to the original Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice, which portion must be in principal amounts of \$25.00 or an integral multiple of \$25.00;

provided, however, that if the Notes are Global Notes, the notice must comply with appropriate procedures of the Depository.

Section 1303. Deposit of Fundamental Change Repurchase Price. (a) The Company, or its designee, will deposit with the Trustee (or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company, or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, set aside, segregate and hold in trust) on or prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date an amount of money sufficient to repurchase all of the Notes to be repurchased at the appropriate Fundamental Change Repurchase Price; *provided, that*, to the extent any such deposit is received by the Trustee (or Paying Agent) after 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on any such due date, such deposit will be deemed deposited on the next Business Day. If any such designee does not deposit an amount of money sufficient to repurchase all of such Notes by the deadline set forth in the immediately preceding sentence and the Company does not otherwise deposit such an amount by such deadline, such failure by the designee shall be treated for all purposes of the Indenture as failure by the Company to make such deposit. In addition, failure by the Company to designate a designee to make the deposit required by the second immediately preceding sentence shall not relieve the Company of its obligation to so deposit such an amount of money. Subject to extension if necessary to comply with the provisions of the Investment Company Act, payment for Notes surrendered for repurchase (and not withdrawn prior to the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date) will be made on the later of (i) the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date with respect to such Note (provided the Holder has satisfied the conditions in Section 1301) and (ii) the time of book-entry transfer or the delivery of such Note to the Trustee (or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company) by the Holder thereof in the manner required by Section 1301 by mailing checks for the amount payable to the Holders of such Notes entitled thereto as they shall appear in the Note Register; *provided, however*, that payments to the Depository shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account of the Depository or its nominee. The Trustee shall, promptly after a Fundamental Change Repurchase Date, return to the Company any funds in excess of the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price of the Notes, or portions thereof, that the Company is obligated to purchase on the applicable Fundamental Change Repurchase Date.

(b) If by 10:00 a.m. New York City time, on the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date, the Trustee (or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company) holds money sufficient to pay the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price of all the Notes or portions thereof for which Holders have surrendered and not withdrawn Fundamental Change Repurchase Notices on such Fundamental Change Repurchase Date, then (i) such Notes will cease to be outstanding, (ii) interest will cease to accrue on such Notes (whether or not book-entry transfer of the Notes has been made or the Notes have been delivered to the Trustee or Paying Agent) and (iii) all other rights of the Holders of such Notes will terminate (other than the right to receive the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price upon delivery or transfer of the Notes).

(c) Upon surrender of a Note that is to be repurchased in part pursuant to Section 1301, the Company shall execute and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder a new Note in an authorized denomination equal in principal amount to the unrepurchased portion of the Note surrendered.

Section 1304. Covenant to Comply with Applicable Laws Upon Repurchase of Notes. In connection with any repurchase offer pursuant to a Fundamental Change Repurchase Notice, the Company will, if required:

- (a) comply with the provisions of Rule 13e-4, Rule 14e-1 and any other tender offer rules under the Exchange Act that may then be applicable;
- (b) file a Schedule TO or any successor or similar schedule; and
- (c) otherwise comply with all federal and state securities laws in connection with any offer by the Company to repurchase the Notes;

in each case, so as to permit the rights and obligations under this Article THIRTEEN to be exercised in the time and in the manner specified in this Article THIRTEEN.”

ARTICLE XII
MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

Section 12.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 1505 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clause (c) thereof with the following:

“(c) At any meeting of Holders, each Holder of a Security of such series or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$25.00 principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series held or represented by such Holder; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote, except as a Holder of a Security of such series or proxy.”

ARTICLE XIII
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01. This Third Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. This Third Supplemental Indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of the Indenture and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

Section 13.02. In case any provision in this Third Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.03. This Third Supplemental Indenture may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Third Supplemental Indenture. The exchange of copies of this Third Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Third Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

Section 13.04. The Base Indenture, as supplemented and amended by this Third Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and the Base Indenture and this Third Supplemental Indenture shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument with respect to the Notes. All provisions included in this Third Supplemental Indenture supersede any conflicting provisions included in the Base Indenture with respect to the Notes, unless not permitted by law. The Trustee accepts the trusts created by the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Third Supplemental Indenture, and agrees to perform the same upon the terms and conditions of the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Third Supplemental Indenture.

Section 13.05. The provisions of this Third Supplemental Indenture shall become effective as of the date hereof.

Section 13.06. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, the terms and provisions of this Third Supplemental Indenture shall apply only to the Notes and shall not apply to any other series of Securities under the Base Indenture and this Third Supplemental Indenture shall not and does not otherwise affect, modify, alter, supplement or change the terms and provisions of any other series of Securities under the Base Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding.

Section 13.07. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Third Supplemental Indenture, the Notes or any Additional Notes, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Third Supplemental Indenture, authenticate the Notes and any Additional Notes and perform its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the Notes or any Additional Notes or the proceeds thereof.

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

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III
Name: Joseph B. Alala, III
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Karen Beard
Name: Karen R. Beard
Title: Vice President

[Signature page to Third Supplemental Indenture]

Exhibit A – Form of Global Note

This Security is a Global Note within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof. This Security may not be exchanged in whole or in part for a Security registered, and no transfer of this Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof, except in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment and such certificate issued in exchange for this certificate is registered in the name of Cede & Co., or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful, as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

Capitala Finance Corp.

No.

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CUSIP No. 14054R 403
ISIN No. US14054R4039

5.75% Convertible Notes due May 31, 2022

Capitala Finance Corp., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maryland (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ on May 31, 2022 and to pay interest thereon from May 26, 2017 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, quarterly on February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30 in each year, commencing August 31, 2017, at the rate of 5.75% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Additional Interest will be payable as set forth in Section 515 of the Base Indenture, and any reference to interest on, or in respect of, any Note therein shall be deemed to include Additional Interest if, in such context, Additional Interest is, was or would be payable pursuant to Section 515 of the Base Indenture and any express mention of the payment of Additional Interest in any provision therein shall not be construed as excluding Additional Interest in those provisions thereof where such express mention is not made.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 111 Fillmore Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Capitala Finance Corp. (5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022) and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as this Security is registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee.

Interest on Physical Notes will be payable (i) to Holders having an aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 or less, by check mailed to the Holders of such Notes and (ii) to holders having an aggregate principal amount of more than \$5,000,000, either by check mailed to each Holder or, upon application by a holder to the Security Registrar not later than the relevant Regular Record Date, by wire transfer in immediately available funds to that Holder's account within the United States, which application will remain in effect until the Holder notifies, in writing, the Security Registrar to the contrary. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Attest

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Capitala Finance Corp.
5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Senior Securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2014 (herein called the “Base Indenture”, which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Base Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Base Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered, as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities, dated May 26, 2017, by and between the Company and the Trustee (herein called the “Third Supplemental Indenture”, the Third Supplemental Indenture and the Base Indenture collectively are herein called the “Indenture”). In the event of any conflict between the Base Indenture and the Third Supplemental Indenture, the Third Supplemental Indenture shall govern and control.

This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof, which series is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$ _____ (or up to \$ _____ aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Securities is exercised in full). Under a Board Resolution, Officers’ Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Securities, issue additional Securities of this series (in any such case “Additional Securities”) having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Securities. Any Additional Securities and the existing Securities will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Securities herein shall include the Additional Securities unless the context otherwise requires. The aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented hereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

The Notes are not redeemable by the Company prior to the Maturity Date.

The Notes shall not be subject to any sinking fund pursuant to Section 1201 of the Base Indenture.

The Indenture contains certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to this Security, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing (other than an Event of Default under Section 501(9) or Section 501(10) of the Base Indenture), the principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture. If an Event of Default under Section 501(9) or Section 501(10) of the Base Indenture occurs, the entire principal amount of the Securities of this series will automatically become due and payable.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Indenture, the Company will make all payments in respect of the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price and the principal amount on the Maturity Date, as the case may be, to the Holder who surrenders a Note to a Paying Agent to collect such payments in respect of the Note. The Company will pay cash amounts in money of the United States that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder of this Security shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee indemnity, security, or both reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities of this series at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity and/or security. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Security for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay or deliver, as the case may be, the principal of, the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price, if applicable, of, accrued and unpaid interest on and amounts due upon conversion of this Note at the place, at the respective times, at the rate and in the lawful money or other consideration herein prescribed.

Upon the occurrence of a Fundamental Change, the Holder has the right, at such Holder's option, to require the Company to repurchase for cash all of such Holder's Notes or any portion thereof (in principal amounts of \$25.00 or integral multiples thereof) on the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date at a price equal to the Fundamental Change Repurchase Price.

Subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder hereof has the right, at its option, during certain periods and upon the occurrence of certain conditions specified in the Indenture, prior to the close of business on the Scheduled Trading Day immediately preceding the Maturity Date, to convert any Notes or portion thereof that is \$25.00 or an integral multiple thereof, into shares of Common Stock (plus cash in lieu of fractional shares of Common Stock) at the Conversion Rate specified in the Indenture, as adjusted from time to time as provided in the Indenture.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$25 and any integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar and any agent of the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Security Registrar, or any agent thereof shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

The Indenture and this Security shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription of the face of this Note, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM = as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT = Uniform Gifts to Minors Act

CUST = Custodian

TEN ENT = as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN = joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF NOTES

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.
5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022

The initial principal amount of this Global Note is _____ DOLLARS (\$[_____]). The following increases or decreases in this Global Note have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Principal Amount of this Global Note following such decrease or increase	Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee or Custodian
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

[FORM OF NOTICE OF CONVERSION]

To: [_____]

The undersigned registered owner of this Note hereby exercises the option to convert this Note, or the portion hereof (that is \$25.00 principal amount or an integral multiple thereof) below designated, into shares of Common Stock in accordance with the terms of the Indenture referred to in this Note, and directs that any shares of Common Stock issuable and deliverable upon such conversion, together with any cash for any fractional share, and any Notes representing any unconverted principal amount hereof, be issued and delivered to the registered Holder hereof unless a different name has been indicated below. If any shares of Common Stock or any portion of this Note not converted are to be issued in the name of a Person other than the undersigned, the undersigned will pay all transfer or similar taxes in accordance with Section 10.02(e) of the Third Supplemental Indenture. Any amount required to be paid to the undersigned on account of interest accompanies this Note.

Dated: _____

Signature(s)

Signature Guarantee

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible Guarantor Institution (banks, stock brokers, savings and loan associations and credit unions) with membership in an approved signature guarantee medallion program pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17Ad-15 if shares of Common Stock are to be issued, or Notes are to be delivered, other than to and in the name of the registered holder.

Fill in for registration of shares if to be issued, and Notes if to be delivered, other than to and in the name of the registered holder:

(Name)

(Street Address)

(City, State and Zip Code)

Please print name and address

Principal amount to be converted (if less than all): \$_____

NOTICE: The above signature(s) of the Holder(s) hereof must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the Note in every particular without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Social Security or Other Taxpayer
Identification Number

[FORM OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE REPURCHASE NOTICE]

To: [_____]

The undersigned registered owner of this Note hereby acknowledges receipt of a notice from Capitala Finance Corp. (the “**Company**”) as to the occurrence of a Fundamental Change with respect to the Company and specifying the Fundamental Change Repurchase Date and requests and instructs the Company to pay to the registered holder hereof in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture referred to in this Note (1) the entire principal amount of this Note, or the portion thereof (that is \$25.00 principal amount or an integral multiple thereof) below designated, and (2) if such Fundamental Change Repurchase Date does not fall during the period after a Regular Record Date and on or prior to the corresponding Interest Payment Date, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, such Fundamental Change Repurchase Date.

In the case of Physical Notes, the certificate numbers of the Notes to be repurchased are as set forth below:

Dated: _____

Signature(s)

Social Security or Other Taxpayer
Identification Number

Principal amount to be repaid (if less than all): \$ _____

NOTICE: The above signature(s) of the Holder(s) hereof must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the Note in every particular without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

[FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER]

For value received _____ hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto _____ (Please insert social security or Taxpayer Identification Number of assignee) the within Note, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney to transfer the said Note on the books of the Company, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature(s)

Signature Guarantee

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible Guarantor Institution (banks, stock brokers, savings and loan associations and credit unions) with membership in an approved signature guarantee medallion program pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17Ad-15 if Notes are to be delivered, other than to and in the name of the registered holder.

NOTICE: The signature on the assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the Note in every particular without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

\$50,000,000

5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

May 23, 2017

May 23, 2017

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
as Managing Underwriter
c/o Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
787 Seventh Avenue
4th Floor
New York, New York 10019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Each of Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Advisor"), which has registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Advisers Act"), and Capitala Advisors Corp., a North Carolina corporation (the "Administrator") and, together with the Company and the Advisor, the "Capitala Entities") confirms its agreement with the underwriters named in Schedule A annexed hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you are acting as representatives, with respect to the issue and sale by the Company to the Underwriters of \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022 (the "Firm Notes") of the Company. In addition, solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, the Company proposes to grant to the Underwriters the option to purchase from the Company up to an additional \$7,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes (the "Additional Notes"). The Firm Notes and the Additional Notes are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "Notes." The Notes are described in the Prospectus which is referred to below.

The Notes will be issued under an indenture dated as of June 16, 2014, as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, to be dated as of May 26, 2017 (collectively, the "Indenture") between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (the "Trustee"). The Notes will be issued to Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to a blanket letter of representations dated June 16, 2014 (the "DTC Agreement"), between the Company and DTC. The Notes will be convertible into shares (the "Underlying Securities") of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock").

The Company has prepared and filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) including a prospectus, relating to the Notes, and amendments thereto, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Act") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").

The registration statement, as amended, when it became effective for purposes of Section 11 of the Act, as such section applies to the respective Underwriters (the “Effective Time”) and any post-effective amendment thereto, including in each case all documents filed as a part thereof, and including any information contained in a Prospectus (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act or deemed to be part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430C under the Act is hereinafter referred to as the “Registration Statement.” The prospectus, in the form it was included in the Registration Statement at the time it was declared effective is hereinafter referred to as the “Base Prospectus.” The Base Prospectus, together with the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated May 22, 2017, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act, is hereinafter referred to as the “Preliminary Prospectus.” The Base Prospectus, together with the prospectus supplement to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 following execution of this Agreement, is hereinafter referred to as the “Prospectus.” The Preliminary Prospectus, together with the information included on Schedule B hereto in accordance with Rule 482 under the Act and filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act, is hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Disclosure Package.”

“Applicable Time,” as used herein, means 6:30 “P.M.,” New York City time, on May 23, 2017.

As used in this Agreement, “business day” shall mean each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close. The terms “herein,” “hereof,” “hereto,” “hereinafter” and similar terms, as used in this Agreement, shall in each case refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular section, paragraph, sentence or other subdivision of this Agreement. The term “or,” as used herein, is not exclusive.

The Company will prepare and file, in accordance with Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder (the “Exchange Act”), a registration statement (as amended, the “Exchange Act Registration Statement”) on Form 8-A under the Exchange Act to register the Notes, under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree as follows:

1. Sale and Purchase. Upon the basis of the representations and warranties and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell to the respective Underwriters and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company, the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule A attached hereto, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 10 hereof, in each case at a purchase price of 97.0% of the principal amount of the Firm Notes. The Company is advised by you that the Underwriters intend (i) to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Firm Notes as soon as in your judgment is advisable and (ii) initially to offer the Firm Notes upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus. You may from time to time increase or decrease the public offering price after the initial public offering to such extent as you may determine.

In addition, the Company hereby grants to the several Underwriters the option (the “Over-Allotment Option”) to purchase, and upon the basis of the representations and warranties and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, from the Company, ratably in accordance with the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes to be purchased by each of them, all or a portion of the Additional Notes as may be necessary to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Firm Notes, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by the Underwriters to the Company for the Firm Notes (without giving effect to any accrued interest from the closing date (as defined below) to the additional time of purchase (as defined below)). The Over-Allotment Option may be exercised by Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (“KBW” or the “Manager”) on behalf of the several Underwriters at any time and from time to time on or before the thirtieth day following the date of the Prospectus, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes as to which the Over-Allotment Option is being exercised and the date and time when the Additional Notes are to be delivered (any such date and time being herein referred to as an “additional time of purchase”); provided, however, that no additional time of purchase shall be earlier than the “time of purchase” (as defined below) nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the Over-Allotment Option shall have been exercised nor later than the tenth business day after the date on which the Over-Allotment Option shall have been exercised. The aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes to be sold to each Underwriter shall be the amount which bears the same proportion to the aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes being purchased as the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter on Schedule A hereto bears to the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes (subject, in each case, to such adjustment as the Manager may determine to eliminate fractional notes), subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 10 hereof.

2. Payment and Delivery. One or more certificates in definitive form for the Firm Notes that the Underwriters have agreed to purchase hereunder, and in such denomination or denominations and registered in such name or names as the Underwriters request upon notice to the Company at least 36 hours prior to the closing date of the Firm Notes, shall be delivered by or on behalf of the Company to the Underwriters, against payment by or on behalf of the Underwriters of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer (same day funds), to such account or accounts as the Company shall specify prior to the closing date of the Firm Notes, or by such means as the parties hereto shall agree prior to the closing date of the Firm Notes. Such delivery of and payment for the Firm Notes and deliveries of the documents described in Section 8 hereof with respect to the purchase of the Firm Notes, as the case may be, shall be made at the offices of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP at 601 Lexington Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, New York 10022, at 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on May 26, 2017 (the “closing date”), or at such other place, time or date as the Underwriters, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, may agree upon in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 hereof. The Company will make such certificate or certificates for the Firm Notes available for checking and packaging by the Underwriters at the offices of KBW in New York, New York, or at such other place as KBW may designate, at least 24 hours prior to the closing date of the Firm Notes. The time at which such payment and delivery are to be made is hereinafter sometimes called the “time of purchase.”

Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Notes and deliveries of the documents described in Section 8 hereof with respect to the purchase of the Notes shall be made at the additional time of purchase in the same manner and at the same office and time of day as the payment for the Firm Notes.

3. Representations and Warranties of the Capitala Entities. The Capitala Entities, jointly and not severally, represent and warrant to and agree with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) the Registration Statement has heretofore become effective under the Act or, with respect to any registration statement to be filed to register the offer and sale of Notes pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act, will be filed with the Commission and become effective under the Act no later than 10:00 P.M., New York City time, on the date of determination of the price to the public and the amount of Notes to be offered; no stop order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of the Preliminary Prospectus, or the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, has been issued, and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, are contemplated by the Commission;

(b) as of the Effective Time, the Registration Statement complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and did 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 not misleading; the conditions to the use of Form N-2 by the Company in connection with the offering and sale of the Notes as contemplated hereby have been satisfied; as of the Applicable Time, the Preliminary Prospectus complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Act (including, without limitation, Section 10(a) of the Act) and the Disclosure Package did not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; the Prospectus will comply, as of its date, the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, if any, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act (including, without limitation, Section 10(a) of the Act) and, as of the date the Prospectus is filed with the Commission, the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, if any, the Prospectus will not, as then amended or supplemented, include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Capitala Entities make no representation or warranty in this Section 3(b) with respect to any statement contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information concerning an Underwriter and furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus;

(c) prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Company has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold any Notes by means of any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act) or used any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act) in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes, in each case other than the Preliminary Prospectus; the Company has not, directly or indirectly, prepared, used or referred to any free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 405 under the Act; the Preliminary Prospectus is a prospectus that satisfies the requirements of Section 10 of the Act;

(d) as of the date of this Agreement, the Company qualifies as an emerging growth company ("EGC"), as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act;

(e) as of the date of this Agreement, the Company has an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the sections of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus entitled “Capitalization” and “Description of Our Capital Stock,” and, as of the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, as the case may be, the Company shall have an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the sections of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus entitled “Capitalization” and “Description of Our Capital Stock”; the capital stock of the Company conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all applicable securities laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right; and, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, none of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries (as defined below) has issued any debt securities or entered into any agreement or arrangement relating to the issuance of any debt securities;

(f) 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 full corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to execute and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture, the Notes, the DTC Agreement and the other agreements described herein, and to issue, sell and deliver the Notes as contemplated herein;

(g) each of the Company and its Subsidiaries (as defined below) is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation 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, either (i) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) result in the delisting of shares of the Company’s common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the “Common Stock”) from the Global Select Market tier of the NASDAQ Stock Market (the “NASDAQ”) or (iv) prevent the Notes from being accepted for listing on the Capital Market tier of NASDAQ (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) being herein referred to as a “Material Adverse Effect”);

(h) the Company owns all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership, a North Carolina limited partnership (“Fund II”), CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Fund III”), CapitalSouth Partners Florida Sidecar Fund I, L.P. (“Florida Sidecar Fund”), CapitalSouth Partners F-II, LLC (“Fund II GP”), CapitalSouth Partners SBIC F-III, LLC (“Fund III GP”) and CSP-Florida Mezzanine Fund I, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (“Florida Sidecar Fund GP”) and, together with Fund II, Fund III, Florida Sidecar Fund, Fund II GP and Fund III GP, the “Subsidiaries”); complete and correct copies of the charter documents of the Company and each Subsidiary and all amendments thereto have been delivered to you, and, except as may be set forth in the exhibits to the Registration Statement, no changes therein will be made on or after the date hereof through and including the time of purchase or, if later, any additional time of purchase; each Subsidiary has been duly formed and is validly existing as a limited partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, as applicable, with full corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; each Subsidiary is duly qualified to do business as a foreign limited partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, 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; all of the outstanding equity interests of each of the Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all applicable securities laws, were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right and are owned by the Company subject to no security interest, other encumbrance or adverse claims; and 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; except for the Subsidiaries and as set forth in the Prospectus under the caption “Portfolio Companies,” the Company has no subsidiaries (as defined in the Act);

(i) the Notes have been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor as provided herein, will be valid and legal obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject, as to enforcement, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, and will conform in all material respects to the description of the Notes contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; the offer and sale of the Notes as contemplated hereby has been duly approved by all necessary corporate or other action of the Company; and the issuance and sale of the Notes is not subject to any pre-emptive, co-sale right, rights of first refusal or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company or any other person;

(j) the Company has all the requisite corporate power and authority to issue the Underlying Securities issuable upon conversion of the Notes; the Underlying Securities have been duly and validly authorized by the Company and, when issued upon conversion of the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; the issuance of the Underlying Securities will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights; the Underlying Securities will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(k) the Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “Trust Indenture Act”);

(l) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Capitala Entities; the Indenture has been duly authorized and, at the time of purchase, will be executed and delivered by the Company, and when executed and delivered by the Trustee, will constitute a valid, binding and enforceable agreement of the Company, subject, as to enforcement, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally;

(m) none of the Company or any of its 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) (A) its charter, bylaws, certificate of formation, limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement, as the case may be, or (B) 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 it is a party or by which it or any of its properties may be bound or affected, or (C) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, or (D) any rule or regulation of any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of NASDAQ or the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE")), or (E) any decree, judgment or order applicable to it or any of its properties;

(n) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Notes and the DTC Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not 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, 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) (or result in the creation or imposition of a lien, charge or encumbrance on any property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary pursuant to) (A) charter, bylaws, certificate of formation, limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, as applicable, or (B) 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 (C) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, or (D) any rule or regulation of any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of NASDAQ or the NYSE), or (E) any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties;

(o) 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 any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, NASDAQ and the NYSE) is required in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby (including the issuance of the Underlying Securities upon conversion of the Notes), other than (i) registration of the Notes and the Underlying Securities under the Act, which has been effected (or, with respect to any registration statement to be filed hereunder pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act, will be effected in accordance herewith), (ii) any necessary qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of the various jurisdictions in which the Notes are being offered by the Underwriters or in relation to the Underlying Securities issuable upon conversion of the Notes, (iii) under the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), (iv) any listing applications and related consents or any notices required by NASDAQ in the ordinary course of the offering of the Notes or the listing of the Underlying Securities, or (v) filings with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act;

(p) except as described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus,

(i) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue or sell to it any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other equity interests of the Company, (ii) no person has any preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock of or other equity interests in the Company, (iii) no person has the right to act as an underwriter or as a financial advisor to the Company in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes and (iv) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to register under the Act any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock of or other equity interests in the Company or to include any such shares or interests in the Registration Statement or the offering contemplated thereby;

(q) each of the Company and the Subsidiaries has all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals and has made all

necessary filings required under any applicable law, regulation or rule, and has obtained all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, in order to conduct their respective businesses; neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries 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;

(r) there are no actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened or

contemplated to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers is or would be a party or of which any of their respective properties 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, or before or by any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, NASDAQ or the NYSE), except any such action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding which, if resolved adversely to the Company or any Subsidiary, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect;

(s) Ernst & Young LLP, whose report on the financial statements of the Company is included in the Registration Statement, the

Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, are independent registered public accountants as required by the Act and by the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;

(t) the consolidated financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related notes and schedules, present fairly the financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations, cash flows and changes in stockholders' equity of the Company for the periods specified and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved; all pro forma financial statements or data included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus comply with the requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act, and the assumptions used in the preparation of such pro forma financial statements and data are reasonable, the pro forma adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions or circumstances described therein and the pro forma adjustments have been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of those statements and data; the other financial data contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are accurately and fairly presented 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 in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not included as required; the Company does not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), not described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and all disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply with Regulation G of the Exchange Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Act, to the extent applicable;

(u) subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, in each case excluding any amendments or supplements to the foregoing made after the execution of this Agreement, there has not been (i) any material adverse change, or any development involving 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 that is material to the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (iii) any obligation or liability, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), incurred by the Company or any Subsidiary, that is material to the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (iv) any material change in the capital stock or in the outstanding indebtedness of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (v) any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made on the capital stock of the Company or any Subsidiary, in each case, other than as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(v) the Company and each of the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all property (real and personal, excluding for the purposes of this Section 3(v), Intellectual Property (as defined below)) described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as being owned by any of them, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or other encumbrances; all the property described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as being held under lease by the Company or a Subsidiary is held thereby under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases;

(w) each of the Company and the Subsidiaries owns or possesses all inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), tradenames, service names, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information (collectively, “Intellectual Property”) described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as being owned or licensed by it or which is necessary for the conduct of, or material to, its businesses, and the Company is unaware of any claim to the contrary or any challenge by any other person to the rights of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to Intellectual Property; except for matters which would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has infringed or is infringing the Intellectual Property of a third party, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received notice of a claim by a third party to the contrary;

(x) except as would not be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, all tax returns required to be filed by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries have been timely filed (within any applicable time limit extensions permitted by the relevant tax authority), 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 provided;

(y) the Company and each of the Subsidiaries maintain insurance covering their respective properties, operations, personnel and businesses as the Company reasonably deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Company and the Subsidiaries and their respective businesses; all such insurance is fully in force on the date hereof and will be fully in force at the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, if any; neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has reason to believe that it will not be able to (i) renew any such insurance as and when such insurance expires or (ii) obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted at a cost that would not result in any Material Adverse Effect; the Company’s fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 of the rules and regulations promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (collectively, the “1940 Act”), is subject to legal and valid binders and is in full force and effect; the Company is in compliance with the terms of such fidelity bond in all material respects; there are no claims by the Company under such fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause;

(z) neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has sent or received any communication regarding termination of, or intent not to renew, any of the agreements referred to or described in any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, or referred to or described in, or filed as an exhibit to, the Registration Statement, and no such termination or non-renewal has been threatened by the Company or any Subsidiary or, to the Company’s knowledge, any other party to any such contract or agreement;

(aa) the Company and each of the Subsidiaries maintain 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;

(bb) the Company has established and maintains “disclosure controls and procedures” (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 independent registered public accountants and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company have been advised of: (i) all significant deficiencies, if any, 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) all fraud, if any, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a role in the Company’s internal controls; all “significant deficiencies” and “material weaknesses” (as such terms are defined in Rule 1-02(a)(4) of Regulation S-X under the Act) of the Company, if any, have been identified to the Company’s independent registered public accountants and are disclosed in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus; since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls, 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; and the Company has taken all necessary actions to ensure that, upon and at all times after the filing of the Registration Statement, the Company and the Subsidiaries and their respective officers and directors, in their capacities as such, will be in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(cc) all statistical or market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company reasonably believes to be reliable and accurate;

(dd) none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or, to the best knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has (A) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (B) made or taken an act in furtherance of an offer, promise or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee from corporate funds; (C) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended (the “FCPA”), or any applicable non-U.S. anti-bribery statute or regulation; or (D) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment; to the knowledge of the Company, its affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith;

(ee) the operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, their respective controlled affiliates, are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency in each case, to the extent applicable to the Company, the Subsidiaries and their respective controlled affiliates (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"); and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator or non-governmental authority involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened; the Company and its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, their respective controlled affiliates, have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have instituted and maintain and reasonably expect to continue to maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws;

(ff) none of the Company, any of the Subsidiaries or any officer or director of either the Company or any Subsidiary, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, after due inquiry, any agent, employee, controlled affiliate or person acting on behalf of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is or has been (A) engaged in any services (including financial services), transfers of goods, software, or technology, or any other business activity related to (i) Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria or the Crimea region of Ukraine claimed by Russia ("Sanctioned Countries"), (ii) the government of any Sanctioned Country, (iii) any person, entity or organization located in, resident in, formed under the laws of, or owned or controlled by the government of, any Sanctioned Country, or (iv) any person, entity or organization made subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government, including, without limitation, the list of Specially Designated Nationals ("SDN List") of the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("OFAC"), or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions") and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, or any joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of or business with any person, or in any country or territory, that currently is the subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC; (B) engaged in any transfers of goods, technologies or services (including financial services) that may assist the governments of Sanctioned Countries or facilitate money laundering or other activities proscribed by U.S. laws, rules or regulations; (C) is a person, entity or organization currently the subject of any Sanctions; or (D) located, organized or resident in any Sanctioned Country;

(gg) no Subsidiary is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such Subsidiary's capital stock, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such Subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such Subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other Subsidiary of the Company, except as described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus;

(hh) 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;

(ii) neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor, to their knowledge, any of their respective directors or 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 the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes;

(jj) to the Company's knowledge, there are no affiliations or associations between (i) any member of FINRA and (ii) the Company or any of the Company's officers, directors or 5% or greater security holders or any beneficial owner of the Company's unregistered equity securities that were acquired at any time on or after the 180th day immediately preceding the date the Registration Statement was initially filed with the Commission, except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (other than with respect to Mr. Larry Carroll);

(kk) Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries have duly authorized, executed and delivered agreements required to make the investments described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Portfolio Companies" (each a "Portfolio Company Agreement"). Except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, to the knowledge of the Company, each of the Portfolio Companies is current in all material respects with all of its obligations under the applicable Portfolio Company Agreement, and no event of default (or a default which with the giving of notice or the passage of time would become an event of default) has occurred under such agreements, except to the extent that any such failure to be current in its obligations and any such default would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(ll) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, no person is serving or acting as an investment adviser, officer or director of any of the Capitala Entities or the Subsidiaries except in accordance with the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no director of any of the Capitala Entities or the Subsidiaries is (i) an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any of the Capitala Entities or the Subsidiaries or (ii) an "affiliated person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any Underwriter. For purposes of this Section 3(ll), the Capitala Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely on representations from such officers and directors;

(mm) Each of the Company, Fund II and Fund III has filed with the Commission a Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the 1940 Act on Form N-54A (a “BDC Election”) (File Nos. 814-01022, 814-01021 and 814-01023, respectively) pursuant to which the Company, Fund II and Fund III each elected to be regulated as a business development company (“BDC”) under the 1940 Act. At the time each of the Company’s, Fund II’s and Fund III’s BDC Election was filed with the Commission, each (i) contained all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied in all material respects with the requirements of, the 1940 Act and (ii) did not include any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. None of the Company, Fund II or Fund III has filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of a BDC Election pursuant to Section 54(c) of the 1940 Act, each BDC Election remains in full force and effect, and, to Company’s, Fund II’s and Fund III’s knowledge, as applicable, no order of suspension or revocation of a BDC Election under the 1940 Act has been issued or proceedings therefore initiated or threatened by the Commission. The operations of the Company, Fund II and Fund III are in compliance in all material respects with the provisions of the 1940 Act, including the provisions applicable to BDCs;

(nn) The Company has entered into or adopted (i) a Custody Agreement with U.S. Bank National Association that complies with Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act, (ii) a Transfer Agency and Registrar Services Agreement with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, which, among other matters, will implement the Company’s dividend reinvestment plan, (iii) an Investment Advisory Agreement, dated September 24, 2013 (the “Investment Advisory Agreement”) with the Advisor and (iv) an Administration Agreement, dated September 24, 2013 (the “Administration Agreement”) with the Administrator (all such agreements being herein referred to collectively as the “Material Agreements”). Each Material Agreement is in full force and effect and no notice of default or violation have been received by the Company. Each Material Agreement required to be described in the Disclosure Package and Prospectus has been accurately and fully described in all material respects. Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has sent or received notice of, or otherwise communicated or received communication with respect to, termination of any Material Agreement, nor has any such termination been threatened by any person;

(oo) Each of Fund II and Fund III is licensed to operate as a Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”) by the United States Small Business Administration (the “SBA”). Each of Fund II’s and Fund III’s SBIC license is in good standing with the SBA and no adverse regulatory findings contained in any examinations reports prepared by the SBA regarding either Fund II or Fund III are outstanding or unresolved. The method of operation of each of Fund II and Fund III will permit it to continue to meet the requirements for qualification as an SBIC;

(pp) Each of Fund II and Fund III is eligible to sell securities guaranteed by the SBA. Neither Fund II nor Fund III is in default under the terms of any debenture that it has issued to the SBA for guaranty by the SBA or under any other material monetary obligation.

In addition, any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries and delivered to any Underwriter or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Notes shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Capitala Entities, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

4. Representations and Warranties of the Advisor. The Advisor represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) With respect to the Advisor, except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to (w) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Advisor, (x) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (y) result in the delisting of shares of Common Stock from NASDAQ or (z) prevent the Notes from being listed on NASDAQ (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (w), (x), (y) and (z) being herein referred to as an “Advisor Material Adverse Effect”) and (ii) the Advisor has not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, not in the ordinary course of business or entered into any material transaction or agreement not in the ordinary course of business;

(b) The Advisor is a limited liability company that is duly formed and validly existing as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of Delaware and is duly qualified as a foreign limited liability company to transact business, and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required whether by reason of ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(c) The Advisor is not in violation of or default under: (i) its certificate of formation or other organizational documents; (ii) any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other instrument; or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over it or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) herein, for such violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(d) The Advisor’s execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the organizational documents of the Advisor, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Advisor pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any existing instrument, except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Advisor Material Adverse Effect and (iii) will not result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Advisor. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency, is required for the Advisor’s execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package, except such as have already been obtained or made under the Act and the 1940 Act and such as may be required under any applicable state securities or blue sky laws or from FINRA;

(e) The Advisor possesses such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct its business, and the Advisor has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could reasonably be expected to result in an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(f) There is no legal suit, proceeding or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Advisor, threatened, against the Advisor, which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package (other than as disclosed therein), or which might reasonably be expected to result in an Advisor Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, or the performance by the Advisor of its obligations hereunder or under the Investment Advisory Agreement. The aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which either the Advisor is a party or of which any of its property or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not reasonably be expected to have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(g) The description of the Advisor and its business, and the statements attributable to the Advisor, in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus complied and comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Act, the 1940 Act and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act") and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(h) The Advisor is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the 1940 Act from acting under the Investment Advisory Agreement as an investment advisor for the Company as contemplated by the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package;

(i) The Advisor maintains insurance covering its properties, operations, personnel and business as it deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Advisor and its business;

(j) The Advisor has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might be reasonably expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes;

(k) Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Advisor has no material lending or other relationship with a bank or lending institution affiliated with any of the Underwriters;

(l) The Advisor has the financial and other resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, this Agreement and the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Advisor owns, leases or has access to all properties and other assets that are necessary to the conduct of its business and to perform the services, as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and

(m) The Advisor is not aware that (i) any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Advisor plans to terminate employment with the Advisor or (ii) any such executive or key employee is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Advisor, except where such termination or violation would not reasonably be expected to have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect.

5. Representations and Warranties of the Administrator. The Administrator represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) With respect to the Administrator, except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to (w) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Administrator, (x) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or (y) result in the delisting of shares of Common Stock from NASDAQ or (z) prevent the Notes from being listed on NASDAQ (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (w), (x), (y) and (z) being herein referred to as an “Administrator Material Adverse Effect”); and (ii) the Administrator has not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, not in the ordinary course of business or entered into any material transaction or agreement not in the ordinary course of business;

(b) The Administrator is a corporation that is duly incorporated and validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the state of North Carolina and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business, and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required whether by reason of ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(c) The Administrator is not in violation of or default under: (i) its certificate of incorporation or other organizational documents; (ii) any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other instrument; or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over it or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) herein, for such violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(d) The Administrator's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the organizational documents of the Administrator, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Administrator pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any existing instrument, except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Administrator Material Adverse Effect and (iii) will not result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Administrator. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency, is required for the Administrator's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package, except such as have already been obtained or made under the Act and the 1940 Act and such as may be required under any applicable state securities or blue sky laws or from FINRA;

(e) The Administrator possesses such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct its business, and the Administrator has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could reasonably be expected to result in an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(f) There is no legal suit, proceeding or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Administrator, threatened, against the Administrator, which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package (other than as disclosed therein), or which might reasonably be expected to result in an Administrator Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, or the performance by the Administrator of its obligations hereunder or under the Administration Agreement. The aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which either the Administrator is a party or of which any of its property or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not reasonably be expected to have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(g) The description of the Administrator and its business, and the statements attributable to the Administrator, in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus complied and comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Act and the 1940 Act and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(h) The Administrator is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the 1940 Act from acting under the Administration Agreement for the Company as contemplated by the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package;

(i) The Administrator maintains insurance covering its properties, operations, personnel and business as it deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Administrator and its business;

(j) The Administrator has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might be reasonably expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes;

(k) Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Administrator has no material lending or other relationship with a bank or lending institution affiliated with any of the Underwriters;

(l) The Administrator has the financial and other resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, this Agreement and the Administration Agreement and the Administrator owns, leases or has access to all properties and other assets that are necessary to the conduct of its business and to perform the services, as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and

(m) The Administrator is not aware that (i) any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Administrator plans to terminate employment with the Administrator or (ii) any such executive or key employee is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Administrator, except where such termination or violation would not reasonably be expected to have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect.

6. Certain Covenants of the Capitala Entities. The Capital Entities agree:

(a) to furnish such information as may be required and otherwise to cooperate in qualifying the Notes for offering and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such states or other jurisdictions as you may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as you may request for the distribution of the Notes; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to consent to the service of process under the laws of any such jurisdiction (except service of process with respect to the offering and sale of the Notes); and to promptly advise you of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Notes for offer or sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose;

(b) to make available to the Underwriters in New York City, as soon as practicable after this Agreement becomes effective, and thereafter from time to time to furnish to the Underwriters, as many copies of the Prospectus (or of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have made any amendments or supplements thereto after the effective date of the Registration Statement) as the Underwriters may request for the purposes contemplated by the Act; in case any Underwriter is required to deliver, in connection with the sale of the Notes, a prospectus after the nine-month period referred to in Section 10(a)(3) of the Act, the Company will prepare, at its expense, promptly upon request such amendment or amendments to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as may be necessary to permit compliance with the requirements of Section 10(a)(3) of the Act;

(c) if, at the time this Agreement is executed and delivered, it is necessary or appropriate for a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, or a Registration Statement under Rule 462(b) under the Act, to be filed with the Commission and become effective before the Notes may be sold, the Company will use its best efforts to cause such post-effective amendment or such Registration Statement to be filed and become effective, and will pay any applicable fees in accordance with the Act, as soon as possible; and the Company will advise you promptly and, if requested by you, will confirm such advice in writing, (i) when such post-effective amendment or such Registration Statement has become effective, and (ii) if Rule 430C under the Act is used, when the Prospectus is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act (which the Company agrees to file in a timely manner in accordance with such Rules);

(d) If by the third anniversary (the “Renewal Deadline”) of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement, any of the Notes remain unsold by the Underwriters, the Company will file, if it has not already done so and is eligible to do so, a new shelf registration statement relating to the Notes, in a form satisfactory to the Manager and will use its best efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 180 days after the Renewal Deadline. The Company will take all other reasonable action necessary or appropriate to permit the public offering and sale of the Notes to continue as contemplated in the expired registration statement relating to the Notes;

(e) for so long as a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered to notify you immediately upon an event that causes the Company to no longer qualify as an EGC;

(f) to advise you promptly, confirming such advice in writing, of any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Exchange Act Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or for additional information with respect thereto, or of notice of institution of proceedings for, or the entry of a stop order, suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and, if the Commission should enter a stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, to use its best efforts to obtain the lifting or removal of such order as soon as possible; to advise you promptly of any proposal to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or the Exchange Act Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, and to provide you and Underwriters’ counsel copies of any such documents for review and comment a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing and to file no such amendment or supplement to which you shall have objected as soon as reasonably practicable in writing;

(g) subject to Section 6(f) hereof, to file promptly all reports and documents and any preliminary or definitive proxy or information statement required to be filed by the Company with the Commission in order to comply with the Exchange Act for so long as a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered in connection with any sale of Notes;

(h) to advise the Underwriters promptly of the happening of any event within the period during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered in connection with any sale of Notes, which event could require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, and to advise the Underwriters promptly if, during such period, it shall become necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to cause the Prospectus to comply with the requirements of the Act, and, in each case, during such time, subject to Section 6(f) hereof, to prepare and furnish, at the Company's expense, to the Underwriters promptly such amendments or supplements to such Prospectus as may be necessary to reflect any such change or to effect such compliance;

(i) to make generally available (within the meaning of Rule 158 under the Act) to its security holders, and, if not available on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR"), to deliver to you, an earnings statement of the Company and the Subsidiaries (which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act) covering a period of twelve months beginning after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Act) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the termination of such twelve-month period but in any case not later than the date determined in accordance with the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158(c) thereunder;

(j) if requested by you, to furnish to you two copies of the Registration Statement, as initially filed with the Commission, and of all amendments thereto (including all exhibits thereto) and sufficient copies of the foregoing (other than exhibits) for distribution of a copy to each of the other Underwriters, which obligation may be satisfied by delivery of a .pdf file unless otherwise requested by the Manager;

(k) if requested by you, to furnish to you as early as practicable prior to the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, as the case may be, but not later than two business days prior thereto, a copy of the latest available unaudited interim and monthly consolidated financial statements, if any, of the Company, provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to furnish any materials pursuant to this clause if such materials are available via EDGAR;

(l) to reserve and keep available at all times, free of preemptive rights, shares of Common Stock for the purpose of enabling the Company to satisfy all obligations to issue the Underlying Securities upon conversion of the Notes;

(m) to apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes in the manner set forth under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus;

(n) to pay all costs, expenses, fees and taxes in connection with (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, and the printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (ii) the registration, issue, sale and delivery of the Notes and the Underlying Securities including any transfer taxes and stamp or similar duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Notes to the Underwriters, (iii) the producing, word processing and/or printing of this Agreement, any dealer agreements, any Powers of Attorney and any closing documents (including compilations thereof) and the reproduction and/or printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and (except closing documents) to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (iv) the qualification of the Notes for offering and sale under state or foreign laws and the determination of their eligibility for investment under state or foreign law (including the reasonable legal fees and filing fees and other disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters relating thereto) and the printing and furnishing of copies of any blue sky surveys or legal investment surveys to the Underwriters and to dealers, (v) any filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with, any required reviews by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Notes; (vi) any listing of the Notes or Underlying Securities on any securities exchange, the qualification of the Notes for quotation on NASDAQ and qualification of the Underlying Securities for quotation on NASDAQ; and in each case any registration thereof under the Exchange Act, (vii) the fees and disbursements of any trustee for the Notes, (viii) the cost of preparing stock certificates, if applicable, in connection with the issuance and sale of any Underlying Securities; (ix) the costs and charges of any transfer agent and any registrar in connection with the issuance and sale of any Underlying Securities; (x) the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by officers of the Company relating to presentations or meetings undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering and sale of the Notes to prospective investors and the Underwriters' sales forces, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged directly by the Company in connection with the road show presentations, travel, lodging and other expenses incurred by the officers of the Company and any such consultants; (xi) the costs and expenses of qualifying the Notes for inclusion in the book-entry settlement system of the DTC; (xii) the preparation and filing of the Exchange Act Registration Statement, including any amendments thereto; and (xiii) the performance of the Company's other obligations hereunder;

(o) during a period of 90 days from the date of this Agreement (the "Lock-Up Period"), the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Manager, directly or indirectly (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, hypothecate, establish an open "put equivalent position" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) of the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, or file any registration statement under the Act with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock or such other securities, whether any such swap, hedge or transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of any shares of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (A) the Notes to be sold hereunder, or (B) the issuance of the Underlying Securities upon conversion of the Notes;

(p) to comply with the Act, the Exchange Act and the Trust Indenture Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Notes as contemplated in this Agreement and the Prospectus; if during the period in which a prospectus (or, in lieu thereof, the notice referred to under Rule 173(a) under the Act) is required by law to be delivered by an Underwriter or dealer, any event shall occur as a result of which, in the judgment of the Company or in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriters, it becomes necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at the time the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or, if it is necessary at any time to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with any law, the Company promptly will either (i) prepare and file with the Commission an appropriate amendment to the Registration Statement or supplement to the Prospectus or (ii) prepare and file with the Commission an appropriate filing under the Exchange Act which shall be incorporated by reference in the Prospectus so that the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when it is so delivered, be misleading, or so that the Prospectus will comply with the law.

(q) until the closing of the purchase of the Firm Notes, to provide you with reasonable advance notice of and opportunity to comment on any press release or other communication directly or indirectly and hold no press conferences with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary, the financial condition, results of operations, business, properties, assets, or liabilities of the Company or any Subsidiary, or the offering of the Notes, and to issue no such press release or communications or hold such press conference without your prior consent;

(r) not, at any time at or after the execution of this Agreement, to, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Notes by means of any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act), or use any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act) in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes, in each case other than the Prospectus;

(s) not to, and to cause the Subsidiaries not to, take, directly or indirectly, any action designed, or which will constitute, or has constituted, or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes;

(t) to use its best efforts to cause the Common Stock to remain listed for quotation on NASDAQ;

(u) to use its best efforts to cause the Notes to be listed for quotation on NASDAQ and to maintain such listing for quotation on NASDAQ within 30 days of delivery of the Notes pursuant to this Agreement and to file the Exchange Act Registration Statement and to use its best efforts to cause it to become effective as provided in Section 12 of the Exchange Act;

(v) to use its best efforts to list for quotation, subject to notice of issuance, shares of the Underlying Securities on NASDAQ.

(w) to use its best efforts to cause each of Fund II and Fund III to continue to comply with the requirements for qualification as an SBIC and to meet its obligations as an SBIC licensed by the SBA.

7. Reimbursement of the Underwriters' Expenses. If, after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Notes are not delivered for any reason other than the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) or the fifth paragraph of Section 10(d) hereof or the default by one or more of the Underwriters in its or their respective obligations hereunder, the Company shall, in addition to paying the amounts described in Section 6(n) hereof, reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of their counsel.

8. Conditions of the Underwriters' Obligations. The several obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Capitala Entities on the date hereof, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the performance by the Capitala Entities of their obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) The Company shall furnish to you at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, an opinion of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, counsel for the Company, addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, with executed copies for each Underwriter, and in form and substance satisfactory to the Manager, in the form set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

(b) The Company shall furnish to you at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, an opinion of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. counsel for the Company, addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, with executed copies for each Underwriter, and in form and substance satisfactory to the Manager, in the form set forth in Exhibit B hereto.

(c) You shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP letters dated, respectively, the date of this Agreement, the date of the Prospectus, the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, and addressed to the Underwriters (with executed copies for each Underwriter) in the forms satisfactory to the Manager, which letters shall cover, without limitation, various financial disclosures relating to the Company contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(d) You shall have received at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the favorable opinion of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer US LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Manager.

(e) No Prospectus or amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall have been filed to which you shall have objected in writing.

(f) The Registration Statement, and the Exchange Act Registration Statement and any registration statement required to be filed, prior to the sale of the Notes, under the Act pursuant to Rule 462(b) shall have been filed and shall have become effective under the Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be. If Rule 430C under the Act is used, the Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act at or before 5:30 P.M., New York City time, on the second full business day after the date of this Agreement (or such earlier time as may be required under the Act).

(g) Prior to and at the time of purchase, and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, (i) no stop order with respect to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Act or proceedings initiated under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Act; (ii) the Registration Statement and all amendments thereto shall 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 not misleading; (iii) neither the Preliminary Prospectus nor the Prospectus, and no amendment or supplement thereto, shall include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; and (iv) no Disclosure Package, and no amendment or supplement thereto, shall include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(h) Each of the Capitala Entities will, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, deliver to you a certificate of its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, in the form attached as Exhibit C hereto.

(i) The Company shall have furnished to you such other documents and certificates as to the accuracy and completeness of any statement in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, as you may reasonably request.

(j) FINRA shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness or reasonableness of the underwriting, or other arrangements of the transactions, contemplated hereby.

(k) At the time of the purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, the Company shall have applied to list the Notes on NASDAQ.

(l) On or prior to the time of purchase, the Company and the Trustee shall have executed and delivered the Indenture and the Notes.

(m) The “lock-up” agreements, each substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, from all the officers and directors of the Company listed in Schedule C and from the Advisor, relating to sales and certain other dispositions of shares of common stock or certain other securities, delivered to you on or before the date hereof, shall be in full force and effect as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase.

(n) Subsequent to the earlier of (A) the Applicable Time and (B) the execution and delivery of this Agreement, if there are any debt securities or preferred stock of, or guaranteed, by, the Company or any of its subsidiaries that are rated by a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization,” as such term is defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act, (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded any such debt securities or preferred stock and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, or has changed its outlook with respect to, its rating of any such debt securities or preferred stock (other than an announcement with positive implications of a possible upgrading).

(o) On or prior to time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, the Company shall have furnished to the Manager such further certificates and documents as the Manager may reasonably request.

9. Effective Date of Agreement; Termination. This Agreement shall become effective when the parties hereto have executed and delivered this Agreement.

(a) The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Manager, if (1) since the time of execution of this Agreement or the earlier respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus there has been any change or any development involving a prospective change in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, the effect of which change or development is, in the judgment of the Manager, so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Notes on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or (2) since the time of execution of this Agreement, there shall have occurred: (A) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the NYSE, NYSE MKT LLC or NASDAQ; (B) a suspension or material limitation in trading in the Company's securities on NASDAQ or the NYSE; (C) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States; (D) an outbreak or escalation of hostilities or acts of terrorism involving the United States or a declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war; or (E) any other calamity or crisis or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (D) or (E), in the judgment of the Manager, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Notes on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(b) If the Manager elects to terminate this Agreement as provided in this Section 9, the Capital Entities and each other Underwriter shall be notified promptly in writing.

(c) If the sale to the Underwriters of the Notes, as contemplated by this Agreement, is not carried out by the Underwriters for any reason permitted under this Agreement, or if such sale is not carried out because the Capital Entities shall be unable to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall not be under any obligation or liability under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Sections 6(n), 7 and 11 hereof), and the Underwriters shall be under no obligation or liability to the Company under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Section 11 hereof) or to one another hereunder.

10. Increase in Underwriters' Commitments. Subject to Sections 8 and 9 hereof, if any Underwriter shall default in its obligation to take up and pay for the Firm Notes to be purchased by it hereunder (otherwise than for a failure of a condition set forth in Section 8 hereof or a reason sufficient to justify the termination of this Agreement under the provisions of Section 9 hereof) and if the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes which all Underwriters so defaulting shall have agreed but failed to take up and pay for does not exceed 10% of the total aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes, the non-defaulting Underwriters (including the Underwriters, if any, substituted in the manner set forth below) shall take up and pay for (in addition to the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes they are obligated to purchase pursuant to Section 1 hereof) the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes agreed to be purchased by all such defaulting Underwriters, as hereinafter provided. Such aggregate principal amount of Notes shall be taken up and paid for by such non-defaulting Underwriters in such amount or amounts as you may designate with the consent of each Underwriter so designated or, in the event no such designation is made, such aggregate principal amount of Notes shall be taken up and paid for by all non-defaulting Underwriters pro rata in proportion to the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes set forth opposite the names of such non-defaulting Underwriters in Schedule A.

(a) Without relieving any defaulting Underwriter from its obligations hereunder, the Company agrees with the non-defaulting Underwriters that it will not sell any Firm Notes hereunder unless all of the Firm Notes are purchased by the Underwriters (or by substituted Underwriters selected by you with the approval of the Company or selected by the Company with your approval).

(b) If a new Underwriter or Underwriters are substituted by the Underwriters or by the Company for a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters in accordance with the foregoing provision, the Company or you shall have the right to postpone the time of purchase for a period not exceeding five business days in order that any necessary changes in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and other documents may be effected.

(c) The term "Underwriter" as used in this Agreement shall refer to and include any Underwriter substituted under this Section 10 with like effect as if such substituted Underwriter had originally been named in Schedule A hereto.

(d) If the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed to purchase exceeds 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Firm Notes which all Underwriters agreed to purchase hereunder, and if neither the non-defaulting Underwriters nor the Company shall make arrangements within the five business day period stated above for the purchase of all the Firm Notes which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed to purchase hereunder, this Agreement shall terminate without further act or deed and without any liability on the part of the Company to any Underwriter and without any liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter to the Company. Nothing in this paragraph, and no action taken hereunder, shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

11. Indemnity and Contribution.

(a) The Capitala Entities jointly and not severally agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each Underwriter, its partners, directors, officers and members, selling agents, any person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and any “affiliate” (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Act) of such Underwriter, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of investigation) which, jointly or severally, any such Underwriter or any such person may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or in the Registration Statement as amended by any post-effective amendment thereof by the Company) or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as any such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, the Registration Statement or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in the Registration Statement in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was required to be stated in such Registration Statement or was necessary to make such information not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any Prospectus (the term Prospectus for the purpose of this Section 11 being deemed to include the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements to the foregoing), or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except, with respect to such Prospectus, insofar as any such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, such Prospectus, or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in such Prospectus in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was necessary in order to make the statements in such information, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and will reimburse each “indemnified party” (defined below) for any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending against any loss, damage, expense, liability, claim, action, litigation, investigation or proceeding whatsoever (whether or not such indemnified party is a party thereto), whether threatened or commenced, and in connection with the enforcement of this provision with respect to the above as such fees and expenses are incurred.

(b) Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Capitala Entities, their directors and officers, and any person who controls the Capitala Entities within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, any “affiliate” (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Act) of each of the Capitala Entities, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of investigation) which, jointly or severally, the Capitala Entities or any such person may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, the Registration Statement (or in the Registration Statement as amended by any post-effective amendment thereof by the Company), or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in such Registration Statement in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was required to be stated in such Registration Statement or was necessary to make such information not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, a Prospectus, or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in such Prospectus in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was necessary in order to make the statements in such information, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(c) If any action, suit or proceeding (each, a “Proceeding”) is brought against a person (an “indemnified party”) in respect of which indemnity may be sought against any Capitala Entity or an Underwriter (as applicable, the “indemnifying party”) pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), respectively, of this Section 11, such indemnified party shall promptly notify such indemnifying party in writing of the institution of such Proceeding and such indemnifying party shall assume the defense of such Proceeding, including the retention of counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, and pay all legal or other fees and expenses related to such Proceeding or incurred in connection with such indemnified party’s enforcement of subsection (a) or (b) of this Section 11; provided, however, that the omission to so notify such indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability that such indemnifying party may have to any indemnified party or otherwise (except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced by such omission). The indemnified party or parties shall have the right to retain its or their own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party or parties unless (i) the retention of such counsel shall have been authorized in writing by the indemnifying party in connection with the defense of such Proceeding, (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have, within a reasonable period of time in light of the circumstances, retained counsel to defend such Proceeding or (iii) such indemnified party or parties shall have reasonably concluded that there may be defenses available to it or them that are different from, additional to or in conflict with those available to such indemnifying party (in which case such indemnifying party shall not have the right to direct the defense of such Proceeding on behalf of the indemnified party or parties), in any of which events such fees and expenses shall be borne by such indemnifying party and paid as incurred (it being understood, however, that such indemnifying party shall not be liable for the fees or expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to any local counsel) in any one Proceeding or series of related Proceedings in the same jurisdiction representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such Proceeding). The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent but, if settled with its written consent, such indemnifying party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the indemnified party or parties from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second sentence of this Section 11(c), then the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 60 business days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have fully reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement and (iii) such indemnified party shall have given the indemnifying party at least 30 days’ prior notice of its intention to settle. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened Proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such Proceeding and does not include an admission of fault or culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of such indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 11 is unavailable to an indemnified party under subsections (a) and (b) of this Section 11 or insufficient to hold an indemnified party harmless in respect of any losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims referred to therein, then each applicable indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Capitala Entities on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Notes or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Capitala Entities on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Capitala Entities on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total proceeds from the offering (net of underwriting discounts and commissions but before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, bear to the aggregate public offering price of the Notes. The relative fault of the Capitala Entities on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, damages, expenses, liabilities and claims referred to in this subsection shall be deemed to include any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating, preparing to defend or defending any Proceeding.

(e) The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 11 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in subsection 11(d) above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 11, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Notes underwritten by such Underwriter and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damage which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. 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. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 11 are several in proportion to their respective underwriting commitments and not joint.

(f) The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 11 and the covenants, warranties and representations of the Capitala Entities contained in this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, its partners, directors, officers or members or any person (including each partner, officer, director or member of such person) who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, or by or on behalf of the Company, its directors or officers or any person who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and shall survive any termination of this Agreement or the issuance and delivery of the Notes. The Capitala Entities and each Underwriter agree promptly to notify each other of the commencement of any Proceeding against it and, in the case of the Capitala Entities, against any of the Capitala Entities' officers or directors in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes, or in connection with the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus.

12. Information Furnished by the Underwriters. The statements set forth under the sub-heading "Underwriters' Option to Purchase Additional Notes," the first paragraph under the sub-heading "Offering Price" and the sub-heading "Price Stabilization and Short Positions" under the caption "Underwriting" in the Prospectus, only insofar as such statements relate to the amount of selling concession and reallowance or to over-allotment and stabilization activities that may be undertaken by the Underwriters, constitute the only information furnished by or on behalf of the Underwriters, as such information is referred to in Sections 3(b) and 11(a) hereof.

13. Notices. Except as otherwise herein provided, all statements, requests, notices and agreements shall be in writing or by telegram or facsimile and, if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. at 787 Seventh Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10019, attention of Brian Heller, Associate General Counsel, e-mail: bheller@kbw.com; and if to the Capitala Entities, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to the Company at the offices of the Company at 4201 Congress St., Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209 (facsimile: (704) 376-5877), Attention: Joseph B. Alala, III, Chief Executive Officer and President, with a copy to Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, 700 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, District of Columbia 20001, Attention: Steven B. Boehm (fax: (202) 637-3593).

14. Governing Law; Construction. This Agreement and any claim, counterclaim or dispute of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement ("Claim"), directly or indirectly, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts formed and to be performed entirely within the state of New York without regard to the conflicts of law principles thereof to the extent such principals would require or permit the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. The section headings in this Agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience of reference and are not a part of this Agreement.

15. Submission to Jurisdiction. Except as set forth below, no Claim may be commenced, prosecuted or continued in any court other than the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which courts shall have jurisdiction over the adjudication of such matters, and the Capitala Entities each consent to the jurisdiction of such courts and personal service with respect thereto. The Capitala Entities each hereby consent to personal jurisdiction, service and venue in any court in which any Claim arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement is brought by any third party against any Underwriter or any indemnified party. Each Underwriter and each Capitala Entity (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) waive all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based upon contract, tort or otherwise) in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Capitala Entities each agree that a final judgment in any such action, proceeding or counterclaim brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon such Capitala Entity and may be enforced in any other courts to the jurisdiction of which such Capitala Entity is or may be subject, by suit upon such judgment.

16. Parties at Interest. The Agreement herein set forth has been and is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriters and the Capitala Entities and to the extent provided in Section 11 hereof the controlling persons, partners, directors, officers, members and affiliates referred to in such Section, and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, personal representatives and executors and administrators. No other person, partnership, association or corporation (including a purchaser, as such purchaser, from any of the Underwriters) shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement.

17. No Fiduciary Relationship. The Capitala Entities hereby acknowledge that the Underwriters are acting solely as underwriters in connection with the purchase and sale of the Company's securities. The Capitala Entities further acknowledge that the Underwriters are acting pursuant to a contractual relationship created solely by this Agreement entered into on an arm's length basis, and in no event do the parties intend that the Underwriters act or be responsible as a fiduciary to any of the Capitala Entities, their management, stockholders or creditors or any other person in connection with any activity that the Underwriters may undertake or have undertaken in furtherance of the purchase and sale of the Company's securities, either before or after the date hereof. The Underwriters hereby expressly disclaim any fiduciary or similar obligations to the Capitala Entities, either in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any matters leading up to such transactions, and the Capitala Entities hereby confirm their understanding and agreement to that effect. The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree that they are each responsible for making their own independent judgments with respect to any such transactions and that any opinions or views expressed by the Underwriters to the Company regarding such transactions, including, but not limited to, any opinions or views with respect to the price or market for the Company's securities, do not constitute advice or recommendations to the Company. The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree that the Underwriters are acting as principal and not the agent or fiduciary of the Company and no Underwriter has assumed, and none of them will assume, any advisory responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters). The Capitala Entities hereby waive and release, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Capitala Entities may have against the Underwriters with respect to any breach or alleged breach of any fiduciary, advisory or similar duty to the Capitala Entities in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any matters leading up to such transactions.

18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed by the parties in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same agreement among the parties.

19. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Underwriters, the Capitala Entities and their successors and assigns and any successor or assign of any substantial portion of the Capitala Entities' and any of the Underwriters' respective businesses and/or assets.

20. Patriot Act. The Company acknowledges that, in accordance with the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

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If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between the Capitala Entities and the several Underwriters, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this Agreement and your acceptance shall constitute a binding agreement between the Capitala Entities and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III
Name: Joseph B. Alala, III
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

CAPITALA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III
Name: Joseph B. Alala, III
Title: Manager

CAPITALA ADVISORS CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III
Name: Joseph B. Alala, III
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written, on behalf of themselves and the other several Underwriters named in Schedule A

KEEFE, BRUYETTE & WOODS, INC.

By: /s/ Allen G. Laufenberg
Name: Allen G. Laufenberg
Title: Managing Director

SCHEDULE A

Underwriter	Aggregate Principal Amount of Firm Notes
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	\$ 39,000,000
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC	\$ 6,250,000
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	\$ 3,750,000
Seaport Global Securities LLC	\$ 1,000,000
Total	<u>\$ 50,000,000</u>

SCHEDULE B

**Filed Pursuant to Rule 497(a)
File No. 333-204582
Rule 482ad**

**Capitala Finance Corp.
\$50,000,000
5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022**

**PRICING TERM SHEET
May 23, 2017**

The following sets forth the final terms of the 5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022 and should only be read together with the preliminary prospectus supplement dated May 22, 2017, together with the accompanying prospectus dated May 1, 2017, relating to these securities (the "Preliminary Prospectus"), and supersedes the information in the Preliminary Prospectus to the extent inconsistent with the information in the Preliminary Prospectus. In all other respects, this pricing term sheet is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Preliminary Prospectus. Terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings as set forth in the Preliminary Prospectus. All references to dollar amounts are references to U.S. dollars.

Issuer	Capitala Finance Corp. (the "Company")
Security	5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022 (the "Notes")
Aggregate Principal Amount Offered	\$50,000,000
Over-allotment option	\$7,500,000
Net Proceeds	\$48.2 million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company.
Maturity	May 31, 2022, unless earlier repurchased or converted
Interest Rate	5.75% per year
Interest Payment Dates	Quarterly in arrears on February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30, commencing on August 31, 2017
Denomination	\$25.00 and integral multiples thereof
Price at Issuance	100%
Price to Underwriters	97%
The NASDAQ Global Select Market Symbol of the Company's Common Stock	CPTA
NASDAQ Global Select Market Closing Price of the Company's Common Stock on May 23, 2017	\$13.78

Conversion Premium	Approximately 14% above the NASDAQ Global Select Market Closing Price of the Company common stock on May 23, 2017
Initial Conversion Price	Approximately \$15.71 per share of the Company's common stock
Initial Conversion Rate	1.5913 shares of Company common stock per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes
Trade Date	May 23, 2017
Settlement Date	May 26, 2017 (T + 3)
Sole Book-Running Manager	Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
Co-Managers	BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC Janney Montgomery Scott LLC Seaport Global Securities LLC
Ranking	Senior Unsecured
Listing	The Company intends to apply to list the Notes on the NASDAQ Capital Market and, if the application is approved, expects trading in the Notes to begin within 30 days after the Notes are first issued.
CUSIP	14054R 403
ISIN	US14054R4039
Use of Proceeds	The Company expects to use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering, together with the net proceeds from the offering of the Company's 6.00% fixed-rate notes due 2022 that was completed on May 16, 2017 (the "2022 Notes"), to redeem all of the outstanding indebtedness under its 7.125% fixed-rate notes due 2021 (the "2014 Notes"), which currently have an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$113.4 million, plus accrued interest. Any net proceeds from this offering, together with the net proceeds from the offering of the 2022 Notes, in excess of the outstanding indebtedness of the 2014 Notes will be used to repay borrowings under the Company's senior secured revolving credit agreement.

Adjustment to conversion rate upon a make-whole fundamental change

The table below sets forth the number of additional shares, if any, of Company common stock to be added to the conversion rate per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes that are converted in connection with a “make-whole fundamental change” as described in the Preliminary Prospectus, based on the stock price and effective date of the make-whole fundamental change.

Effective Date	Effective Stock Price											
	\$13.78	\$14.00	\$14.50	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$15.71	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$17.50	\$18.00	\$18.50
May 26, 2017	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.1003	0.0890	0.0747	0.0532	0.0355	0.0216	0.0113	0.0046
May 31, 2018	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.1003	0.0890	0.0747	0.0532	0.0355	0.0216	0.0113	0.0046
May 31, 2019	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.1003	0.0890	0.0747	0.0526	0.0347	0.0210	0.0111	0.0046
May 31, 2020	0.2228	0.2040	0.1647	0.1303	0.0981	0.0859	0.0706	0.0483	0.0308	0.0177	0.0088	0.0035
May 31, 2021	0.2228	0.2040	0.1605	0.1194	0.0852	0.0729	0.0577	0.0363	0.0207	0.0101	0.0040	0.0013
May 31, 2022	0.2228	0.1934	0.1327	0.0753	0.0215	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

The exact stock prices and effective dates may not be set forth in the table above, in which case

- If the stock price is between two stock prices in the table or the effective date is between two effective dates in the table, the number of additional shares will be determined by a straight-line interpolation between the number of additional shares set forth for the higher and lower stock prices and the earlier and later effective dates, as applicable, based on a 365-day year.
- If the stock price is greater than \$18.50 per share (subject to adjustment in the same manner as the stock prices set forth in the column headings of the table above), no additional shares will be added to the conversion rate.
- If the stock price is less than \$13.78 per share (subject to adjustment in the same manner as the stock prices set forth in the column headings of the table above), no additional shares will be added to the conversion rate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will the conversion rate per \$25.00 principal amount of Notes exceed 1.8142, subject to adjustment in the same manner as the conversion rate as set forth under “Description of Notes—Conversion Rate Adjustments” in the Preliminary Prospectus.

Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of the Company before investing. The Preliminary Prospectus, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, contains this and other information about the Company and should be read carefully before investing. You may get this document for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the Company, the underwriters or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the Preliminary Prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-800-966-1559.

The information in the Preliminary Prospectus, and in this announcement, is not complete and may be changed. The Preliminary Prospectus and this announcement are not offers to sell any securities of the Company and are not soliciting an offer to buy such securities in any state or jurisdiction where such offer and sale is not permitted.

ANY DISCLAIMERS OR OTHER NOTICES THAT MAY APPEAR BELOW ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS COMMUNICATION AND SHOULD BE DISREGARDED. SUCH DISCLAIMERS OR OTHER NOTICES WERE AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THIS COMMUNICATION BEING SENT VIA BLOOMBERG OR ANOTHER EMAIL SYSTEM.

SCHEDULE C

List of Officers and Directors Subject to Lock-Up

Joseph B. Alala III
Stephen A. Arnall
Larry W. Carroll
John F. McGlinn
Markham Hunt Broyhill
Richard G. Wheelahan, III
H. Paul Chapman
R. Charles Mayer

EXHIBIT A

OPINION OF EVERSHEDES SUTHERLAND (US) LLP

EXHIBIT B

OPINION OF ROBINSON, BRADSHAW & HINSON, P.A

EXHIBIT C

OFFICERS' CERTIFICATE

Each of the undersigned, Joseph B. Alala, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and Stephen A. Arnall, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, on behalf of the Capitala Entities, certifies pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Underwriting Agreement dated May 23, 2017 (the "Underwriting Agreement") among the Company, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Capitala Advisors Corp., a North Carolina corporation, and, on behalf of the several Underwriters named therein, for whom Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. is acting as Manager, that:

1. He has reviewed the Registration Statement, each Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus.
2. The representations and warranties of the Capitala Entities, the Advisor and the Administrator as set forth in the Underwriting Agreement are true and correct as of the date hereof and as if made on the date hereof.
3. Each of the Capitala Entities has performed all of its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement as are to be performed at or before the date hereof.
4. The conditions set forth in paragraph (g) of Section 8 of the Underwriting Agreement have been met.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Underwriting Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this certificate on ____, 2017.

Name: Joseph B. Alala, III
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Name: Stephen A. Arnall
Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT D

Form of Lock-Up Agreement

May 23, 2017

KEEFE, BRUYETTE & WOODS, INC.
787 Seventh Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10019

As Manager of the several Underwriters

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, an executive officer and/or director of Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), understands that Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (“**KBW**” or the “**Manager**”), as representatives of the several Underwriters (each an “**Underwriter**” and collectively, the “**Underwriters**”), propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”) with the Company, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and Capital Advisors Corp. a North Carolina corporation, providing for the public offering (the “**Offering**”) of the Company’s 5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022 (the “**Notes**”).

In recognition of the benefit that the Offering will confer upon the undersigned as a shareholder, executive officer and/or director of the Company, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees with each Underwriter to be named in the Underwriting Agreement that, commencing on the date hereof and ending on, and including, the date that is 90 days from the date of the Underwriting Agreement (such 90-day period being referred to herein as the “**Lock-Up Period**”), the undersigned will not (and will cause any spouse or immediate family member (as defined in Rule 16a-1(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, referred to herein as the “**Exchange Act**”)) of the spouse or the undersigned living in the undersigned’s household, any partnership, corporation or other entity within the undersigned’s control, and any trustee of any trust that holds Common Stock or other securities of the Company for the benefit of the undersigned or such spouse or family member not to), without the prior written consent of the Managers, directly or indirectly, (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, hypothecate, establish an open “put equivalent position” within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Common Stock, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by the undersigned or with respect to which the undersigned has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition, or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any of the foregoing, or file or cause to be filed any registration statement in connection therewith under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), (ii) enter into any swap, hedge or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such swap, hedge or transaction is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (iii) publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, pledge, sale or disposition, or to enter into any such swap, hedge, transaction or other arrangement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned may transfer the undersigned's shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Common Stock (i) as a *bona fide* gift or gifts, provided that the donee or donees agree to be bound in writing by the restrictions set forth herein; (ii) to any corporation, trust, family limited partnership or other entity for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the immediate family of the undersigned; provided, that the trustee of the trust or general partner of the family limited partnership, as the case may be, agrees to be bound by the restrictions set forth herein; and provided further, that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value; (iii) to the Company, to satisfy any tax withholding obligations of the Company or the undersigned, or to satisfy the exercise price of stock options by the undersigned, upon the exercise or vesting of equity awards outstanding or hereinafter granted under any exercise by the undersigned of stock options or vesting of outstanding restricted stock awards or other similar equity incentive awards that have been granted by the Company prior to, and are outstanding as of, the date of the Underwriting Agreement (or are granted after the date of the Underwriting Agreement pursuant to a plan or arrangement that is in place prior to the date of the Underwriting Agreement); or (iv) with the prior written consent of the Managers.

The undersigned represents and warrants that the undersigned beneficially owns the shares of Common Stock covered by this Lock-Up Agreement and that the undersigned now has and, except as contemplated by clauses (i) through (iv) above, for the duration of this Lock-Up Agreement will have good and marketable title to the undersigned's shares of Common Stock, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, and claims whatsoever. The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of the undersigned's shares of Common Stock, except in compliance with this Lock-Up Agreement. In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company and its transfer agent are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of securities if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Lock-Up Agreement.

In addition, the undersigned agrees that, during the Lock-Up Period, without the prior written consent of the Managers (which consent may be withheld in their sole discretion): (i) the undersigned will not request, make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any Common Stock or any shares of Common Stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares of Common Stock ("**Related Securities**") and (ii) the undersigned waives any and all notice requirements and rights with respect to the registration of any shares of Common Stock or Related Securities pursuant to any agreement, understanding or otherwise to which the undersigned is a party.

The undersigned represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Lock-Up Agreement. The undersigned agrees that the provisions of this Lock-Up Agreement shall be binding also upon the successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives of the undersigned.

The undersigned understands that, if the Underwriting Agreement does not become effective, or if the Underwriting Agreement (other than the provisions thereof which survive termination) shall terminate or be terminated prior to payment for and delivery of the shares of Common Stock to be sold thereunder, the undersigned shall be released from all obligations under this Lock-Up Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this agreement shall automatically terminate and be of no further effect as of 5:00 p.m. New York City time on May 26, 2017, if a closing for the Offering has not yet occurred as of that time.

This Lock-Up Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

[Signature page follows]

Very truly yours,

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

May 26, 2017

Capitala Finance Corp.
4201 Congress Street, Suite 360
Charlotte, NC 28209

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a registration statement on Form N-2, which was (i) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) on May 29, 2015, and amended by filing of pre-effective amendments thereto on July 28, 2015 and July 31, 2015, and by post-effective amendments on March 29, 2016, May 25, 2016, March 9, 2017, April 28, 2017, May 16, 2017, and May 26, 2017 (“**Post-Effective Amendment No. 6**”) (such Registration Statement as of the time Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 thereto became effective on May 26, 2017, the “**Registration Statement**”), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and the prospectus dated May 1, 2017 (the “**Prospectus**”) and the final prospectus supplement thereto dated May 23, 2017 (the “**Prospectus Supplement**”). The Registration Statement provides that, among other types of securities, shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “**Common Stock**”), and debt securities of the Company may be issued from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act in amounts, at prices, and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to the final prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it becomes effective.

This opinion letter is rendered in connection with the issuance and sale by the Company of \$50,000,000 in aggregate principal amount (or up to \$57,500,000 aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Securities is exercised in full) of the Company’s 5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022 (the “**Notes**”), which are convertible into shares of Common Stock (the “**Underlying Shares**”) in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the indenture, dated June 16, 2014, by between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”), and as supplemented by a third supplemental indenture, substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, to be entered into between the Company and the Trustee (collectively, the “**Indenture**”). The Notes are being sold by the Company pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated as of May 23, 2017, by and among the Company, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, and Capitala Advisors Corp., on the one hand, and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named on Schedule A thereto, on the other hand (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”).

As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, and have examined the originals or copies of the following:

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(i) the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, certified as of a recent date by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland (the “SDAT”);

(ii) the Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

(iii) A Certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by the SDAT as of a recent date;

(iv) resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company, or a duly authorized committee thereof, relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement and Prospectus Supplement; (b) the offering, issuance, and sale of the Notes, and the issuance of the Underlying Shares upon conversion thereof, pursuant to the Registration Statement; and (c) the authorization of the execution and delivery of the Underwriting Agreement and the Indenture, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company.

(v) the Underwriting Agreement;

(v) the Indenture; and

(vi) a specimen copy of the form of the Notes to be issued pursuant to the Indenture in the form attached to the Indenture.

With respect to such examination and our opinion expressed herein, we have assumed, without any independent investigation or verification, (i) the genuineness of all signatures on all documents submitted to us for examination, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as conformed or reproduced copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copied documents, and (v) that all certificates issued by public officials have been properly issued. We also have assumed without independent investigation or verification (i) the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company and (ii) that the Indenture will be a valid and legally binding obligation of the parties thereto (other than the Company).

Where factual matters material to this opinion letter were not independently established, we have relied upon certificates and/or representations of officers of the Company. We have also relied on certificates of public officials. Except as otherwise stated herein, we have not independently established the facts, or in the case of certificates of public officials, the other statements, so relied upon.

This opinion is limited to the contract laws of the State of New York, as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws of the State of New York or the laws of any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the preceding sentence, we express no opinion as to any state securities or broker-dealer laws or regulations thereunder relating to the offer, issuance or sale of the Notes. This opinion letter has been prepared, and should be interpreted, in accordance with customary practice followed in the preparation of opinion letters by lawyers who regularly give, and such customary practice followed by lawyers who on behalf of their clients regularly advise opinion recipients regarding, opinion letters of this kind.

Based upon and subject to the limitations, exceptions, qualifications and assumptions set forth in this opinion letter, we are of the opinion that:

1. When the Notes are duly executed and delivered by duly authorized officers of the Company and duly authenticated by the Trustee, all in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, and delivered to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor, the Notes will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and to general principles of equity (including without limitation the availability of specific performance or injunctive relief and the application of concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing), regardless of whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity.
2. The issuance of the Underlying Shares has been duly authorized for issuance and, assuming a sufficient number of authorized but unissued shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company are available for issuance when the Notes are converted, the Underlying Shares, if and when issued and delivered upon conversion of the Notes in accordance with the Indenture, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinions expressed in this opinion letter (a) are strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be implied and (b) are only as of the date of this opinion letter, and we are under no obligation, and do not undertake, to advise the addressee of this opinion letter or any other person or entity either of any change of law or fact that occurs, or of any fact that comes to our attention, after the date of this opinion letter, even though such change or such fact may affect the legal analysis or a legal conclusion in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm in the "Legal Matters" section in the Registration Statement. We do not admit by giving this consent that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

/s/ EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND (US) LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the reference to our firm under the captions “Selected Consolidated Financial and Other Data”, “Senior Securities” and “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” and to the inclusion of our reports (a) dated March 7, 2017, with respect to the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedules of investments, of Capitala Finance Corp. as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016, and (b) dated March 9, 2017, with respect to the Senior Securities table of Capitala Finance Corp., in the Registration Statement (Form N-2 No. 333-204582) and related Prospectus of Capitala Finance Corp. for the registration of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, warrants, and debt securities.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina
May 25, 2017

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Prospectus Supplement related to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (No. 333-204582) of Capitala Finance Corp. of our reports dated June 18, 2013, with respect to the senior securities table related to CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership and to the senior securities table related to CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P., which reports appear in the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the registration statements on Form N-2 (No. 333-188956) of Capitala Finance Corp. filed on September 9, 2013. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Senior Securities" in such registration statement.

/s/ Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

High Point, North Carolina

May 26, 2017
