#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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**CBL & ASSOCIATES** 

**PROPERTIES, INC.**, et al.,

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-35226 (DRJ)

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

(Jointly Administered)

### DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CBL & ASSOCIATES PROPERTIES, INC. AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES

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#### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, DATED DECEMBER 29, 2020**

#### Solicitation of Votes on the Plan of

#### CBL & ASSOCIATES PROPERTIES, INC., ET AL.

THIS SOLICITATION OF VOTES (THE "<u>SOLICITATION</u>") IS BEING CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT VOTES TO ACCEPT THE JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CBL & ASSOCIATES PROPERTIES, INC. AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CHAPTER 11 CASES (COLLECTIVELY, THE "<u>DEBTORS</u>"), ATTACHED HERETO AS <u>EXHIBIT A</u> (THE "<u>PLAN</u>").

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) ON [ $\bullet$ ], 2021 UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS IN WRITING.

THE RECORD DATE FOR DETERMINING WHICH HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS MAY VOTE ON THE PLAN IS FEBRUARY 1, 2021 (THE "<u>RECORD DATE</u>").

### **RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEBTORS**

The board of directors of CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. has unanimously approved the transactions contemplated by the Solicitation and the Plan. The Debtors believe the Plan is in the best interests of all stakeholders and recommend that all creditors whose votes are being solicited submit ballots to accept the Plan.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Restructuring Support Agreement (as defined below), the beneficial owners and/or investment advisors or managers of discretionary funds, accounts or other entities for the holders or beneficial owners of approximately 66% of the Senior Unsecured Notes (as defined below) have already agreed to vote in favor of, or otherwise support, the Plan.

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS SHOULD NOT CONSTRUE THE CONTENTS OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS PROVIDING ANY LEGAL, BUSINESS, FINANCIAL, OR TAX ADVICE AND SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ADVISORS BEFORE CASTING A VOTE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN.

THE ISSUANCE OF THE NEW PREFERRED STOCK, NEW COMMON STOCK, NEW LP UNITS, AND THE WARRANTS (AND THE NEW COMMON STOCK ISSUABLE UPON EXERCISE THEREOF) AS APPLICABLE, UNDER THE PLAN, SHALL BE EXEMPT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (AS AMENDED, THE "<u>SECURITIES ACT</u>"), ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1145 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY SECTION 1145 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, WITHOUT FURTHER ACT OR ACTIONS BY ANY PERSON.

THE SECURITIES ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "<u>SEC</u>") OR BY ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR SIMILAR PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL, OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY, AND NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY SUCH AUTHORITY HAS PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR UPON THE MERITS OF THE PLAN. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

CERTAIN STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, INCLUDING STATEMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROJECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION, AND OTHER FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, ARE BASED ON ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WILL BE REFLECTIVE OF ACTUAL OUTCOMES. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS SHOULD BE EVALUATED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ESTIMATES, ASSUMPTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES, AND RISKS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

FURTHERMORE, READERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY PROJECTIONS, ARE SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF ASSUMPTIONS, RISKS, AND UNCERTAINTIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DEBTORS, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. IMPORTANT ASSUMPTIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE FACTORS, RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES DESCRIBED IN MORE DETAIL UNDER THE HEADING "CERTAIN RISK FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED" BELOW, AS WELL AS CERTAIN **OTHER RISKS INHERENT IN THE DEBTORS' BUSINESSES AND OTHER FACTORS** LISTED IN THE DEBTORS' SEC FILINGS. PARTIES ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS SPEAK AS OF THE DATE MADE, ARE BASED ON THE DEBTORS' CURRENT BELIEFS, INTENTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS, AND ARE NOT GUARANTEES OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE. ACTUAL RESULTS OR DEVELOPMENTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THE EXPECTATIONS **EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, AND THE** DEBTORS UNDERTAKE NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE OR OTHERWISE REVISE ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY PROJECTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN, TO REFLECT EVENTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING OR ARISING AFTER THE DATE HEREOF OR TO REFLECT THE OCCURRENCE OF UNANTICIPATED EVENTS OR OTHERWISE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

### NO INDEPENDENT AUDITOR OR ACCOUNTANT HAS REVIEWED OR APPROVED THE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS OR THE LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS HEREIN.

THE DEBTORS HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANY PERSON TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN OR THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE MADE AS OF THE DATE HEREOF UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. THE TERMS OF THE PLAN GOVERN IN THE EVENT OF ANY INCONSISTENCY WITH THE SUMMARIES IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS BEING PROVIDED SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR OBJECTING TO CONFIRMATION. NOTHING IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MAY BE USED BY ANY PARTY FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

ALL EXHIBITS TO THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE INCORPORATED INTO, AND ARE A PART OF, THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS IF SET FORTH IN FULL HEREIN.

THE PLAN PROVIDES THAT THE FOLLOWING PARTIES, EACH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES AS SUCH, ARE DEEMED TO GRANT THE RELEASES PROVIDED FOR IN THE PLAN: (I) HOLDERS OF ALL CLAIMS OR INTERESTS THAT VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN, (II) HOLDERS OF ALL CLAIMS OR INTERESTS WHOSE VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS SOLICITED BUT THAT DO NOT VOTE EITHER TO ACCEPT OR TO REJECT THE PLAN, (III) HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS THAT VOTE, OR ARE DEEMED, TO REJECT THE PLAN BUT DO NOT OPT OUT OF GRANTING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN, (IV) HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS THAT WERE GIVEN NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF GRANTING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN BUT DID NOT OPT OUT, AND (V) THE RELEASED PARTIES (AS DEFINED IN THE PLAN).

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS IN VOTING CLASSES (CLASSES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, AND 16) HAVE RECEIVED A RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM ATTACHED TO THEIR BALLOT. HOLDERS OF CLAIMS IN NON-VOTING CLASSES (CLASSES 1, 2, 8, 10, 11 AND 15) HAVE RECEIVED A RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM ATTACHED TO THEIR NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO OPT OUT OF CERTAIN RELEASES. SEE SECTION 10.7 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE RELEASES AND RELATED PROVISIONS.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

# A. Background and Overview of the Plan and Restructuring

CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. (the "**REIT**") and its direct and indirect subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**" and, together with the REIT's non-Debtor direct or indirect subsidiaries, "**CBL**" or the "**Company**"), submit this disclosure statement (as may be amended, the "**Disclosure Statement**") in connection with the solicitation of votes (the "**Solicitation**") on the *Joint Chapter 11 Plan of CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates*, dated December 29, 2020 (the "**Plan**"),<sup>2</sup> attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to provide information of a kind, and in sufficient detail, to enable creditors of, and holders of interests in, the Debtors that are entitled to vote on the Plan to make an informed decision on whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan. This Disclosure Statement contains summaries of the Plan, certain statutory provisions, events contemplated in the chapter 11 cases (the "**Chapter 11 Cases**") that commenced beginning on November 1, 2020 (the "**Petition Date**"), and certain documents related to the Plan.

As described in more detail below, the Debtors faced certain financial and other challenges prior Recognizing that a to the Petition Date, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. comprehensive balance sheet deleveraging and restructuring was necessary, the Company, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("Weil") and Moelis & Company LLC ("Moelis" and, together with Weil, the "Advisors") engaged in extensive arms' length, good faith negotiations with an ad hoc group of the beneficial owners and/or investment advisors or managers of discretionary funds, accounts or other entities for the holders or beneficial owners of approximately 66% of the Company's Senior Unsecured Notes (collectively, with other holders of the Senior Unsecured Notes that subsequently executed the Restructuring Support Agreement, the "Consenting Noteholders" or the "Ad Hoc Bondholder Group"), which culminated in the execution of that certain Restructuring Support Agreement dated August 18, 2020 (the "Restructuring Support Agreement" or "RSA"), pursuant to which the Consenting Noteholders agreed to, among other things, support the Plan. After the Petition Date, the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders negotiated certain modifications to the terms of the Restructuring, which are reflected in the Plan.

The Plan provides for a comprehensive restructuring of the Company's balance sheet. Specifically, the proposed restructuring embodied in the Plan contemplates, among other things:

• The following treatment of holders of Claims and Interests:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used in this Disclosure Statement, but not defined herein, have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or the Restructuring Support Agreement (defined below), as applicable. To the extent any inconsistencies exist between this Disclosure Statement and the Plan, the Plan will govern.

- Each holder of an Allowed Bank Lender Secured Claim will receive such holder's Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Secured Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution.
- Each holder of an Allowed Consenting Crossholder Secured claim will receive such holder's Pro Rata Share of the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims Recovery Pool.
- Each holder of an Allowed Bank Lender Deficiency Claim will receive (i) its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution and (ii) solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to an additional recovery to confirm the Plan, its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.
- Each holder of an Allowed Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claim will receive its Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool, which shall be subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.
- [Except to the extent that a holder of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim exercises the Senior Unsecured Notes Claim Election,] each holder of an Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim will receive its Pro Rata share of: (i) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Preferred Stock Distribution; and (ii) the Senior Unsecured Notes Claim New Common Stock Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.
- Each holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim will receive, at the Debtors' election (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), either: (i) payment in full in Cash; (ii) payment in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had never been commenced; or (iii) such other treatment rendering such holder's Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim Unimpaired.<sup>3</sup>
- Each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim will receive [TBD].<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subject to diligence regarding Ongoing Trade Claims pool.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Subject to diligence regarding General Unsecured Claims pool and executory contracts to be rejected.

- If Classes 12, 13, and 14 are each Accepting Classes, each holder of an Existing LP Common Unit will be, at the election of the Debtors with the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, shall either (i) receive its Pro Rata share of (x) the New LP Units and (y) [●]% of the Warrants<sup>5</sup> or (ii) deemed to have converted or redeemed, as applicable, such holder's Existing LP Common Units, effective the day prior to the Distribution Record Date, in exchange for Existing REIT Common Stock on terms consistent with the applicable prepetition agreements for the Existing LP Common Units, thereby receiving such treatment as if such holder owned Existing REIT Common Stock on the Distribution Record Date.
- If Classes 12, 13, and 14 are each Accepting Classes, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock will receive its Pro Rata share of (i) [•]% of the New Common Stock and (ii) [•]% of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.
- If Classes 12, 13, and 14 are each Accepting Classes, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock will receive its Pro Rata share of (i) [•]% of the New Common Stock and (ii) [•]% of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.
- On the Effective Date, the First Lien Credit Agreement will be replaced by a new credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$[950] million (the "**Exit Credit Facility**") pursuant to the terms set forth in that certain exit credit facility term sheet (the "**Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet**"), dated as of the Effective Date, a copy of which is attached to the Plan as <u>Exhibit D</u>.
- The Restructuring will leave the Debtors' operations and business intact and Property Level Debt (as defined herein) will not be impaired by the Restructuring.

The Debtors believe that the Restructuring contemplated by the Plan provides the Company with a viable path forward and a framework to successfully exit chapter 11 in a timely fashion with the support of the Consenting Noteholders. As described more fully herein, the restructuring will reduce the Company's funded indebtedness by approximately \$1.54 billion, and annual interest expenses by approximately \$108 million. This deleveraging will enhance the Debtors' long-term growth prospects and competitive position and will provide the Debtors with excess capital to invest in and grow their businesses. The Restructuring will, therefore, allow the Debtors to emerge from the Chapter 11 Cases as a stronger company, better positioned to withstand the challenges and volatility of the real estate industry and retail market. Importantly, the Company is not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Warrants and related terms remain subject to discussions between the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

currently seeking to modify or impair the Property Level Debt (as defined herein) or to make operational changes to the business, and that debt is not currently the subject of these Chapter 11 Cases. The Consenting Noteholders have played a critically important role in formulating the Restructuring and actively participated in the development and negotiation of the Plan.

The effect of the Restructuring on the Operating Partnership's (as defined below) funded indebtedness is summarized as follows:

Pre-Restructuring Capita	l Structure	<b>Post-Restructuring Capital Struc</b>	ture (Estimated)
First Lien Credit Facility	\$1,115,000,000	Exit Credit Facility	\$[950,000,000]
Senior Unsecured Notes	\$1,375,000,000		
<b>Total Funded Debt</b>	\$2,490,000,000	<b>Total Funded Debt</b>	\$[950,000,000]

The Debtors believe that upon consummation of the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereby, the post-emergence enterprise will have the ability to continue to succeed as a REIT and develop, redevelop, acquire, lease, manage, and operate regional shopping malls, open-air and mixed-use centers, outlet centers, associated centers, community centers, office buildings, and other properties.

#### B. <u>Summary of Plan Classification and Treatment of Claims</u>

Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, only holders of claims or interests in "impaired" Classes are entitled to vote on the Plan (unless, for reasons discussed in more detail below, such holders are deemed to reject the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code). Under section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, a class of claims or interests is deemed to be "impaired" unless (i) the Plan leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which such claim or interest entitles the holder thereof or (ii) notwithstanding any legal right to an accelerated payment of such claim or interest, the Plan cures all existing defaults (other than defaults resulting from the occurrence of events of bankruptcy) and reinstates the maturity of such claim or interest as it existed before the default.

Holders of Claims and Interests in the following Classes (the "**Voting Classes**", and each a "**Voting Class**") are being solicited under, and are entitled to vote on, the Plan:

- Class 3 Bank Lender Secured Claims;
- Class 4 Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims;
- Class 5 Bank Lender Deficiency Claims;
- Class 6 Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims;
- Class 7 Senior Unsecured Notes Claims;
- Class 9 General Unsecured Claims;

- Class 12 Existing LP Common Units;
- Class 13 Existing REIT Preferred Stock;
- Class 14 Existing REIT Common Stock; and
- Class 16 Section 510(b) Claims.

The following table summarizes: (1) the treatment of Claims and Interests under the Plan; (2) which Classes are impaired by the Plan; (3) which Classes are entitled to vote on the Plan; and (4) the estimated recoveries for holders of Claims and Interests.<sup>6</sup> The table is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan.<sup>7</sup> For a more detailed summary of the terms and provisions of the Plan, see Section VI — Summary of the Plan below. A detailed discussion of the analysis underlying the estimated recoveries, including the assumptions underlying such analysis, is set forth in the valuation analysis in **Exhibit F** hereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Any Claim or Interest in a Class that is considered vacant under Section 3.6 of the Plan will be deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan, and disregarded for purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such Class.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The summary of the Plan provided herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan.

Class and Designation	Treatment under the Plan	Impairment and Entitlement to Vote	Approx. Percentage Recovery <sup>8</sup>
Class 1: Other Priority Claims	The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holders of Allowed Other Priority Claims are unaltered by the Plan. Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim agrees to different treatment, on the later of the Effective Date and the date that is twenty (20) days after the date such Other Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, each holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors (i) Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim or (ii) other treatment consistent with the provisions of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.	Unimpaired ( <b>Not entitled to</b> <b>vote</b> — presumed to accept)	100%
Class 2: Other Secured Claims	The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holders of Allowed Other Secured Claims are unaltered by the Plan. Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim agrees to different treatment, on the later of the Effective Date and the date that is twenty (20) days after the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors (i) Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim, (ii) Reinstatement or such other treatment sufficient to render such holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim Unimpaired pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) such other recovery necessary to satisfy section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.	Unimpaired (Not entitled to vote — presumed to accept)	100%
Class 3: Bank Lender Secured Claims	Upon the later of the Effective Date and the date on which such Bank Lender Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed Bank Lender Secured Claim shall receive, in full and		[100]%
Class 4: Consenting	Except to the extent that a holder of a Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Claim, on the Effective	Impaired (Entitled to vote)	[•]%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The values set forth under Approximate Percentage Recovery are based on the midpoint of the range of reorganized equity value of the Debtors as described in the Valuation Analysis attached hereto.

Class and Designation	Treatment under the Plan	Impairment and Entitlement to Vote	Approx. Percentage Recovery <sup>8</sup>
Crossholder Secured Claims	Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims Recovery Pool.		
Class 5: Bank Lender Deficiency Claims	Upon the later to occur of the Effective Date and the date on which such Bank Lender Deficiency Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, in full and complete satisfaction of the such Claim, if any, each holder of such Claim shall receive: (i) its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution; and (ii) solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to an additional recovery to confirm the Plan, its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, subject to dilution by the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%
Class 6: Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims	On or after the Effective Date, in full and complete satisfaction of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims, if any, each holder of such Claim shall receive, as less favorable treatment in respect of its Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims than the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, its Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool, which shall be subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%
Class 7: Senior Unsecured Notes Claims	[Except to the extent that a holder of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim exercises the Senior Unsecured Notes Claim Election,] on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of: (i) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Preferred Stock Distribution; and (ii) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Common Stock	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%

Class and Designation	Treatment under the Plan	Impairment and Entitlement to Vote	Approx. Percentage Recovery <sup>8</sup>
	Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.		
Class 8: Ongoing Trade Claims	Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim agrees to different treatment, on and after the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim shall receive, at the Debtors' election (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), either: (i) payment in full in Cash; (ii) payment in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had never been commenced; or (iii) such other treatment rendering such holder's Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim Unimpaired.	[Unimpaired] [(Not entitled to vote — presumed to accept)]	[100]%
Class 9: General Unsecured Claims	Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim agrees to different treatment, on and after the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive: [TBD].	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%
Class 10: Intercompany Claims	On or after the Effective Date, all Intercompany Claims shall be paid, adjusted, continued, settled, reinstated, discharged, or eliminated, in each case to the extent determined to be appropriate by the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.	Unimpaired ( <b>Not entitled to</b> vote — presumed to accept)	[•]%
Class 11: Existing LP Preferred Units	On the Effective Date, the Existing LP Preferred Units shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated) and shall receive no distribution under the Plan.	Impaired (Not entitled to vote — deemed to reject)	0%
Class 12: Existing LP Common Units	On the Effective Date, the Existing LP Common Units shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated). If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, on the Effective Date, at the election of the Debtors with the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, each holder of an Existing LP Common Unit shall either (i) receive its Pro Rata share of (y) the New LP Units and (z) $[\bullet]$ % of the Warrants or (ii) be deemed to	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%

Class and Designation	Treatment under the Plan	Impairment and Entitlement to Vote	Approx. Percentage Recovery <sup>8</sup>
	have converted or redeemed, as applicable, such holder's Existing LP Common Unit(s), effective the day prior to the Distribution Record Date, in exchange for Existing REIT Common Stock on terms consistent with the applicable prepetition agreements for the Existing LP Common Units, thereby receiving such treatment as if such holder owned Existing REIT Common Stock on the Distribution Record Date.		
	If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of an Allowed Existing LP Common Unit shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.		
Class 13: Existing REIT Preferred Stock	On the Effective Date, the Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated). If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Interest, such holder's Pro Rata share of (i) [●]% of the New Common Stock and (ii) [●]% of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein. If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall not receive or retain any	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%
Class 14: Existing REIT Common Stock	distribution on account of such Interest. On the Effective Date, the Existing REIT Common Stock shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated). If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock shall receive, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, in full and final satisfaction of such Interest, such holder's Pro Rata share of (i) $[\bullet]$ % of the New Common Stock and (ii) $[\bullet]$ % of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent	Impaired ( <b>Entitled to vote</b> )	[•]%

Class and Designation	Treatment under the Plan	Impairment and Entitlement to Vote	Approx. Percentage Recovery <sup>8</sup>
	issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.		
	If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.		
Class 15: Intercompany Interests	On the Effective Date, all Intercompany Interests shall be treated as set forth in section 5.10 of the Plan.	Unimpaired ( <b>Not entitled to</b> <b>vote</b> — presumed to accept)	100%
Class 16: Section 510(b) Claims	Section 510(b) Claims shall be cancelled, released, discharged, and extinguished as of the Effective Date and shall be of no further force or effect, and holders of Section 510(b) Claims shall receive New Common Stock in an amount sufficient to provide such holder a percentage recovery equal to the percentage recovery provided to holders of Existing REIT Common Stock pursuant to the Plan.	Impaired (Entitled to vote)	[•]%

# C. <u>Inquiries</u>

If you have any questions regarding the packet of materials you have received, please contact Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC ("**Epiq**"), the Debtors' voting agent (the "**Voting Agent**") at (855) 914-4668 (US & Canada toll-free) or 1 (503) 520-4416 (international). Additional copies of this Disclosure Statement, which includes the Plan and the Plan Supplement (when filed), are also available on the Voting Agent's website, <u>https://dm.epiq11.com/cblproperties</u>. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Company currently files quarterly and annual reports with, and furnishes other information to, the SEC. Copies of any document filed with the SEC may be obtained by visiting the SEC website at <u>http://www.sec.gov</u> and performing a search under the "Company Filings" link. Each of the following filings is incorporated as if fully set forth herein and is a part of this Disclosure Statement. Reports filed with the SEC (but not furnished) on or after the date of this Disclosure Statement are also incorporated by reference herein.

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, as amended, filed with the SEC on March 9, 2020 (the "**10-K**");
- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2020, filed with the SEC on August 17, 2020 (the "**June 2020 10-Q**");

- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2020, filed with the SEC on November 16, 2020 (the "September 2020 10-Q" and, together with the June 2020 10-Q, the "2020 10-Qs"); and
- Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 19, 2020 (with respect to Item 1.01) (the "**August 2020 8-K**"), October 14, 2020 (with respect to Item 8.01), and November 4, 2020 (with respect to Item 3.01 and 8.01).

# II. THE DEBTORS' BUSINESS

### A. <u>History and Business</u>

CBL was founded in 1978 by Charles B. Lebovitz and five business associates. In 1979, the Company constructed its first mall in Del Rio, Texas. In 1987, the Company built its flagship mall, Hamilton Place, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where the Company's corporate headquarters is currently located. When it opened in 1987, Hamilton Place was the largest shopping mall in Tennessee and among the largest in the nation.

In 1993, CBL & Associates Properties Inc. was formed as a REIT and became a public company through an initial public offering.

Since going public in 1993, under the leadership of Charles Lebovitz and his son Stephen Lebovitz, the Company's current chief executive officer, CBL experienced tremendous growth measured by both portfolio size and cash flow increases. In 2005, the Debtors expanded their reach to the west coast, opening their first mall in California, Imperial Valley Mall in El Centro. Between 2007 and 2017, the Debtors steadily grew their portfolio through joint ventures and large-scale acquisitions, including a record year in 2007 with approximately \$1.6 billion in acquisitions. The Company has also expanded existing operations into new spaces, including entry into the outlet center space in 2011 with the development of the Outlet Shoppes at Oklahoma City in a joint venture with a third party. Over the years, CBL continually strengthened its portfolio with a strategy that included, among other things, active management, aggressive leasing, and profitable reinvestment in its properties with the ultimate goal of increasing shareholder value.

By 2018, the Debtors had over 100 Properties (as defined below) in their portfolio, positioning them as one of the largest owner and manager of shopping centers in the southeast region of the United States and among the largest mall REITs in the country.

# B. <u>Properties and Business Operations</u>

As of the Petition Date, the Company's owned and managed portfolio consisted of interests in 106 properties (the "**Properties**"), which total approximately 67 million square feet. The Properties are located across 25 states primarily in the southeastern and midwestern United States. The Company wholly owns 65 properties, owns joint venture interests in 33 properties, and manages eight (8) properties for third parties. The Company's portfolio is comprised of various types of Properties, each of which is discussed below.

### *i.* Shopping Malls and Outlet Centers:

As of the Petition Date, the Company owns a controlling interest in 51 shopping malls and a noncontrolling interests in 10 shopping malls (collectively, the "**Malls**"). The Malls are primarily located in middle markets and generally have strong competitive positions because they are the only, or the dominant, regional mall in their respective trade areas. The Company also owns, together with joint venture partners, five (5) outlet centers, each featuring an array of outlet shops.

The Malls are generally anchored by two or more "**Anchors**," a department store, other large format retail stores, non-retail space, or theaters greater than 50,000 square feet, or "**Junior Anchors**," a retail store, non-retail space, or a theater comprising more than 20,000 square feet but less than 50,000 square feet. Traditional retail Anchors and non-retail and theater Anchors offer an experience, service, or merchandise, as applicable, that appeals to a broad range of customers and plays a significant role in generating customer traffic and creating a desirable location for the tenants at a particular Mall. In addition to the Anchors and Junior Anchors, the Malls contain well diversified groups of smaller retailers, offering a wide variety of products and services. The Company has over 5,000 stores across all of the Malls.

### *ii.* Associated Centers:

The Company owns, or has an interest in, 23 "Associated Centers," which are retail properties that are adjacent to a Mall. Associated Centers generally include one or more Anchors, or "big box" retailers, along with some smaller tenants. The Associated Centers are typically managed by the staff at the adjacent Mall.

#### *iii.* Community Centers:

The Company owns, or has an interest in, six (6) "**Community Centers**." Community Centers are properties designed to attract local and regional area customers and are typically anchored by a combination of supermarkets, or value-priced stores, which attract shoppers to a Community Center's smaller retail shops. The tenants at the Community Centers typically offer necessities, value-oriented merchandise, and convenience merchandise.

#### *iv.* Office Buildings and Self-Storage Facilities:

The Company owns, or has an interest in, four (4) office buildings, including the building that houses the Company's corporate headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the Company has an interest in four (4) self-storage facilities.

#### v. Outparcels:

The Company owns, either in whole or in part, various "**Outparcels**," which is land, generally located on the periphery of another Property, used for freestanding developments, such as retail stores, banks, and restaurants.

#### vi. Encumbered vs. Unencumbered Properties:

The Properties also can be generally classified into three broad groups based upon the debt (if any) that encumbers a particular Property. As of September 30, 2020, approximately forty-one (41) of the Properties (the "**Property Level Loan Properties**") are mortgaged to secure Property Level Debt (as defined below). Approximately sixteen (16) Property Level Loan Properties are wholly owned by certain of the Company's non-debtor affiliates or subsidiaries (the "**Non-Debtor Affiliates**") and approximately twenty-five (25) Property Level Loan Properties are partially owned by Non-Debtor Affiliates. Further, approximately twenty (20) of the Properties (the "**Credit Facility Properties**") are mortgaged and the equity in the entities owning such Bank Facility Properties are pledged to secure the First Lien Credit Facility (as defined below). The remainder of the Properties are currently unencumbered by any debt (collectively, the "**Unencumbered Properties**").

#### C. <u>Tenant Composition and Diversification</u>

The Company's tenant base is well diversified from both a geographic and revenue perspective. The top five markets for CBL, based on percentage of total revenues, were as follows for the year ended December 31, 2019:

<u>Market</u>	Percentage of Total Revenues
St. Louis, MO	6.8%
Chattanooga, TN	5.2%
Laredo, TX	4.2%
Lexington, KY	4.1%
Madison, WI	3.1%

With respect to tenant mix, national and regional retail chains (excluding local franchises), including among others, *Victoria's Secret, Footlocker*, and *American Eagle*, leased approximately 79.1% of the occupied mall store gross leasable area as of December 31, 2019. CBL's top 10 tenants, based on percentage of total revenues, were as follows as of September 30, 2020:

<u>#</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>#</u> Stores	<u>Percentage of Total</u> <u>Revenues</u>
1	L Brands, Inc. (e.g., Bath & Body Works, PINK, Victoria's Secret, White Barn Candle)	121	4.04%
2	Foot Locker, Inc.	105	3.22%

3	Signet Jewelers Limited (e.g., Kay Jewelers, Jared Jewelers)	135	2.83%
4	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	66	2.35%
5	Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. (e.g., Dick's Sporting Goods, Golf Galaxy, Field & Stream)	26	2.16%
6	Genesco, Inc. (e.g., Journey's, Hat Shack, Johnston & Murphy)	97	1.67%
7	H&M Hennes & Mauritz AB	44	1.67%
8	Ascena Retail Group, Inc. (e.g., Ann Taylor, Lane Bryant, LOFT)	90	1.55%
9	The Gap, Inc.	50	1.39%
10	Finish Line, Inc.	39	1.38%
		773	22.26%

# D. <u>Centralized Management and Operations</u>

CBL primarily derives revenue from two sources: (i) rental revenue from retail and non-retail tenants and (ii) income from property management, leasing, and development activities. Rental revenues are primarily derived from leases with retail and non-retail tenants and generally include fixed minimum rents, percentage rents based on tenants' sales volumes, and reimbursements from tenants for expenditures related to real estate taxes, insurance, common area maintenance, and other recoverable operating expenses, as well as certain capital expenditures. CBL also generates revenues from management, leasing and development fees, sponsorships, sales of peripheral land at the Properties, and from sales of operating real estate assets when it is determined that CBL can realize an appropriate value for a particular asset. The Company's general near-to-midterm operational objectives are to achieve stabilization in same center net operating income ("NOI") and reduce overall cost of debt and equity by maximizing earnings before income, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") and cash flows.

To achieve operating efficiencies and revenue enhancement at the Properties, CBL employs a centralized management approach through the Operating Partnership and CBL & Associates Management, Inc. (the "**Management Company**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Operating Partnership.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Company also utilizes this approach so as to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to real estate investment trusts.

CBL conducts its management and development activities through the Management Company. Specifically, the Management Company manages all but fourteen (14) of the Properties (the "**Non-Managed Properties**").<sup>10</sup> The Management Company is also responsible for the Company's leasing activities. Additionally, the Management Company employs the Company's workforce, which, as of the Petition Date, consisted of approximately 450 full-time employees and approximately forty (40) part-time employees.

The Management Company also provides and centrally administers accounting, collections, business development, construction, contracting, design, finance, forecasting, human resources and employee benefits, insurance and risk management, property services, marketing, leasing, legal, tax, treasury, and other services for all properties under CBL's ownership and management.

CBL's integrated, national business model benefits the Company in numerous ways. The centralized leasing programs enable the Company to develop relationships with department stores and national and regional retailers and to meet retailer needs at multiple properties and locations across the Company's portfolio. It also facilitates a single point of contact for tenants at shopping centers across the country for both leasing and tenant-service issues. Centralized management also enables the Company to obtain national contracts for property services (such as security, janitorial, and trash collection) in order to reduce costs and ensure uniformity and quality in services.

Consistent with its centralized and integrated business model, the Company has a strong infrastructure in place for cash management and treasury functions. Each Property's cash (receipts and disbursements) is controlled and safely transmitted through the centralized treasury platform. The Property-owning Debtors and Non-Debtor Affiliates' personnel at the Properties are not allowed to manage cash for security purposes. Consequently, all cash management functions are performed through the treasury platform via a centralized cash management system (the "**Cash Management System**").<sup>11</sup>

The centralized Cash Management System reduces costs associated with cash management, including bank accounts, personnel, bookkeeping, treasury, and related expenses. The Cash Management System also serves to provide security and prevent fraud. The Cash Management System provides management the ability to monitor and allocate liquidity to the Properties.

# E. <u>Recent Financial Performance</u>

After years of steady growth, CBL's financial performance has been declining given the recent and ongoing struggles of the retail sector generally. CBL had a net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$153.7 million for the year ending December 31, 2019, as compared to a net loss

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The Non-Managed Properties are all owned by joint ventures and are managed by a property manager that is affiliated with the third-party partner, which receives a fee for its services. The third-party partner of each of these Properties controls the cash flow distributions, although CBL's approval is required for certain major decisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The Cash Management System is described in greater detail in the *Emergency Motion of Debtors for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing Debtors to Continue (A) Using Existing Cash Management System, Bank Accounts, and Business Forms and (B) Funding Intercompany Transactions, (II) Providing Administrative Expense Priority for Postpetition Intercompany Claims, and (III) Granting Related Relief (Docket No. 15).* 

attributable to common shareholders of \$123.5 million in the prior-year period. For the reasons discussed below, the Company's financial performance in 2020—as exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic—has further declined.

As of September 30, 2020, on a historical GAAP basis, CBL reported approximately \$4.56 billion in total assets and approximately \$3.95 billion in total liabilities. For the quarter ending September 30, 2020, CBL reported total revenue of approximately \$129.9 million and a net loss attributable to common shareholders of approximately \$54.1 million. For the nine (9) months ending September 30, 2020, CBL reported total revenue of \$421.7 million and a net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$269.4 million.

Funds from operations ("**FFO**") allocable to common shareholders, as adjusted, for the quarter ending September 30, 2020, was \$8.6 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, compared with \$58.7 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, for the third quarter 2019. FFO allocable to common shareholders, as adjusted, for the nine (9) months ending September 30, 2020, was \$61.1 million or \$0.32 per diluted share, compared with \$170.5 million or \$0.98 per diluted share, for the nine (9) months ending September 30, 2020, was \$61.1 million or \$0.32 per diluted share, compared with \$170.5 million or \$0.98 per diluted share, for the nine (9) months ending September 30, 2019.

# III. DEBTORS' CORPORATE AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

### A. <u>Corporate Structure</u>

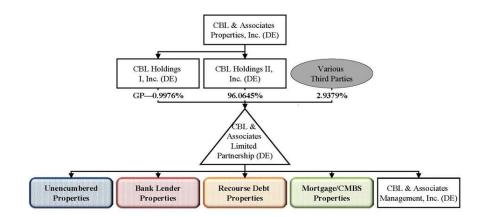
The Company is a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust. The REIT is the 100% owner of two qualified real estate investment trust subsidiaries, CBL Holdings I, Inc. ("Holdings I") and CBL Holdings II, Inc. ("Holdings II").

As of September 30, 2020, Holdings I and Holdings II own approximately 1.0% and 96%, respectively, of the outstanding common units of CBL & Associates Limited Partnership (the "**Operating Partnership**"). Holdings I is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership. Third parties own approximately 3% of the outstanding LP Common Units.

The Company conducts substantially all of its business through the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership owns 100% of the equity interests of the Management Company. Except for the REIT, Holdings I, Holdings II, and as set forth in the following sentence, the Operating Partnership owns, either directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding equity interests in the Debtors. The REIT owns directly (i) 0.1% of the equity interests in CoolSprings Crossing Limited Partnership and (ii) less than 0.05% of the equity interests in Henderson Square Limited Partnership.

A chart depicting the Company's organizational structure as of the Petition Date is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The following chart depicts the Company's simplified corporate structure:

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# B. <u>Corporate Governance and Management</u>

The board of directors of the REIT (the "**Board**") consists of nine (9) directors. Charles Lebovitz serves as the Chairman of the Board.

In addition to Charles Lebovitz, the Company's executive officer team consists of the following individuals:

Name	<b>Position</b>
Stephen D. Lebovitz	Chief Executive Officer
Michael I. Lebovitz	President
Farzana Khaleel	Executive Vice President – Chief Financial Officer
Jeffery V. Curry	Chief Legal Officer and Secretary
Katie A. Reinsmidt	Executive Vice President – Chief Investment Officer
Michael C. Harrison, Jr.	Executive Vice President – Operations
Alan L. Lebovitz	Executive Vice President – Management

# C. <u>Prepetition Capital Structure</u>

The following description of the Company's capital structure is for informational purposes only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the documents setting forth the specific terms of such obligations and their respective related agreements.

# *i. First Lien Credit Facility.*

On January 30, 2019, certain of the Debtors entered into that certain Credit Agreement (as may be amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, and including all related credit documents, the "First Lien Credit Agreement"), by and among the Operating Partnership, as borrower, Well Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent (together with any successor administrative agent, the "Administrative Agent" or "Wells Fargo"), the lenders party thereto (the "Bank Lenders") and certain other parties specified

therein. The First Lien Credit Agreement provides for a term loan facility (the "**Term Loan**") in the original aggregate principal amount of \$500 million and a revolving loan facility (the "**Revolver**" and, together with the Term Loan, the "**First Lien Credit Facility**") in the aggregate maximum committed principal amount of \$685 million (including any letters-of-credit issued thereunder). The First Lien Credit Agreement matures in July 2023 and bears interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 2.25%.

As of the Petition Date, the aggregate principal amount outstanding under the Term Loan was approximately \$439 million. As of the Petition Date, the Revolver had approximately \$676 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding thereunder, and no further draws are permitted. Additionally, as of the Petition Date, there were no letters of credit outstanding.

The obligations under the First Lien Credit Agreement are secured, pursuant to, among other documents, (i) that certain Collateral Agreement, dated as of January 30, 2019, by and among certain subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as collateral agent (the "**Collateral Agent**"), (ii) that certain Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 30, 2019, by and among the Operating Partnership, the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership party thereto, and the Collateral Agent, and (iii) certain mortgages granted to the Collateral Agent in respect of the Credit Facility Properties, principally by the Credit Facility Properties.

The REIT is a limited guarantor of the First Lien Credit Facility, solely with respect to the payment obligations of Holdings I as the general partner of the Operating Partnership, under the First Lien Credit Facility.

# *ii.* Senior Unsecured Notes.

The Operating Partnership, as issuer, the REIT, as limited Guarantor, and Delaware Trust Company (as successor to U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee, are parties to that certain indenture, dated as of November 23, 2013 (as amended, restated, or supplemented from time to time, the "Indenture") governing the following three tranches of senior unsecured notes (collectively, the "Senior Unsecured Notes"):

Notes	Principal Amount Outstanding	Rate	Maturity
2023 Notes	\$450 million	5.250%	December 1, 2023
2024 Notes	\$300 million	4.600%	October 15, 2024
2026 Notes	\$625 million	5.950%	December 15, 2026

The REIT is a limited guarantor of the Senior Unsecured Notes, solely with respect to losses suffered solely by reason of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the Operating Partnership or its affiliates.

#### iii. Property-Level Debt.

The Company has incurred, in the aggregate, approximately \$2.0 billion of debt, which amount includes the Company's share of Property Level Debt incurred together with its joint venture partners, secured by the Property Level Debt Properties, including non-recourse mortgage loans (the "**Non-Recourse Loans**") and certain other loans with recourse to the general credit of the Operating Partnership, and/or the REIT, or subsidiaries thereof, including construction loans (the "**Recourse Loans**" and, together with the Non-Recourse Loans, the "**Property Level Debt**"). The borrowers on the Property Level Debt instruments are generally non-Debtor affiliates. There are thirteen (13) loans that are recourse to a subsidiary of the Operating Partnership.

Much of the Property Level Debt has been securitized and sold into the commercial mortgagebacked securities ("**CMBS**") markets and is currently being administered by primary servicers. With the exception of two (2) Non-Recourse Loans, the Operating Partnership and/or the REIT, or a subsidiary thereof, is a non-recourse carveout guarantor and environmental guarantor on each of the Non-Recourse Loans and a guarantor under each of the Recourse Loans.

As of the Petition Date, the Company was current with respect to its obligations under the Property Level Debt, with the exception of the Property Level Debt on the following Properties, which were in default prior to the Petition Date: (i) Greenbrier Mall; (ii) Burnsville Center; (iii) EastGate Mall; (iv) Park Plaza; (v) Asheville Mall; (vi) Fayette Mall; and (vii) Oak Park Mall.<sup>12</sup> The commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases constituted an event of default or termination event, and caused the automatic and immediate acceleration of all debt outstanding under or in respect of, thirty-eight (38) of the Property Level Debt instruments. Such Property Level Debt instruments provide that, as a result of the Chapter 11 Cases, the principal and interest due thereunder shall be immediately due and payable without notice from the lenders thereunder.

# *iv.* **REIT** Preferred Stock and Operating Partnership Preferred Units.

The REIT issues depositary shares representing a 1/10th fractional share of the 7.375% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock outstanding (the "Series D Preferred Stock") and depositary shares representing a 1/10th fractional share of the 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock outstanding (the "Series E Preferred Stock" and, together with the Series D Preferred Stock, the "REIT Preferred Stock"). As of the Petition Date, the REIT had approximately 1,815,000 shares of Series D Preferred Stock outstanding. The Operating Partnership issues an equivalent number of preferred units (the "LP Preferred Units") to Holdings II on behalf of the REIT in exchange for the contribution of proceeds from the REIT to the Operating Partnership when the REIT issues REIT Preferred Stock. The LP Preferred Units generally have the same terms and economic characteristics as the corresponding REIT Preferred Stock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors entered into forbearance agreements with the respective lenders to the Fayette Mall and Oak Park Mall properties. While the forbearance agreements prevented such lenders from exercising remedies, the Debtors continued to be in default of their obligations under the applicable loan documents as of the Petition Date.

#### v. REIT Common Stock.

As of November 11, 2020, the REIT had approximately 196,572,248 shares of common stock outstanding (the "**REIT Common Stock**"). As of the Petition Date, the REIT Common Stock was listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "**NYSE**") under the symbol "CBL."

However, on November 2, 2020, the NYSE announced that (i) it had suspended trading in the REIT Common Stock and (ii) it had determined to commence proceedings to delist the REIT Common Stock, as well as the depositary shares representing a 1/10th fractional share of the Series D Preferred Stock and the depositary shares representing a 1/10th fractional share of the Series E Preferred Stock due to "abnormally low" trading price levels. As a result, immediately thereafter, the REIT Common Stock and the depositary shares representing fractional interests in its Series D Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock commenced trading on the OTC Markets, operated by the OTC Markets Group, Inc., under the symbols "CBLAQ", "CBLDQ" and "CBLEQ", respectively. On November 17, 2020, CBL submitted to the NYSE regulation staff a formal request for review of the NYSE's decision to delist the common stock and to make an oral presentation to the committee of the board of directors of NYSE regulation staff in support of its appeal. By letter dated November 30, 2020, the NYSE scheduled a formal review of its decision for April 15, 2021.

# vi. Operating Partnership Common Units.

Partners in the Operating Partnership hold their ownership through LP Preferred Units and common and special common units of limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership (the "LP Common Units"). As of the Petition Date, the Operating Partnership had approximately 201,690,311 LP Common Units outstanding. The LP Common Units and the REIT Common Stock have essentially the same economic characteristics, as they effectively participate equally in the net income and distributions of the Operating Partnership. For each share of REIT Common Stock, the Operating Partnership has issued a corresponding number of LP Common Units to Holdings I and Holdings II in exchange for the proceeds from the REIT Common Stock issuance. Subject to certain limitations, each limited partner in the Operating Partnership has the right to exchange all or a portion of its LP Common Units for REIT Common Stock, or at the Company's election, their cash equivalent. When an exchange for REIT Common Stock occurs, the REIT assumes the LP Common Units.

As of the Petition Date, the Operating Partnership had three series of special common units outstanding:

- <u>Series S Special Common Units</u>: Among other rights under the Operating Partnership's limited partnership agreement, the holders of Series S special common units ("S-SCUs") have the right, subject to certain conditions, to a minimum annual distribution of \$2.92875 per S-SCU. Approximately 1,560,942 S-SCUs were outstanding as of the Petition Date.
- <u>Series L Special Common Units</u>: Among other rights under the Operating Partnership's limited partnership agreement, the holders of Series L special common units ("L-SCUs") are entitled to the same distribution rights as the holders of the

common units of the Operating Partnership. Approximately 571,700 L-SCUs were outstanding as of the Petition Date.

• <u>Series K Special Common Units</u>: Among other rights under the Operating Partnership's limited partnership agreement, the holders of Series K special common units ("K-SCUs") have the right, subject to certain conditions, to an annual dividend at a rate of 6.25%, or \$2.96875 per K-SCU. Approximately 868,821 K-SCUs were outstanding as of the Petition Date.

During 2019, subject to further quarterly review, the Board suspended all future dividends with respect to the REIT Preferred Stock and REIT Common Stock. The Board also suspended all distributions with respect to the LP Common Units and LP Preferred Units (the "**Dividend Suspension**"). CBL has not paid any dividends since the Dividend Suspension.

# vii. Prepetition Legal Proceedings

(a) Prepetition Litigation.

Certain Debtors are named as defendants from time to time in routine litigation proceedings, including, but not limited to, personal injury and breach of contract disputes. The Debtors, however, cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of the resolution of Claims arising from pending or threatened litigation or legal proceedings, and the eventual outcome could materially differ from their current estimates.

(b) Salon Adrian Litigation

On March 16, 2016, a class action lawsuit was brought against the Company in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (the "**Florida Court**") by Wave Lengths Hair Salons of Florida, Inc. d/b/a Salon Adrian, alleging, among other things that certain of the Company entities overcharged tenants for electricity at certain bulk-metered Malls (the "**Salon Adrian Litigation**"). In April 2019, the Company entered into a settlement agreement and release with respect to the class action (the "**Salon Adrian Settlement**") whereby the Company set aside a common fund with monetary and non-monetary value of \$90 million to be disbursed to class members in accordance with an agreed-upon formula that is based upon aggregate damages of \$60 million. On August 22, 2019, the Salon Adrian Settlement was granted final approval by the Florida Court.

In the third quarter of 2019, the Company received document requests, in the form of subpoenas, from the SEC and the Department of Justice regarding the Salon Adrian Litigation and other related matters. The Company is continuing to cooperate in these matters.

(c) Securities Litigation.

The Company and its current and former officers and directors are parties to the following securities litigations.

• <u>The Securities Class Action Litigation</u>: Three (3) putative securities class action lawsuits were initiated against the Company and certain of its officers and directors in

the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (the "**Securities Class Action Litigation**"). The Securities Class Action Litigation, which was brought by persons who purchased or otherwise acquired the Company's securities during a specified period of time, alleged, among other things, that (i) the Company failed to timely disclose the potential material liability that CBL faced as a result of the Salon Adrian Litigation and (ii) the Company knowingly engaged in an illegal scheme to overcharge its tenants and made false statements to its investors regarding its revenues and prospects, which were materially overstated due to the alleged underlying scheme. While the outcome of the Securities Class Action Litigation is unknown, the plaintiffs are seeking, among other things, compensatory damages and attorneys' fees and costs. A mediation on the Securities Class Action Litigation occurred on December 10, 2020, but it did not result in a settlement.

On December 4, 2020, the Debtors filed a motion with the Bankruptcy Court seeking, among other things, an order authorizing (i) certain insurers under the Debtors' directors and officers insurance policies (the "**D&O Policies**") to advance defense costs on behalf of certain of the D&Os in accordance with the D&O Policies and (ii) the potential use of D&O proceeds for settlement purposes in connection with the mediation (Docket No. 298) (the "**D&O Proceeds Motion**"). By order dated December 21, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court granted the D&O Proceeds Motion (Docket No. 345).

• <u>The Derivative Litigation</u>: Certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers have been named as defendants in nine (9) shareholder derivative lawsuits (the "Derivative Litigations" and, together with the Securities Class Action Litigation, the "Securities Litigation"). The complaints allege, among other things, breaches of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment, waste of corporate assets and violation of federal securities laws. The factual allegations upon which the Derivative Litigations are based are similar to the factual allegations made in the Securities Class Action Litigation. While the outcome of the Derivative Litigations is unknown, the plaintiffs are seeking, among other things, unspecified damages and restitution for the Company from the individual defendants, the payment of costs and attorneys' fees, and that the Company be directed to reform certain governance and internal procedures. On the Petition Date, the Derivative Litigations became property of the Debtors' Estates. Additional information concerning the Securities Litigation can be found in the 10-K and 2020 10-Qs.

# IV. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS LEADING <u>TO THE CHAPTER 11 FILINGS</u>

# A. Trends and Uncertainties in Retail Market

CBL, as a national retail landlord, is susceptible to changes in the retail real estate markets. Over the past several years, the retail industry has been shifting, with the closing of brick-and-mortal retail stores becoming more common as shoppers have increasingly moved towards e-commerce. The Company anticipates that the number of traditional department stores, such as those acting as Anchors or Junior Anchors in the Malls, will continue to decline over time. Beyond the decline in number, the market share of traditional department stores is also declining, as is their ability to drive traffic.

As new technologies emerge, the relationships between customers, retailers, and shopping centers are evolving on a rapid basis. Commercial landlords like CBL must diversify its sources of income and types of tenants to enhance the mall experience, which demands additional capital. Additionally, an increasing number of retailers are utilizing their stores as showrooms or as part of an omni-channel strategy (allowing customers to shop seamlessly through various sales channels, where customers' sales occur outside the Malls). As a result, customers may make purchases through other sales channels during or immediately after visiting the Malls, with such sales not being captured currently in the Company's sales figures or monetized in minimum or overage rents.

The Company also faces significant challenges in the retail leasing business. Its traditional tenant base of retailers have increasingly focused on closing stores in order to streamline store fleets and maximize profitability. There have been very few expansions involving national retailers. To the extent expansions have occurred, they have more frequently involved local or regional retailers. Local or regional retailers are generally less productive, which impacts their ability to afford market rents. These retailers also have fewer financial resources. As a result of the challenges in the retail sector, the Company is targeting more non-retail uses for its redevelopment projects such as hotels, residential facilities, medical facilities, or offices. While these uses can demand significant capital, the Company has utilized a number of strategies such as land sales, ground leases, and joint ventures to mitigate this need. There is also significant competition for these users from other redevelopment projects or vacant land opportunities.

There is also an emerging trend of certain other large mall landlords purchasing retailers in bankruptcy. These acquisitions are generally favorable for the Company since the majority of stores purchased remain open. However, the new owners are able to extract greater rental concessions from the Company and other non-owner landlords, which puts the Company at a competitive disadvantage. In addition, a trend in the industry for several years is for tenants to move to gross or PIL (percent in lieu) leases, which provide that the tenant pays a single specific amount or a certain percentage of sales, with no additional payments for reimbursements of the tenant's portion of the operating expenses. CBL is then responsible for any increases in operating expenses or real estate taxes instead of being able to pass such increases along to retailers.

# B. <u>Tenant Struggles and Rent Abatement</u>

Even before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company was suffering from the ongoing challenges in the retail environment that have resulted in store closings, tenant bankruptcies, and rental reductions for tenants with high occupancy costs. These challenges impacted the Company's financial performance in 2019, including a decrease in new and renewal lease rates and reduced occupancy. Bankruptcy-related closures impacted 2019 occupancy by approximately four percent (4%) or 702,000 square feet. Additionally, in 2019, rental revenues were negatively impacted by rent concessions for tenants with high occupancy cost levels and tenants that closed in 2019 due to bankruptcy.

These trends continued in 2020. Year-to-date, more than thirty (30) of the Company's national tenants have declared bankruptcy, including major tenants such as J.C. Penney, Ascena Retail Group, Stage Stores, and GNC. As of September 30, 2020, J.C. Penney and Ascena Retail Group, Inc. represented \$18.5 million in gross annual revenue and comprised 6.1 million square feet. The remaining ten tenants in bankruptcy represented approximately \$22.3 million in gross annual revenue and comprised 1.1 million square feet. Although some of these tenants expect to continue to operate, the majority of these have announced store closures. As negative retail trends and the COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact retailer sales, the Company expects additional tenant bankruptcies to occur.

Additionally, in response to the financial challenges facing the retail market, the Company's tenants began to request rent deferrals and/or abatements and other tenants defaulted on rent obligations. As discussed below, the adverse impact of rent deferrals and abatements has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

# C. <u>Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic</u>

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified COVID-19 as a pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has acutely impacted all states where the Company's Properties are located. Measures taken by federal, state, and local authorities to prevent or remediate COVID-19, including "shelter-in-place" or "stay-at-home" orders or other quarantine mandates, resulted in sustained closure of many of the Properties, as well as the cessation of the operations of certain of its tenants. This, in turn, resulted in a reduction of the revenues and cash flows generated by many of the Properties due to the adverse financial impact on its tenants, as well as reductions in other sources of income generated by the Properties. In addition to reduced revenues, the Company's ability to obtain sufficient financing for such Properties has been impaired, as has the Company's ability to lease or re-lease Properties as a result of worsening market and economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moreover, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company experienced—and continues to experience—increased levels of requests for rent deferrals and abatements, as well as defaults on rent obligations. Through September 30, 2020, the Company estimated approximately \$54.5 million associated with potentially uncollectible revenues. The Company anticipates further abatements and deferrals for 2020, based upon, among other things, active negotiations with tenants concerning deferrals and other concessions.

Although restrictions have been relaxed in various jurisdictions and all of the Malls have reopened, the financial losses suffered by Properties in those jurisdictions will not be easily recovered. In addition, an increase in restrictions, including mandated closures, due to the protraction of the COVID-19 pandemic would severely impact CBL's and its tenants' operations and financial condition going forward.

# D. <u>Prepetition Operational Initiatives</u>

Since at least 2013, but gaining greater focus in first half of 2018, the Company has undertaken various operational and other initiatives to navigate through the challenges presented by the current retail environment. Given the decline in traditional department stores and changing retail

consumer trends, the Company has been working to transform its portfolio of traditional Malls to dynamic suburban town centers, with diverse tenant bases. To that end, the Company has been redeveloping those spaces to attract new non-retail uses such as restaurants, entertainment, fitness centers, casinos, grocery stores, and lifestyle retailers that engage consumers and encourage them to spend more time at the Properties. However, non-department store Anchors may demand higher tenant allowances for development or expenses than a standard mall tenant due to the nature of services and products they provide, which presents a separate challenge for the Company in redeveloping those spaces.

CBL has also adjusted its tenant mix to meet shifting consumer demand and purchasing patterns. For example, apparel retailers have been particularly hard-hit by shifts in consumer purchasing patterns. Consequently, the Company has been proactively reducing its exposure to apparel retailers.

Additionally, while the Company suspended several major capital expenditures projects, the Company is pursuing cost-efficient and capital-conserving solutions for backfilling the remaining available Anchors, including joint venture partnerships, favorable lease structures, and third-party arrangements—all of which benefit the portfolio while preserving capital.

With respect to its debt obligations, the Company has been able to achieve debt service payment deferrals for a portion of the Property Level Debt even though securitized lenders in general have shown minimal flexibility in amending loan payments. The Company addressed nearly all of its major debt maturities in 2020 and is in discussions with existing lenders for certain 2021 secured loan maturities. Further, as discussed above, in 2019, CBL suspended all future dividends on the REIT Common Stock and REIT Preferred Stock, as well as distributions on interests in the Operating Partnership.

More recently, the Company undertook additional actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2020, the Company drew down approximately \$280 million on the First Lien Credit Facility, which represented substantially all the remaining available balance thereunder. The Company also implemented comprehensive programs to halt all non-essential expenditures, to reduce operating and overhead expenses, and to reduce, defer, or suspend capital expenditures, including redevelopment investments. These programs included temporary reductions to the compensation of Board members and members of senior management, as well as a temporary salary reduction for the entire workforce. The Company also implemented a broad-based temporary furlough program, as well as a permanent reduction in the workforce, reducing the employee base by roughly 10%, and reduced or deferred capital expenditures for 2020 by approximately \$60.0 million to \$80.0 million. The Company also discontinued monthly "cash option" investments in the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.

# E. <u>Debt Restructuring Effort and Restructuring Support Agreement</u>

As discussed above, in addition to the Property Level Debt of nearly \$2.0 billion, the Company has approximately \$2.5 billion of outstanding funded indebtedness under the First Lien Credit Facility and the Senior Unsecured Notes. In light of the current state of the retail rental market and the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and notwithstanding the initiatives undertaken

to weather the market headwinds in the short-term, the Company's existing capital structure is unsustainable in the long run.

Consequently, in early 2020, the Company engaged the Advisors to explore comprehensive capital structure solutions that would, among other things, reduce overall leverage and interest expense and extend maturities on the Company's funded indebtedness. In May 2020, the Company, together with its legal and financial advisors, engaged with the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group and its advisors on a comprehensive capital restructuring.

To facilitate negotiations, in June 2020, CBL entered into forbearance agreements with certain members of the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group with respect to approximately \$12 million and \$19 million of cash interest payments that came due on June 1 and June 15, respectively, on the Senior Unsecured Notes (the **"Bondholder Forbearance Agreement**"). CBL also entered into a forbearance agreement with the Bank Lenders with respect to a cross-default under the First Lien Credit Facility triggered by the missed interest payments on the Senior Unsecured Notes due 2023 and 2026 (the **"Bank Forbearance Agreement**," and together with the Bondholder Forbearance Agreement, the **"Forbearance Agreements**"). The Forbearance Agreements were each extended multiple times by the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group and the Administrative Agent to facilitate further negotiations. On August 5, 2020, prior to the expiration of the Forbearance Agreements (as extended), CBL made the June 1 and June 15 interest payments on the Senior Unsecured Notes due 2023 and 2026. Negotiations with the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group continued after the interest payments were made. More recently, the Company decided not to make an interest payment of \$6.9 million on the Senior Unsecured Notes due 2024 that was due October 15, 2020, and as such, entered the applicable 30-day grace period.

After intense arms' length negotiations between the Company, the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group, and their respective advisors, on August 18, 2020, the parties reached an agreement on the terms of a comprehensive restructuring transaction. On the same day, the parties executed the Restructuring Support Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>, along with an accompanying term sheet (the "**Restructuring Term Sheet**") outlining the material terms of a restructuring to be implemented through a plan of reorganization (the "**Plan**") for the Company. Following the Petition Date, the Debtors and the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group re-engaged in negotiations over certain modifications to the plan contemplated by the RSA. The result of such negotiations was a modified plan structure as set forth in the Plan and described herein.

As discussed above, the Plan contemplates, among other things, that:

- the Bank Lenders (i) on account of their Bank Lender Secured Claims, receive their Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Secured Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution and (ii) on account of their Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, receive (1) their Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution and (2) solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to an additional recovery to confirm the Plan, its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, subject to dilution as provided in the Plan;
- the Consenting Crossholders receive (i) on account of their Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims, their Pro Rata Share of the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims

Recovery Pool and (ii) on account of their Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims, their Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool, subject to dilution in accordance with the Plan;

- the holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims receive their pro rata share of (i) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Preferred Stock Distribution and (ii) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Common Stock Distribution, subject to dilution in accordance with the Plan;
- the holders of Ongoing Trade Claims receive, at the Debtors' election (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), either: (i) payment in full in Cash; (ii) payment in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had never been commenced; or (iii) such other treatment rendering such holder's Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim Unimpaired;
- the holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claim will receive [TBD];<sup>13</sup> and
- the holders of the Existing REIT Preferred Stock and Existing REIT Common Stock receive, if the holders of Existing LP Common Units, holders of Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and holders of Existing REIT Common Stock are each Accepting Classes, their pro rata share of (x) [●]% of the New Common Stock and (y) [●]% of the Warrants, each subject to dilution in accordance with the Plan. The allocation of the New Common Stock and the Warrants between the holders of the Existing REIT Preferred Stock and the Existing REIT Common Stock is to be determined by the Company and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

The RSA reflects, among other things, the mutual pursuit by the Debtors and their economic stakeholders of the following timeline for these Chapter 11 Cases (subject to the Court's availability and unless otherwise extended):

- No later than 85 days after the Petition Date, entry of an order approving the Disclosure Statement;
- No later than 165 days after the Petition Date, entry of the Confirmation Order, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders; and
- No later than 195 days after the Petition Date, the Effective Date shall have occurred.

The RSA provides the Company with a viable path forward and a framework to successfully exit chapter 11 in a timely fashion with the support of the Company's largest creditor constituency.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Subject to diligence regarding General Unsecured Claims pool and executory contracts to be rejected.

# F. <u>Prepetition Bank Lender Actions</u>

Upon executing the RSA, the Company and the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group focused their attention on negotiations with the Bank Lenders in an effort to reach a tripartite agreement among the Company, the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group, and the Bank Lenders over the terms of a fully consensual restructuring. Indeed, on October 13, 2020, certain members of the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group executed confidentiality agreements and became "restricted" to negotiate directly with the Bank Lenders. On October 27, 2020, the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group's advisors sent a restructuring term sheet to the Administrative Agent's advisors.

The next day, however, instead of continuing to negotiate with the Company and the Ad Hoc Bondholder Group, the Administrative Agent delivered to the Company various notices purporting to exercise remedies under the First Lien Credit Facility (the "**Wells Fargo Notices**"). The Wells Fargo Notices stated, among other things, that (i) the Administrative Agent elected to exercise all voting rights and all other ownership rights in respect of all Credit Facility Properties; (ii) the Administrative Agent had revoked the Company's right to collect rents and the Company had three (3) days to instruct its tenants to pay rent directly to the Administrative Agent; and (iii) the Administrative Agent removed the manager and officers from the governing boards of the Credit Facility Properties and appointed itself as manager via a joint written consent. The joint written consents also purported to strip the governing boards of the Credit Facility Properties of the authority to file any bankruptcy petition without the consent of the Administrative Agent, thereby exposing the Company—and its collective creditors—to the mercy of the Bank Lenders.

Faced with the actions taken by the Bank Lenders, the Company had no choice but to immediately commence these Chapter 11 Cases and seek the Court's protection to protect the Company and to ensure that value is preserved for the benefit of the Company's stakeholders.

Contemporaneously with the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors commenced an adversary proceeding, Adv. Proc. No. 20-03454 (DRJ) (the "Wells Fargo Adversary **Proceeding**"), seeking, among other things, a declaratory judgment that (i) no Event of Default (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) has occurred or is continuing under the First Lien Credit Agreement and/or applicable law, and (ii) the Administrative Agent's purported exercise of remedies thereunder is null and void. The Debtors also sought a temporary restraining order and injunctive relief enjoining the Bank Lenders from taking any further action or exercising remedies based on the alleged Events of Default pending the resolution of the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding.

# G. <u>Appointment of New Independent Director and Formation of a Special</u> <u>Committee</u>

On September 29, 2020, Michael Ashner resigned from the Board. On October 7, 2020, the Board unanimously appointed Scott D. Vogel as an additional independent director, for an initial term expiring at the Company's 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Vogel has extensive restructuring experience and the Board believed that Mr. Vogel's experience would be beneficial to the Company as it navigated through the restructuring process.

Further, on October 14, 2020, in connection with the Company's evaluation of strategic alternatives, the board of directors of the REIT approved the formation of a special committee (collectively, the "**Special Committee**"). The Special Committee is authorized to, among other things, consider, evaluate, and approve any transactions for and on behalf of the Company in which the Chief Legal Officer or outside counsel advises that a conflict exists between the Company and its equity holders, its affiliates, and/or its managers and officers in the context of a chapter 11 restructuring case. The Special Committee consists of two non-management directors, Mr. Scott D. Vogel and Ms. Carolyn B. Tiffany.

# H. <u>Prepetition Employee Retention Programs</u>

In August 2020, to retain key employees throughout the Debtors' restructuring efforts, the Debtors, with input from their Advisors and an independent compensation consultant, adopted a two-tier key employee retention program (as amended, the "**KERP**")<sup>14</sup> for certain key employees (the "**Key Employees**"), including Insiders.<sup>15</sup> Each participating Key Employee has received or will receive a cash award (each, a "**Retention Bonus**"), payable in accordance with the terms of the applicable retention agreements signed by each Key Employee.

The first tier of the KERP provides certain key executives with awards designed to retain such executives through these Chapter 11 Cases and restructuring process. The second tier of the KERP provides for discretionary bonuses to certain non-executive Key Employees—up to 35% of the Company's non-executive Workforce—based upon the Company's business judgment in determining the need to retain such Key Employees throughout the restructuring process. Pursuant to the Wages Motion, the Debtors did not seek any authority with respect to the KERP, but only provided such KERP-related information in the interest of full disclosure.<sup>16</sup> Further information relating to the KERP can be found in the Debtors' August 2020 8-K.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Section IV(H) shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the *Emergency Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Wages, Salaries, Reimbursable Expenses, and Other Obligations on Account of Compensation and Benefits Programs and (B) Continue Compensation and Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief* (Docket No. 8) (the "Wages Motion").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The Company offered the KERP in lieu of certain historical, incentive-based Compensation programs, such as the "Named Executive Officer Incentive Program." As a condition of receiving a Retention Bonus under the KERP, therefore, each Key Employee relinquished his or her right to participate in any such incentive-based Compensation programs with respect to 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Although the Debtors did not seek authority to pay any amounts related to the KERP during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors reserve all rights to seek additional authority, if necessary, with respect thereto.

# V. OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 11 CASES

# A. <u>Commencement of Chapter 11 Cases</u>

# *i.* First Day Motions

As discussed above, beginning on November 1, 2020, the Debtors commenced the Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors continue to manage their properties and operate their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

On or about the Petition Date, the Debtors filed multiple motions seeking various relief from the Bankruptcy Court to enable the Debtors to transition into chapter 11 and minimize any disruptions to the Debtors' operations (the "**First Day Motions**"). The Bankruptcy Court granted substantially all of the relief requested in the First Day Motions and entered various orders authorizing the Debtors to, among other things:

- Continue the use of the Debtors' cash management system, bank accounts, and business forms on a final basis (Docket No. 263);
- Pay certain prepetition claims of service providers and lien claimants on a final basis (Docket No. 63);
- Continue paying employee wages and benefits on a final basis (Docket No. 69);
- Establish procedures for utility companies to request adequate assurance of payment and to prohibit utility companies from altering or discontinuing service on an interim basis (Docket No. 61);
- Pay certain prepetition taxes and assessments on a final basis (Docket No. 68);
- Continue and maintain (i) various insurance policies designed to protect the Debtors' property, assets, key personnel, and business operations and (ii) surety bonds to secure the Debtors' payment or performance of certain obligations on a final basis (Docket No. 70);
- Continue payment of the Debtors' tenant obligations on a final basis (Docket No. 262); and
- Establish procedures to protect the potential value of the Debtors' net unrealized built-in loss, net operating loss carryforwards, and certain other tax benefits on a final basis (Docket No. 64).

#### *ii. Procedural Motions*

On or about the Petition Date, the Debtors also filed various motions regarding procedural issues that are common to chapter 11 cases of similar size and complexity as these Chapter 11 Cases. The Bankruptcy Court granted substantially all of the relief requested in such motions and entered various orders authorizing, among other things:

- The joint administration of the Debtors' Estates (Docket Nos. 96, 206);
- An extension of time to file the Debtor's schedules and statement of financial affairs (Docket No. 67); and
- The Debtors to file a consolidated creditor matrix and list of 30 largest unsecured creditors and modifying the requirement to file a list of equity securityholders (Docket No. 66).

# *iii.* Retention of Chapter 11 Professionals

The Debtors have filed several applications for authority to retain various professionals to assist the Debtors in carrying out their duties under the Bankruptcy Code during the Chapter 11 Cases, including: (i) Weil, as counsel to the Debtors (Docket No. 286); (ii) Epiq, as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent (Docket No. 11); (iii) Moelis, as investment banker (Docket No. 287); and (iv) Berkeley Research Group, LLC ("**BRG**"), as financial advisor (Docket 288).

The Debtors also filed a motion seeking approval to employ professionals utilized by the Debtors in the ordinary course of business (Docket No. 224) (the "**OCP Motion**") and a motion seeking the establishment of procedures for interim compensation of professionals (Docket No. 239). By order dated December 16, 2020, the Court granted the OCP Motion (Docket No. 328).

# iv. Use of Cash Collateral

On or about the Petition Date, the Debtors filed a motion seeking authority to use Cash Collateral (as defined in section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code) (Docket No. 16) (the "**Cash Collateral Motion**"). By order dated November 2, 2020, the Court granted the Cash Collateral Motion on an interim basis (Docket No. 65) (the "**First Interim Cash Collateral Order**").

On November 16, 2020, the Administrative Agent objected to the Cash Collateral Motion (Docket No. 213) (the "Wells Fargo Cash Collateral Objection"). On November 23, 2020, the Court held a final hearing on the Cash Collateral Motion (the "Cash Collateral Motion Final Hearing"). After hearing oral argument on the Cash Collateral Motion, the Court continued the Cash Collateral Motion Final Hearing to a pending date to occur after the Wells Fargo Trial (as defined below) and directed the parties to submit an agreed-upon second interim order. On December 3, 2020, the Court entered the second interim cash collateral order (Docket No. 292) (the "Second Interim Cash Collateral Order") extending the First Interim Cash Collateral Order, with certain modifications, until the date of the Cash Collateral Motion Final Hearing.

# B. <u>De Minimis Asset Sale Procedures</u>

On November 12, 2020, the Debtors filed a motion seeking approval of procedures in connection with the sale of certain *de minimis* assets (Docket No. 203) (the "**De Minimis Asset Sale Motion**"). By order dated November 23, 2020, the Court granted the De Minimis Asset Sale Motion (Docket No. 264).

# C. <u>Appointment of Creditors' Committee</u>

On November 13, 2020, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "**Creditors**' **Committee**") was appointed by the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 7 (the "**U.S. Trustee**") pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code to represent the interests of unsecured creditors in these Chapter 11 Cases (Docket No. 204). The members of the Creditors' Committee are: (i) Delaware Trust Company; (ii) ERMC, LLC; and (iii) SecurAmerica, LLC. The Creditors' Committee has retained McDermott Will & Emery LLP, as counsel, and AlixPartners, LLP, as its financial advisor.

# D. <u>Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding</u>

As discussed above, on or about the Petition Date, the Debtors commenced the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 1) (the "Adversary Complaint"), seeking, among other things, a declaratory judgment that (i) no Event of Default has occurred or is continuing under the First Lien Credit Agreement and/or applicable law, and (ii) the Administrative Agent's purported exercise of remedies is null and void. The Debtors also sought a temporary restraining order and injunctive relief enjoining the Bank Lenders from taking any further action exercising remedies based on the alleged Events of Default pending the resolution of the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 2).

On November 2, 2020, the Court issued a temporary restraining order (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 5) (the "**TRO**") that, among other things, provided that all directions to tenants at the Credit Facility Properties by Wells Fargo for payment shall be stayed and any such payments shall be made to the Debtors in accordance with procedures that existed prior to Wells Fargo's directions.

On November 13, 2020, the Court entered the *Stipulated Standstill Order* (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 26) (the "**Standstill Order**") pursuant to which, among other things, the Court converted the TRO to the Standstill Order until further order of the Court or fourteen (14) days following resolution by the Court of the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding (including any timely filed counterclaims that the Administrative Agent may pursue), whichever occurs first. Pursuant to the Standstill Order in accordance with the Second Interim Cash Collateral Order and in all events solely to pay operating expenses, required capital expenditures, and tenant allowances associated with the Credit Facility Properties to the Administrative Agent.

On November 18, 2020, the Administrative Agent filed its answer and counterclaims to the Adversary Complaint (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 29) (the "Wells Fargo Counterclaims") seeking, among other things, dismissal of the Pledged Debtors' (as defined in the Wells Fargo

Counterclaims) Chapter 11 Cases and a declaratory judgment that all rents paid or owing to the Mortgage Debtors (as defined in the Wells Fargo Counterclaims) following the Administrative Agent's revocation of the Mortgage Debtors' license to receive those rents are not property of the Mortgage Debtors' respective Estates, but are property of the Administrative Agent. On November 25, 2020, the Debtors filed their answer to the Wells Fargo Counterclaims (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 31).

Discovery and briefing in the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding is proceeding in accordance with the *Stipulation and Agreed Order Regarding Procedures and Scheduling* agreed to by the parties and entered by the Court on November 23, 2020 (Adv. Proc. Docket No. 30) (the "**Scheduling Order**"). Pursuant to the Scheduling Order, the trial on the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding (the "**Wells Fargo Trial**") is set to commence on January 14, 2021.

# E. <u>Exclusivity</u>

Section 1121(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides for a period of 120 days after the commencement of a chapter 11 case during which time a debtor has the exclusive right to file a plan of reorganization (the "**Exclusive Plan Period**"). In addition, section 1121(c)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that if a debtor files a plan within the Exclusive Plan Period, it has a period of 180 days after commencement of the chapter 11 case to obtain acceptances of such plan (the "**Exclusive Solicitation Period**," and together with the Exclusive Plan Period, the "**Exclusive Periods**"). Pursuant to section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court may, upon a showing of cause, extend the Exclusive Periods. The Exclusive Periods currently remain in effect and expire on March 1, 2021, and April 30, 2021, respectively.

# VI. <u>SUMMARY OF PLAN</u>

# A. <u>General</u>

This section of this Disclosure Statement summarizes the Plan, a copy of which is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan. YOU SHOULD READ THE PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

In general, a chapter 11 plan (i) divides claims and equity interests into separate classes, (ii) specifies the consideration that each class is to receive under the plan, and (iii) contains other provisions necessary to implement the plan. Under the Bankruptcy Code, "claims" and "equity interests," rather than "creditors" and "shareholders," are classified because creditors and shareholders may hold claims and equity interests in more than one class. Under section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, a class of claims is "impaired" under a plan unless the plan (1) leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights of each holder of a claim in such class or (2) provides, among other things, for the cure of certain existing defaults and reinstatement of the maturity of claims in such class. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 are impaired under the Plan, and holders of Claims or Interests in such Classes are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan unless such Classes of Claims or Interests are deemed to reject the Plan. Ballots are being furnished herewith to all holders of Claims in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 that are

entitled to vote to facilitate their voting to accept or reject the Plan. Class 11 is deemed to reject the Plan and, therefore, Interests in such Classes will not vote on the Plan.

# B. <u>Administrative Expense Claims, Fee Claims, and Priority Tax Claims</u>.

# *i.* Treatment of Administrative Expense Claims

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim agrees to a different treatment, each holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Fee Claim or Restructuring Expenses) shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim on, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the later of (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the first Business Day after the date that is thirty (30) calendar days after the date such Administrative Expense Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim; *provided*, that Allowed Administrative Expense Claims representing liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business by the Debtors shall be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice and in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of any orders or agreements governing, instruments evidencing, or other documents establishing, such liabilities.

# *ü.* Treatment of Fee Claims

(a) All Professional Persons seeking approval by the Bankruptcy Court of compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred through and including the Effective Date under sections 327, 328, 330, 331, 503(b)(2), 503(b)(3), 503(b)(4), 503(b)(5), or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code shall (i) file, on or before the date that is thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, their respective applications for final allowances of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred and (ii) be paid in full, in Cash, in such amounts as are Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court or authorized to be paid in accordance with the order(s) relating to or allowing any such Fee Claim. The Debtors are authorized to pay compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Confirmation Date in the ordinary course and without the need for Bankruptcy Court approval.

(b) On or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors shall establish and fund the Fee Escrow Account. The Debtors shall fund the Fee Escrow Account with Cash equal to the Professional Persons' good faith estimates of the Fee Claims, which estimate shall be provided to the Debtors at least three (3) days prior to the Effective Date. Funds held in the Fee Escrow Account shall not be considered property of the Debtors' Estates or property of the Reorganized Debtors, but shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors only after all Fee Claims allowed by the Bankruptcy Court have been irrevocably paid in full. The Fee Escrow Account shall be held in trust for Professional Persons retained by the Debtors and for no other parties until all Fee Claims Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court have been paid in full. Fee Claims shall be paid in full, in Cash, in such amounts as are Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court (i) on the date upon which an order relating to any such

Allowed Fee Claim becomes a Final Order or (ii) on such other terms as may be mutually agreed upon between the holder of such an Allowed Fee Claim and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable. The Reorganized Debtors' obligations with respect to Fee Claims shall not be limited by nor deemed limited to the balance of funds held in the Fee Escrow Account. To the extent that funds held in the Fee Escrow Account are insufficient to satisfy the amount of accrued Fee Claims owing to the Professional Persons, such Professional Persons shall have an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim for any such deficiency, which shall be satisfied in accordance with section 2.1 of the Plan. No Liens, claims, or interests shall encumber the Professional Fee Escrow in any way.

(c) Any objections to Fee Claims shall be served and filed (i) no later than twenty-one (21) days after the filing of the final applications for compensation or reimbursement or (ii) such later date as ordered by the Bankruptcy Court upon a motion of the Reorganized Debtors.

#### *iii.* Treatment of Priority Tax Claims

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agrees to a different treatment, each holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, at the option of the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable (i) Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Priority Tax Claim on, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the later of (a) the Effective Date, to the extent such Claim is an Allowed Priority Tax Claim on the Effective Date, (b) the first Business Day after the date that is thirty (30) calendar days after the date such Priority Tax Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Tax Claim, and (c) the date such Allowed Priority Tax Claim is due and payable in the ordinary course as such obligation becomes due; *provided*, that the Debtors reserve the right to prepay all or a portion of any such amounts at any time under this option without penalty or premium, or (ii) such other treatment reasonably acceptable to the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) or Reorganized Debtors (as applicable) and consistent with the provisions of section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### *iv.* Payment of Restructuring Expenses

(a) The Restructuring Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred, up to and including the Effective Date (or, with respect to necessary post-Effective Date activities, after the Effective Date), shall be paid in full in Cash on or prior to the Effective Date (to the extent not previously paid during the course of the Chapter 11 Cases) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement, without any requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court, without the need for itemized time detail, or without any requirement for Bankruptcy Court review or approval. All Restructuring Expenses to be paid on the Effective Date shall be estimated prior to and as of the Effective Date and such estimates shall be delivered to the Debtors at least three (3) days before the anticipated Effective Date; *provided*, that such estimates shall not be considered an admission or limitation with respect to such Restructuring Expenses. On the Effective Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter, final invoices for all Restructuring Expenses incurred prior to and as of the Effective Date shall be submitted to the Debtors.

(b) Pursuant to the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, all accrued and unpaid reasonable and documented Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses incurred up to (and including) the Effective Date shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, in each case without (i) any reduction to recoveries of the Holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, (ii) any requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court, (iii) the need for itemized time detail, or (iv) any requirement for Bankruptcy Court review. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall have the right to exercise the Senior Unsecured Notes Charging Lien against distributions to holders of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses.

# v. Statutory Fees

All Statutory Fees due and payable prior to the Effective Date shall be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors. On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall pay any and all Statutory Fees when due and payable, and shall file with the Bankruptcy Court quarterly reports in a form reasonably acceptable to the U.S. Trustee. Each Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall remain obligated to pay quarterly fees to the U.S. Trustee until the earliest of that particular Debtor's, or Reorganized Debtor's, as applicable, case being closed, dismissed, or converted to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

# C. <u>Classification of Claims and Interests</u>

# *i.* Classification in General

A Claim or Interest is placed in a particular Class for all purposes, including voting, confirmation, and distribution under the Plan and under sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; *provided*, that a Claim or Interest is placed in a particular Class for the purpose of receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan only to the extent that such Claim or Interest is an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in that Class and such Claim or Interest has not been satisfied, released, or otherwise settled prior to the Effective Date.

# *ii.* Formation of Debtor Groups for Convenience Only

The Plan groups the Debtors together solely for the purpose of describing treatment under the Plan, confirmation of the Plan, and making Plan Distributions in respect of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors under the Plan. Such groupings shall not affect any Debtor's status as a separate legal entity, change the organizational structure of the Debtors' business enterprise, constitute a change of control of any Debtor for any purpose, cause a merger or consolidation of any legal entities, or cause the transfer of any Assets; and, except as otherwise provided by or permitted under the Plan, all Debtors shall continue to exist as separate legal entities.

#### *iii.* Summary of Classification of Claims and Interests

The following table designates the Classes of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors and specifies which Classes are (i) Impaired and Unimpaired under the Plan, (ii) entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (iii) deemed to accept or reject the Plan. In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Expense Claims and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified. The classification of Claims and Interests set forth herein shall apply separately to each Debtor.

Class	Type of Claim or Interest	<u>Impairment</u>	Entitled to Vote
Class 1	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 2	Other Secured Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 3	Bank Lender Secured Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 4	Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 5	Bank Lender Deficiency Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 6	Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 7	Senior Unsecured Notes Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 8	Ongoing Trade Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 9	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 10	Intercompany Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 11	Existing LP Preferred Units	Impaired	No (Deemed to reject)
Class 12	Existing LP Common Units	Impaired	Yes
Class 13	Existing REIT Preferred Stock	Impaired	Yes
Class 14	Existing REIT Common Stock	Impaired	Yes
Class 15	Intercompany Interests	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 16	Section 510(b) Claims	Impaired	Yes

#### *iv.* Special Provision Governing Unimpaired Claims

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing under the Plan shall affect the rights of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in respect of any Unimpaired Claims, including all rights in respect of legal and equitable defenses to, or setoffs or recoupments against, any such Unimpaired Claims.

#### v. Separate Classification of Other Secured Claims

Although all Other Secured Claims have been placed in one Class for purposes of nomenclature within the Plan, each Other Secured Claim, to the extent secured by a Lien on Collateral different from the Collateral securing a different Other Secured Claim, shall be treated as being in a separate sub-Class for the purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and receiving Plan Distributions.

#### vi. Elimination of Vacant Classes

Any Class that, as of the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing, does not have at least one holder of a Claim or Interest that is Allowed in an amount greater than zero for voting purposes shall be considered vacant, deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan, and disregarded for purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such Class.

#### vii. Voting Classes; Presumed Acceptance by Non-Voting Classes

With respect to each Debtor, if a Class contained Claims eligible to vote and no holder of Claims eligible to vote in such Class votes to accept or reject the Plan, the Plan shall be presumed accepted by the holders of such Claims in such Class.

#### viii. Voting; Presumptions; Solicitation

(a) Acceptance by Certain Impaired Classes. Only holders of Claims and Interests in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. An Impaired Class of Claims or Interests shall have accepted the Plan if (i) the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests actually voting in such Class have voted to accept the Plan and (ii) the holders of more than one-half (1/2) in number of the Allowed Claims or Interests actually voting in such Class have voted to accept the Plan. Holders of Claims and Interests in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 shall receive ballots containing detailed voting instructions.

(b) **Presumed Acceptance by Unimpaired Classes.** Holders of Claims and Interests in Classes 1, 2, 8, 10, and 15 are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, such holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

(c) **Deemed Rejection by Impaired Class.** Holders of Interests in Class 11 are deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, such holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### ix. Non-Consensual Confirmation

If any Class is deemed to reject the Plan or is entitled to vote on the Plan and does not vote to accept the Plan, the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) may (i) seek confirmation of the Plan under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) amend or modify the Plan in accordance with the terms hereof and the Bankruptcy Code, including by (a) modifying the treatment applicable to a Class of Claims or Interests to render such Class of Claims or Interests Unimpaired to the extent permitted by the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules or (b) withdrawing the Plan as to an individual Debtor at any time before the Confirmation Date. If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Interests, or any Class of Claims or Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

#### x. No Waiver

Nothing contained in the Plan shall be construed to waive a Debtor's or other Person's right to object on any basis to any Claim.

# D. <u>Treatment of Claims and Interests</u>

# *i.* Class 1: Other Priority Claims

(a) **Treatment:** The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holders of Allowed Other Priority Claims are unaltered by the Plan. Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim agrees to different treatment, on the later of the Effective Date and the date that is twenty (20) days after the date such Other Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, each holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors (i) Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim or (ii) other treatment consistent with the provisions of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) **Impairment and Voting:** Allowed Other Priority Claims are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Other Priority Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Other Priority Claims.

#### *ii.* Class 2: Other Secured Claims

(a) **Treatment:** The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holders of Allowed Other Secured Claims are unaltered by the Plan. Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim agrees to different treatment, on the later of the Effective Date and the date that is twenty (20) days after the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, at the option of the

Reorganized Debtors (i) Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim, (ii) Reinstatement or such other treatment sufficient to render such holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim Unimpaired pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) such other recovery necessary to satisfy section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) **Impairment and Voting:** Allowed Other Secured Claims are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Other Secured Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Other Secured Claims.

#### iii. Class 3: Bank Lender Secured Claims

(a) **Allowance:** The Bank Lender Secured Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the Bank Lender Secured Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment:** Upon the later of the Effective Date and the date on which such Bank Lender Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed Bank Lender Secured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Secured Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution.

(c) **Impairment and Voting:** Bank Lender Secured Claims are Impaired. Holders of Bank Lender Secured Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### *iv.* Class 4: Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims

(a) **Allowance:** The Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims shall be deemed Allowed in the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment:** Except to the extent that a holder of a Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Claim, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims Recovery Pool.

(c) **Impairment and Voting:** Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims are Impaired. Holders of Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### v. Class 5: Bank Lender Deficiency Claims

(a) **Allowance:** The Bank Lender Deficiency Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment:** Upon the later to occur of the Effective Date and the date on which such Bank Lender Deficiency Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, in full and complete satisfaction of the such Claim, if any, each holder of such Claim shall receive:

- (i) its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution; and
- (ii) solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to an additional recovery to confirm the Plan, its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.

(c) **Impairment and Voting:** Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are Impaired. Holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### vi. Class 6: Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims

(a) **Allowance:** The Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment:** On or after the Effective Date, in full and complete satisfaction of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims, if any, each holder of such Claim shall receive, as less favorable treatment in respect of its Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims than the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, its Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool, which shall be subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.

(c) **Impairment and Voting:** Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims are Impaired. Holders of Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### vii. Class 7: Senior Unsecured Notes Claims

(a) Allowance: The Senior Unsecured Notes Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the aggregate amount of  $[\bullet]$  and shall not be subject to any objection or challenge.

(b) **Treatment:** [Except to the extent that a holder of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim exercises the Senior Unsecured Notes Claim Election,] on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of:

- i. the Senior Unsecured Notes New Preferred Stock Distribution; and
- ii. the Senior Unsecured Notes New Common Stock Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.

(c) **Impairment and Voting:** Senior Unsecured Notes Claims are Impaired. Holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### viii. Class 8: Ongoing Trade Claims

(a) **Treatment:** Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim agrees to different treatment, on and after the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim shall receive, at the Debtors' election (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), either: (i) payment in full in Cash; (ii) payment in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had never been commenced; or (iii) such other treatment rendering such holder's Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim Unimpaired.<sup>17</sup>

(b) **Impairment and Voting:** Allowed Ongoing Trade Claims are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Ongoing Trade Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Ongoing Trade Claims.

#### ix. Class 9: General Unsecured Claims

(a) **Treatment:** Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim agrees to different treatment, on and after the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive: [TBD].<sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Subject to diligence regarding Ongoing Trade Claims pool.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Subject to diligence regarding General Unsecured Claims pool and executory contracts to be rejected.

(b) **Impairment and Voting:** General Unsecured Claims are Impaired. Holders of General Unsecured Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### x. Class 10: Intercompany Claims

(a) **Treatment:** On or after the Effective Date, all Intercompany Claims shall be paid, adjusted, continued, settled, reinstated, discharged, or eliminated, in each case to the extent determined to be appropriate by the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

(b) **Impairment and Voting:** All Allowed Intercompany Claims are deemed Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Intercompany Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Intercompany Claims.

#### xi. Class 11: Existing LP Preferred Units

(a) **Treatment:** On the Effective Date, the Existing LP Preferred Units shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated) and shall receive no distribution under the Plan.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: The Existing LP Preferred Units are Impaired by the Plan, and the holders thereof are conclusively deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Existing LP Preferred Units are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Existing LP Preferred Units.

#### xii. Class 12: Existing LP Common Units

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing LP Common Units shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated).

(i) If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, on the Effective Date, at the election of the Debtors with the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, each holder of an Existing LP Common Unit shall either (i) receive its Pro Rata share of (y) the New LP Units and (z)  $[\bullet]$ % of the Warrants or (ii) be deemed to have converted or redeemed, as applicable, such holder's Existing LP Common Unit(s), effective the day prior to the Distribution Record Date, in exchange for Existing REIT Common Stock on terms consistent with the applicable prepetition agreements for the Existing LP Common Units, thereby receiving such treatment as if such holder owned Existing REIT Common Stock on the Distribution Record Date.

(ii) If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of an Allowed Existing LP Common Unit shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Existing LP Common Units are Impaired by the Plan. Holders of Existing LP Common Units are entitled to vote on the Plan.

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#### Class 13: Existing REIT Preferred Stock

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated).

(i) If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Interest, such holder's Pro Rata share of (i)  $[\bullet]$ % of the New Common Stock and (ii)  $[\bullet]$ % of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.<sup>19</sup>

(ii) If either Class 12, 13 or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Existing REIT Preferred Stock are Impaired. Holders of Existing REIT Preferred Stock are entitled to vote on the Plan.

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#### Class 14: Existing REIT Common Stock

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing REIT Common Stock shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated).

(i) If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock shall receive, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, in full and final satisfaction of such Interest, such holder's Pro Rata share of (i)  $[\bullet]$ % of the New Common Stock and (ii)  $[\bullet]$ % of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders to discuss cash-out option for holders of Existing REIT Preferred Stock on terms reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders.

(ii) If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Existing REIT Common Stock are Impaired. Holders of Existing REIT Common Stock are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### xv. Class 15: Intercompany Interests

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, all Intercompany Interests shall be treated as set forth in section 5.10 of the Plan.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Allowed Intercompany Interests are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Intercompany Interests are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Intercompany Interests.

# xvi. Class 16: Section 510(b) Claims

(a) **Treatment**: Section 510(b) Claims shall be cancelled, released, discharged, and extinguished as of the Effective Date and shall be of no further force or effect, and holders of Section 510(b) Claims shall receive New Common Stock in an amount sufficient to provide such holder a percentage recovery equal to the percentage recovery provided to holders of Existing REIT Common Stock pursuant to the Plan.<sup>20</sup>

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Section 510(b) Claims are Impaired by the Plan. Holders of Section 510(b) Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

# E. <u>Means for Implementation</u>

# *i.* Compromise and Settlement of Claims, Interests, and Controversies

Pursuant to section 363 and 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and in consideration for the distributions and other benefits provided pursuant to the Plan, the provisions of the Plan shall constitute a good faith compromise of all Claims, Interests, and controversies relating to the contractual, legal, and subordination rights that a creditor or an Interest holder may have with respect to any Allowed Claim or Interest or any distribution to be made on account of such Allowed Claim or Interest. The entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the compromise or settlement of all such Claims, Interests, and controversies, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that such compromise or settlement is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Any recovery for Section 510(b) Claims to come out of the 10% of New Common Stock allocated to existing equity.

in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and holders of such Claims and Interests, and is fair, equitable, and reasonable.

# *ii.* Continued Corporate Existence; Effectuating Documents; Restructuring Transactions

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Plan Documents, the Debtors shall continue to exist after the Effective Date as Reorganized Debtors as a separate corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form of entity, as the case may be, with all the powers of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form of entity, as the case may be, in accordance with the applicable laws of the respective jurisdictions in which they are incorporated or organized and pursuant to the respective certificate of incorporation and bylaws (or other analogous formation documents) in effect before the Effective Date or the New Corporate Governance Documents, as applicable, except to the extent such certificate of incorporation or bylaws (or other analogous formation, constituent or governance documents) is amended by the Plan or otherwise, and to the extent any such document is amended, such document is deemed to be amended pursuant to the Plan and requires no further action or approval (other than any requisite filings required under applicable state or federal law).

(b) On and after the Effective Date, all actions contemplated by the Plan shall be deemed authorized and approved by the Bankruptcy Court in all respects without any further corporate or equityholder action (or any other party, including, without limitation, securityholders, members, limited or general partners, managers, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable), including (i) the adoption, execution, and/or filing of the New Corporate Governance Documents; (ii) the selection of the directors, managers, and officers for the Reorganized Debtors, including the appointment of the New Board; (iii) the authorization, issuance, and distribution of the Exit Credit Facility, the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, the New LP Units, and Warrants, and the execution, delivery, and filing of any documents pertaining thereto, as applicable; (iv) the rejection, assumption, or assumption and assignment, as applicable, of executory contracts; (v) the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions; (vi) the adoption of the Management Incentive Plan by the New Board; and (vii) all other actions contemplated by the Plan (whether to occur before, on, or after the Effective Date). Upon the Effective Date, all matters provided for in the Plan involving the corporate structure of the Reorganized Debtors, and any corporate, partnership, limited liability company, or other governance action required by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be in effect, without any requirement of further corporate or other action by any security holders, members, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

(c) On or after the Effective Date, each Reorganized Debtor may, in its sole discretion, without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free

of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules take such action as permitted by applicable law and the New Corporate Governance Documents, as such Reorganized Debtor may determine is reasonable and appropriate, including causing (i) a Reorganized Debtor to be merged into another Reorganized Debtor or an affiliate of a Reorganized Debtor; (ii) a Reorganized Debtor to be dissolved, wound down, converted, or liquidated; (iii) the legal name of a Reorganized Debtor to be changed; or (iv) the closure of a Reorganized Debtor's Chapter 11 Case on the Effective Date or any time thereafter, and such action and documents are deemed to require no further action or approval (other than any requisite filings required under applicable state, provincial, federal, or foreign law).

(d) Following the Confirmation Date, the Debtors may take all actions consistent with the Plan as may be necessary or appropriate in the Debtors' discretion, with the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, of the Required Consenting Noteholders, prior to the Effective Date, and thereafter in the Reorganized Debtors' discretion, to effect any transaction described in, approved by, contemplated by, or necessary to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions (as defined in <u>section 5.2</u> of the Plan) under and in connection with the Plan. The Restructuring Transactions shall be subject to the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, of the Required Consenting Noteholders prior to the Effective Date, and thereafter, consummated in the Reorganized Debtors' discretion, and shall be structured in a manner that ensures that the Reorganized Debtors receive favorable and efficient tax treatment, given the totality of the circumstances.

On the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably (e) practicable, the Reorganized Debtors may take all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effect any transaction described in, approved by, or necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Plan, pursuant to section 1123(a)(5)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code, including (i) the consummation of the transactions provided for under or contemplated by the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps, (ii) the execution and delivery of appropriate agreements or other documents (including the Plan Documents) containing terms that are consistent with or reasonably necessary to implement the terms of the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps and that satisfy the requirements of applicable law, (iii) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments (including the Plan Documents) of transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any property, right, liability, duty, or obligation on terms consistent with the terms of the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps, (iv) the formation of the Exit Credit Facility Borrower, (v) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments (including the Plan Documents) to effectuate the transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any property, right, liability, duty, or obligation required for the Exit Credit Facility Borrower to become the owner of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of LP that own the First Lien Credit Facility Collateral, and (vi) all other actions that the Debtors and the Required

Consenting Noteholders, or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, determine are necessary or appropriate and consistent with the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps (collectively, the "**Restructuring Transactions**"). The authorizations and approvals contemplated in <u>section 5.2</u> of the Plan shall be effective notwithstanding any requirements under non-bankruptcy law.

(f) On the Effective Date, the New Corporate Governance Documents shall be adopted automatically by the applicable Reorganized Debtors, and shall be amended or amended and restated, as applicable, as may be required to be consistent with the provisions of the Plan and the Restructuring Support Agreement, and shall be deemed to be valid, binding, and enforceable obligations. To the extent required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, the New Corporate Governance Documents shall include a provision prohibiting the issuance of non-voting equity securities. After the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may amend and restate their respective New Corporate Governance Documents in accordance with the terms thereof, as permitted by the laws of their respective states, provinces, or countries of organization and their respective New Corporate Governance Documents.

# *iii.* Plan Funding

Plan Distributions of Cash shall be funded from the Debtors' Cash on hand as of the applicable date of such Plan Distribution.

# *iv.* Cancellation of Existing Securities, Agreements, and Security Interests.

On the Effective Date, except to the extent otherwise provided in the (a) Plan: (i) the obligations of the Debtors (a) under each organizational document (including certificates of designation, bylaws, or certificates or articles of incorporation), certificate, share, note, bond, indenture, purchase right, option, warrant, call, put, award, commitment, registration rights, preemptive right, right of first refusal, right of first offer, co-sale right, investor rights, or other instrument or document, directly or indirectly, evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest in the Debtors or giving rise to any Claim or Interest shall be automatically extinguished, cancelled and of no further force or effect and the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall not have any continuing obligations thereunder, and (b) under each agreement evidencing or creating any right to receive or to be eligible to receive any Interest (including any right of an employee under any agreement to participate in any incentive or compensation plan that provides for the issuance or grant of any Interests or to receive or to be eligible to receive any Interests) shall be automatically extinguished, cancelled and of no further force and effect and the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall not have any continuing obligations thereunder; and (ii) the obligations of the Debtors pursuant, relating, or pertaining to any instrument, certificate, agreement or document described in clause (i) above evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of the Debtors shall be released and discharged; provided that

notwithstanding confirmation of the Plan or the occurrence of the Effective Date, any such indenture, agreement, note, or other instrument or document that governs the rights of the holder of a Claim or Interest shall continue in effect solely for purposes of (1) enabling the holder of such Claim or Interest to seek allowance, and receive distributions on account of such Claim or Interest under the Plan as provided herein; (2) allowing holders of Claims to retain their respective rights and obligations vis-à-vis other holders of Claims pursuant to any applicable loan documents; (3) allowing the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to enforce their rights, claims, and interests vis-à-vis any party other than the Debtors; (4) allowing the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to make the distributions in accordance with the Plan (if any), as applicable; (5) preserving any rights of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to payment of fees, expenses, and indemnification obligations as against any money or property distributable to the holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims; (6) allowing the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to enforce any obligations owed to them under the Plan and perform any rights or duties, if any, related thereto; (7) allowing the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to appear in the Chapter 11 Cases or in any proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court or any other court; and (8) permitting the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to perform any functions that are necessary to effectuate the foregoing; provided, further, that the preceding proviso shall not affect the discharge of Claims or Interests pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Confirmation Order, or the Plan or result in any expense or liability to the Reorganized Debtors, except to the extent set forth in or provided for under the Plan; provided, further, that notwithstanding confirmation of the Plan or the occurrence of the Effective Date, except to the extent otherwise provided in the Plan, any agreement described in clause (1)(b) above shall, if assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Debtors, otherwise remain in full force and effect and the Reorganized Debtors shall be bound to all other provisions thereunder; provided, *further*, that nothing in this section shall effect a cancellation of any Intercompany Interests or Intercompany Claims. For the avoidance of doubt, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall be entitled to assert its Senior Unsecured Notes Charging Lien arising under and in accordance with the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, and any ancillary document, instrument, or agreement to obtain payment of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses.

(b) Except for the foregoing, on and after the Effective Date, all duties and responsibilities of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall be fully discharged (i) unless otherwise specifically set forth in or provided for under the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, and (ii) except with respect to such other rights of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee that survive termination pursuant to the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture.

(c) Upon the full payment or other satisfaction of an Allowed Other Secured Claim, or promptly thereafter, the holder of such Allowed Other Secured Claim shall deliver to the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, any Collateral or other property of a Debtor held by such holder, together with any termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, or releases of all security interests with respect to its Allowed Other Secured Claim that may be reasonably required to terminate any related financing statements, mortgages, mechanics' or other statutory Liens, or lis pendens, or similar interests or documents.

# v. Officers and Boards of Directors

(a) On the Effective Date, the New Board shall consist of seven (7) members, which shall include the following: (i) the Chief Executive Officer, (ii) five (5) members selected by the Required Consenting Noteholders, and (iii) one (1) member selected by the Debtors and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders (it being understood that Charles Lebovitz is acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders). The composition of the board of directors or board of managers of each Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall be disclosed prior to the Confirmation Hearing in accordance with section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan Supplement, the officers of the respective Reorganized Debtors immediately before the Effective Date, as applicable, shall serve as the initial officers of each of the respective Reorganized Debtors on and after the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, the selection of officers of the Reorganized Debtors shall be as provided by their respective organizational documents.

(c) Except to the extent that a member of the board of directors or a manager, as applicable, of a Debtor continues to serve as a director or manager of such Debtor on and after the Effective Date, the members of the board of directors or managers of each Debtor prior to the Effective Date, in their capacities as such, shall have no continuing obligations or duties to the Reorganized Debtors on or after the Effective Date and each such director or manager shall be deemed to have resigned or shall otherwise cease to be a director or manager of the applicable Debtor on the Effective Date. Commencing on the Effective Date, each of the directors and managers of each of the Reorganized Debtors shall be appointed in accordance with the Plan and the New Corporate Governance Documents and serve pursuant to the terms of the applicable organizational documents of such Reorganized Debtor and may be replaced or removed in accordance with such organizational documents.

#### vi. Management Incentive Plan

On or after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall adopt the Management Incentive Plan. The form, allocation, and any limitations on the Management Incentive Plan shall be determined by the New Board (or a committee thereof).

# vü. Exit Credit Facility

On the Effective Date, the Exit Credit Facility Agreement shall be executed and delivered by the Exit Credit Facility Obligors substantially in the form contained in the Exit Credit Facility Term

Sheet, and the Exit Credit Facility Obligors shall be authorized to execute, deliver, and enter into such documents without further (i) notice to or order or other approval of the Bankruptcy Court, (ii) act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule, (iii) vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, or (iv) action by the holders of Claims or Interests. The Exit Credit Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized joint and several obligations of the applicable Exit Credit Facility Obligors, enforceable in accordance with their terms, and such obligations shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) under applicable law, the Plan, or the Confirmation Order and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law.

Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed (i) approval of the Exit Credit Facility, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Exit Credit Facility Obligors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, and expenses as and when due provided for by the Exit Credit Facility Documents and (ii) authorization to enter into and perform under the Exit Credit Facility Documents.

On the Effective Date, all Liens and security interests granted pursuant to, or in connection with the Exit Credit Facility, (i) shall be deemed to be approved and shall, without the necessity of the execution, recordation, or filing of mortgages, security agreements, control agreements, pledge agreements, financing statements, or other similar documents, be valid, binding, fully perfected, fully enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the property described in the Exit Credit Facility Documents, with the priorities established in respect thereof under applicable non-bankruptcy law, and (ii) shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law, the Plan, or the Confirmation Order.

The Debtors and Reorganized Debtors and the Persons granted Liens and security interests under the Exit Credit Facility are authorized to make all filings and recordings and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, provincial, federal, or other law (whether domestic or foreign) that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order without the need for any filings or recordings) and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

# viii. Authorization and Issuance of New LP Units

On and after the Effective Date, if applicable, the Reorganized LP is authorized to issue, or cause to be issued, and shall issue the New LP Units in accordance with the terms of the Plan without the need for any further corporate, limited liability company, or shareholder action. All of the New

LP Units distributable under the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, and fully paid and non-assessable.

#### ix. New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, and Warrants; Listing

On and after the Effective Date the Reorganized REIT is authorized to issue, or cause to be issued, and shall issue the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the Plan without the need for any further corporate, limited liability company, or shareholder action (or action of any other party, including, without limitation, securityholders, members, limited or general partners, managers, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable). All of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants distributable under the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, and fully paid and non-assessable. The Warrant Equity (upon payment or satisfaction of the exercise price in accordance with the terms of the applicable Warrants) issued pursuant to the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.

The Warrants shall be issuable pursuant to the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement, the form and substance of which shall be consistent with the Warrant Term Sheet. Each Warrant shall, subject to the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement, be exercisable for New Common Stock subject to the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement.

On the Effective Date, the Registration Rights Agreement shall be executed and delivered. The Reorganized Debtors shall be authorized to execute, deliver, and enter into and perform under the Registration Rights Agreement without the need for any further corporate or limited liability company action and without further action by the holders of Claims or Interests (or action of any other party, including, without limitation, securityholders, members, limited or general partners, managers, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable).

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors anticipate that they will continue to be a reporting company under the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78(a)–78(pp), subject to receiving the approval from the Required Consenting Noteholders. If approved by the Required Consenting Noteholders, the Reorganized Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ, or another nationally recognized exchange, as soon as reasonably practicable, subject to meeting applicable listing requirements following the Effective Date; *provided, that*, regardless of the foregoing obligations, the Reorganized Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to qualify the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock for trading in the OTC Markets (formerly known as the Pink Sheets) or otherwise qualify the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock as "regularly traded" as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.897-9T(d) before the end of the calendar year that includes the Effective Date.

#### x. Intercompany Interests

On the Effective Date and without the need for any further corporate action or approval of any board of directors, board of managers, managers, management, or shareholders of any Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, the certificates and all other documents representing the

Intercompany Interests shall be deemed to be in full force and effect unless otherwise required in accordance with the Restructuring Transactions.

# xi. No Substantive Consolidation

Notwithstanding the combination of separate plans of reorganization for the Debtors set forth in the Plan for purposes of economy and efficiency, the Plan constitutes a separate chapter 11 plan for each Debtor, and the Plan is not premised upon the substantive consolidation of the Debtors with respect to the Classes of Claims or Interests set forth in the Plan. Accordingly, if the Bankruptcy Court does not confirm the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors, it may still confirm the Plan with respect to any other Debtor that satisfies the confirmation requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

# xii. Closing of Chapter 11 Cases

After an Estate has been fully administered, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall seek authority from the Bankruptcy Court to close the applicable Chapter 11 Case(s) in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules.

# xiii. Notice of Effective Date

As soon as practicable, but not later than three (3) Business Days following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall file a notice of the occurrence of the Effective Date with the Bankruptcy Court.

# F. <u>Distributions</u>

# *i.* Distributions Generally

The Disbursing Agent shall make all Plan Distributions to the appropriate holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

# *ü.* No Postpetition Interest on Claims

Except as otherwise specifically provided for in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or another order of the Bankruptcy Court, postpetition interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Claims, and no holder of a Claim shall be entitled to interest accruing on such Claim on or after the Petition Date.

# *iii.* Date of Distributions

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, any distributions and deliveries to be made under the Plan shall be made on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter; *provided*, that the Reorganized Debtors may implement periodic distribution dates to the extent they determine them to be appropriate.

#### iv. Distribution Record Date

(a) As of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, the various lists of holders of Claims in each Class, as maintained by the Debtors or their agents, shall be deemed closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record holders of any Claims after the Distribution Record Date. Neither the Debtors nor the Disbursing Agent shall have any obligation to recognize any transfer of a Claim occurring after the close of business on the Distribution Record Date. In addition, with respect to payment of any Cure Amounts or disputes over any Cure Amounts, neither the Debtors nor the Disbursing Agent shall have any obligation to recognize or deal with any party other than the non-Debtor party to the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease, even if such non-Debtor party has sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred its Claim for a Cure Amount.

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, in connection (b) with any Plan Distribution to be effected through the facilities of DTC or any Alternative Service (whether by means of book entry exchange, free delivery, or otherwise), the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall be entitled to recognize and deal for all purposes under the Plan with holders of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) to the extent consistent with the customary practices of DTC (or any Alternative Service) used in connection with such distributions. All New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) to be distributed under the Plan shall be issued in the names of such holders or their nominees in accordance with DTC's (or, if applicable, the Alternative Service's) book entry exchange procedures to the extent that the holders of New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) held their First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Senior Unsecured Notes, Existing REIT Common Stock, Existing REIT Preferred Stock, Existing LP Common Units, or Existing LP Preferred Units, as applicable, through the facilities of DTC (or such Alternative Service); provided, that such New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) are permitted to be held through DTC's (or the Alternative Service's) book entry system; provided, further, however, that to the extent the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) are not eligible for distribution in accordance with DTC's (or Alternative Service's) customary practices, Reorganized LP or Reorganized REIT, as applicable, shall take all such reasonable actions as may be required to cause the distribution of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) under the Plan. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, DTC and any transfer agent shall be required to accept and conclusively rely upon the Plan or Confirmation Order regarding the validity of any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, whether the initial sale and delivery of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon

exercise thereof) is exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC (or the Alternative Service) book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services and no Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, DTC or any Alternative Service) may require a legal opinion with respect thereto.

# v. Distributions after Effective Date

Distributions made after the Effective Date to holders of Disputed Claims that are not Allowed Claims as of the Effective Date but which later become Allowed Claims shall be deemed to have been made on the Effective Date.

#### vi. Disbursing Agent

All distributions under the Plan shall be made by the Disbursing Agent on and after the Effective Date as provided in the Plan. The Disbursing Agent shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of its duties. The Reorganized Debtors shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Disbursing Agent (if other than the Reorganized Debtors) with the amounts of Claims and the identities and addresses of holders of Claims, in each case, as set forth in the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' books and records. The Reorganized Debtors shall cooperate in good faith with the applicable Disbursing Agent (if other than the Reorganized Debtors) to comply with the reporting and withholding requirements outlined in section 6.18 of the Plan.

#### vii. Delivery of Distributions

Subject to section 6.4(a) of the Plan, the Disbursing Agent will issue or cause to be issued, the applicable consideration under the Plan and, subject to Bankruptcy Rule 9010, will make all distributions to any holder of an Allowed Claim as and when required by the Plan at: (i) the address of such holder on the books and records of the Debtors or their agents or (ii) at the address in any written notice of address change delivered to the Debtors or the Disbursing Agent, including any addresses included on any transfers of Claim filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001. In the event that any distribution to any holder is returned as undeliverable, no distribution or payment to such holder shall be made unless and until the Disbursing Agent has been notified of the then-current address of such holder, at which time or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable such distribution shall be made to such holder without interest.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, all distributions to holders of First Lien Credit Facility Claims shall be governed by the First Lien Credit Agreement and shall be deemed completed when made to the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent, which shall be deemed to be the holder of all First Lien Credit Facility Claims for purposes of distributions to be made hereunder. The First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent shall hold or direct such distributions for the benefit of the holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims, as applicable. As soon as practicable in accordance with the requirements set forth in this provision, the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent shall arrange to deliver such distributions to or on behalf of such holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, all distributions to holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims shall be governed by the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture and, except as otherwise

reasonably requested by the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee, shall be deemed completed when made to the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee, which shall be deemed to be the holder of all Senior Unsecured Notes Claims for purposes of distributions to be made hereunder. The Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall hold or direct such distributions for the benefit of the holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, as applicable. As soon as practicable in accordance with the requirements set forth in this provision, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall arrange to deliver such distributions to or on behalf of such holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the distribution of the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock shall be made through the facilities of DTC in accordance with the customary practices of DTC for a mandatory distribution, as and to the extent practicable, and the Distribution Record Date shall not apply. In connection with such distribution, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall deliver instructions to DTC instructing DTC to effect distributions on a Pro Rata basis as provided under the Plan with respect to the Senior Unsecured Notes Claims. If the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee is unable to make, or consents to the Reorganized Debtors making, such distributions, the Reorganized Debtors, with the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee's cooperation, shall make such distributions to the extent practicable to do so. The Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall have no duties or responsibility relating to any form of distribution that is not DTC eligible and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall seek the cooperation of DTC so that any distribution on account of an Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim that is held in the name of, or by a nominee of, DTC, shall be made through the facilities of DTC on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the distribution of Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise), provided the Warrants are DTC-eligible and the Debtors elect, subject to approval by the Required Consenting Noteholders, to deliver such Warrants through the facilities of DTC, shall be made through the facilities of DTC in accordance with the customary practices of DTC for a mandatory distribution, as and to the extent practicable, and the Distribution Record Date shall not apply. To the extent the Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise) are not delivered through the facilities of DTC, the Debtors shall facilitate registration of the Warrants into the names of the relevant beneficial owners as soon as practicable following the Effective Date.

#### viii. Unclaimed Property

One (1) year from the later of: (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the date that is ten (10) Business Days after the date of a Claim distribution on an Allowed Claim, all distributions payable on account of such Claim that are undeliverable or otherwise unclaimed shall be deemed unclaimed property under section 347(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors or their successors or assigns, and all claims of any other Person (including the holder of a Claim in the same Class) to such distribution shall be discharged and forever barred. The Reorganized Debtors and the Disbursing Agent shall have no obligation to attempt to locate any holder of an Allowed Claim other than by reviewing the Debtors' books and records and the Bankruptcy Court's filings.

#### ix. Satisfaction of Claims

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, any distributions and deliveries to be made on account of Allowed Claims under the Plan shall be in complete and final satisfaction, settlement, and discharge of and exchange for such Allowed Claims.

# x. Manner of Payment under Plan

Except as specifically provided in the Plan, at the option of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, any Cash payment to be made under the Plan may be made by a check or wire transfer or as otherwise required or provided in applicable agreements or customary practices of the Debtors.

# xi. Fractional Shares and Warrants

No fractional shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or fractional Warrants shall be distributed. When any distribution would otherwise result in the issuance of a number of shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants that is not a whole number, the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants, as applicable, subject to such distribution shall be rounded to the next higher or lower whole number as follows: (i) fractions equal to or greater than 1/2 shall be rounded to the next higher whole number, and (ii) fractions less than 1/2 shall be rounded to the next lower whole number. The total number of shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants to be distributed on account of Allowed Claims shall be adjusted as necessary to account for the rounding provided for herein. No consideration shall be provided in lieu of fractional shares that are rounded down. Neither the Reorganized Debtors nor the Disbursing Agent, as applicable, shall have an obligation to make a distribution pursuant to the Plan that is less than one (1) share of New Common Stock, less than one (1) New Preferred Stock, less than one (1) New LP Unit, less than one (1) Warrant, or less than \$100.00 in Cash. Fractional shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants that are not distributed in accordance with this section shall be returned to, and ownership thereof shall vest in, Reorganized REIT.

# xii. No Distribution in Excess of Amount of Allowed Claim

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no holder of an Allowed Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, Plan Distributions in excess of the Allowed amount of such Claim (plus any postpetition interest on such Claim solely to the extent permitted by section 6.2 of the Plan).

# xiii. Allocation of Distributions Between Principal and Interest

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan and subject to section 6.2 of the Plan or as otherwise required by law (as determined by the Reorganized Debtors), distributions with respect to an Allowed Claim shall be allocated first to the principal portion of such Allowed Claim (as

determined for United States federal income tax purposes) and, thereafter, to the remaining portion of such Allowed Claim, if any.

#### xiv. Exemptions from Securities Laws; Listing

The offering, issuance of and the distribution under the Plan of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (and the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) shall be exempt, without further act or actions by any Entity, from registration under the Securities Act, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other applicable securities laws to the fullest extent permitted by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (and the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) may be resold without registration under the Securities Act or other federal securities laws by the recipients thereof, subject to (i) the provisions of section 1145(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, (ii) compliance with, or the limitations of, any rules and regulations of the SEC, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such securities, (iii) the restrictions, if any, on the transferability of such securities under the terms of the New Corporate Governance Documents or the Warrant Agreement, as applicable, and (iv) applicable regulatory approval. In addition, such section 1145 exempt securities generally may be resold without registration under state securities laws pursuant to various exemptions provided by the respective laws of the several states.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no entity (including, for the avoidance of doubt, DTC, or any Alternative Service) shall be entitled to require a legal opinion regarding the validity of any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, for the avoidance of doubt, whether the initial sale and delivery by the issuer to the holders of New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) is exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC (or any Alternative Service) book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services. The Confirmation Order shall provide that DTC (or any Alternative Service) shall be required to accept and conclusively rely upon the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of a legal opinion regarding whether the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) is exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC (or any Alternative Service) book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Debtors may elect to use any other book entry delivery, settlement and depositary service in lieu of DTC as it deems efficient and appropriate (an "Alternative Service"), provided, that delivery of the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) through Alternative Service shall not be mandatory.

#### xv. Setoffs and Recoupments

Each Reorganized Debtor, or such entity's designee as instructed by such Reorganized Debtor, may, pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law, set off or recoup against any Allowed Claim, other than a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim or Consenting Crossholder Claim, and the distributions to be made pursuant to the Plan on account of such Allowed Claim, any and all claims, rights, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever that a

Reorganized Debtor or its successors may hold against the holder of such Allowed Claim after the Effective Date; *provided*, that neither the failure to effect a setoff or recoupment nor the allowance of any Claim hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by a Reorganized Debtor or its successor of any claims, rights, or Causes of Action that a Reorganized Debtor or its successor or assign may possess against the holder of such Claim.

# xvi. Rights and Powers of Disbursing Agent

The Disbursing Agent shall be empowered to (i) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties hereunder, (ii) make all applicable distributions or payments provided for under the Plan, (iii) employ professionals to represent it with respect to its responsibilities, and (iv) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Disbursing Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court (including any Final Order issued after the Effective Date) or pursuant to the Plan, or as deemed by the Disbursing Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions hereof.

# xvii. Expenses of Disbursing Agent

Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court and subject to the written agreement of the Reorganized Debtors, the amount of any reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Disbursing Agent on or after the Effective Date (including taxes) and any reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement Claims (including for reasonable attorneys' fees and other professional fees and expenses) made by the Disbursing Agent shall be paid in Cash by the Reorganized Debtors in the ordinary course of business.

#### xviii. Withholding and Reporting Requirements

Withholding Rights. In connection with the Plan, any party issuing (a) any instrument or making any distribution described in the Plan shall comply with all applicable withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any federal, state, or local taxing authority, and all distributions pursuant to the Plan and all related agreements shall be subject to any such withholding or reporting requirements. In the case of a non-Cash distribution that is subject to withholding, the distributing party may withhold an appropriate portion of such distributed property and either (i) sell such withheld property to generate Cash necessary to pay over the withholding tax (or reimburse the distributing party for any advance payment of the withholding tax), or (ii) pay the withholding tax using its own funds and retain such withheld property. Any amounts withheld pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be deemed to have been distributed to and received by the applicable recipient for all purposes of the Plan; provided, that, in the case of any payments with respect to the Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, the Reorganized Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the payment recipient with reasonable advance notice of any withholding that it, or its agents, intend to make on any such payment, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate, or direct it agents to cooperate, with such payment recipient to minimize any applicable withholding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each holder of an Allowed Claim or any other person that receives a distribution pursuant to the Plan

shall have responsibility under applicable law for any taxes imposed by any governmental unit, including, without limitation, income, withholding, and other taxes, on account of such distribution. Any party issuing any instrument or making any distribution pursuant to the Plan has the right, but not the obligation, to not make a distribution until such holder has made arrangements reasonably satisfactory to such issuing or disbursing party for payment of any such tax obligations.

(b) **Forms**. Any party entitled to receive any property as an issuance or distribution under the Plan shall, upon request, deliver to the Disbursing Agent or such other person designated by the Reorganized Debtors (which person shall subsequently deliver to the Disbursing Agent any applicable IRS Form W-8 or Form W-9 received) an appropriate Form W-9 or (if the payee is a foreign person) applicable Form W-8. If such request is made by the Reorganized Debtors, the Disbursing Agent, or such other person designated by the Reorganized Debtors or Disbursing Agent and the holder fails to comply before the earlier of (i) the date that is one hundred and eighty (180) days after the request is made and (ii) the date that is one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of distribution, the amount of such distribution shall irrevocably revert to the applicable Reorganized Debtor and any Claim in respect of such distribution shall be discharged and forever barred from assertion against such Reorganized Debtor or its respective property.

# G. <u>Procedures for Resolving Claims</u>

# i. Allowance of Claims

Except as expressly provided in the Plan (including as provided in sections 4.3 and 4.5 of the Plan) or in any order entered in the Chapter 11 Cases before the Effective Date (including the Confirmation Order), no Claim shall become an Allowed Claim unless and until such Claim is deemed Allowed pursuant to the Plan or a Final Order, including the Confirmation Order (when it becomes a Final Order), Allowing such Claim. On and after the Effective Date, each of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have and retain any and all rights and defenses with respect to any Claim immediately before the Effective Date.

# *ü. Objections to Claims*

(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan and notwithstanding any requirements that may be imposed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors, shall have the authority (i) to file, withdraw, or litigate to judgment objections to Claims; (ii) to settle or compromise any Disputed Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court; and (iii) to administer and adjust the Debtors' claims register to reflect any such settlements or compromises without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court.

(b) Any objections to a Claim shall be filed on or before the date that is the later of (i) one hundred eighty (180) days after the Effective Date and (ii) such

later date as may be fixed by the Bankruptcy Court, after notice and a hearing, upon a motion by the Reorganized Debtors, as such deadline may be extended from time to time; *provided*, that the expiration of such period shall not limit or affect the Debtors' or the Reorganized Debtors' rights to dispute Claims asserted in the ordinary course of business other than through a proof of Claim.

# *iii.* Estimation of Claims

Before or after the Effective Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may at any time request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate any Disputed Claim or Disputed Interest that is contingent or unliquidated pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code for any reason, regardless of whether any party previously has objected to such Claim or Interest or whether the Bankruptcy Court has ruled on any such objection, and the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction to estimate any such Claim or Interest, including during the litigation of any objection to any Claim or Interest or during the appeal relating to such objection. In the event that the Bankruptcy Court estimates any Disputed, contingent, or unliquidated Claim or Interest, that estimated amount shall constitute a maximum limitation on such Claim or Interest for all purposes under the Plan (including for purposes of distributions), and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may elect to pursue any supplemental proceedings to object to any ultimate distribution on such Claim or Interest. Notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, in no event shall any Holder of a Claim or Interest that has been estimated pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise be entitled to seek reconsideration of such estimation unless such Holder has filed a motion requesting the right to seek such reconsideration on or before twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date on which such Claim or Interest is estimated.

# iv. Adjustment to Claims Register Without Objection

Any duplicate Claim or Interest or any Claim or Interest that has been paid or satisfied, or any Claim that has been amended or superseded, may be adjusted or expunged on the Claims Register by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, upon agreement between the parties in interest without a Claims objection having to be filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### v. Disallowance of Claims

Any Claims (other than any Claims that are expressly deemed Allowed Claims pursuant to the Plan) held by Entities from which property is recoverable pursuant to a Cause of Action under section 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or that is a transferee of a transfer avoidable pursuant to a Cause of Action under section 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed Disallowed pursuant to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Holders of such Claims may not receive any distributions on account of such Claims until such time as such Causes of Action against that Entity have been settled or a Bankruptcy Court order with respect thereto has been entered and all sums due, if any, to the Debtors by that Entity have been turned over or paid to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

#### vi. Claim Resolution Procedures Cumulative

All of the objection, estimation, and resolution procedures in the Plan are intended to be cumulative and not exclusive of one another. Claims may be estimated and subsequently settled, compromised, withdrawn, or resolved in accordance with the Plan without further notice or Bankruptcy Court approval.

#### vii. No Distributions Pending Allowance

If an objection, motion to estimate, or other challenge to a Claim is filed, no payment or distribution provided under the Plan shall be made on account of such Claim unless and until (and only to the extent that) such Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.

#### viii. Distributions after Allowance

To the extent that a Disputed Claim ultimately becomes an Allowed Claim, distributions (if any) shall be made to the holder of such Allowed Claim in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. As soon as practicable after the date on which the order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court allowing any Disputed Claim becomes a Final Order, the Disbursing Agent shall provide to the holder of such Claim the distribution (if any) to which such holder is entitled under the Plan as of the Effective Date, without any interest to be paid on account of such Claim unless required by the Bankruptcy Code.

#### H. <u>Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases</u>

#### *i. General Treatment*

(a) As of and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date and the payment of any applicable Cure Amount, all executory contracts and unexpired leases to which any of the Debtors are parties shall be deemed assumed, unless such contract or lease (i) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors, pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, (ii) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto, (iii) is the subject of a motion to reject filed by the Debtors on or before the Confirmation Date, or (iv) is specifically designated as a contract or lease to be rejected on the Schedule of Rejected Contracts.

(b) Subject to (i) satisfaction of the conditions set forth in section 8.1(a) of the Plan, (ii) resolution of any disputes in accordance with section 8.2 of the Plan with respect to the contracts or leases subject to such disputes, and (iii) the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of the assumptions or rejections provided for in the Plan pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Each executory contract and unexpired lease assumed pursuant to the Plan shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the applicable Reorganized Debtor in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan, any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and providing for its assumption, or applicable law.

(c) To the maximum extent permitted by law, to the extent any provision in any executory contract or unexpired lease assumed pursuant to the Plan restricts or prevents, or purports to restrict or prevent, or is breached or deemed breached by, the assumption of such executory contract or unexpired lease (including any "change of control" provision), then such provision shall be deemed modified such that the transactions contemplated by the Plan shall not entitle the non-Debtor party thereto to terminate such executory contract or unexpired lease or to exercise any other default-related rights with respect thereto.

(d) The Debtors reserve the right, subject to the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, on or before 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on the date that is seven (7) days before the Confirmation Hearing, or such other time as may be agreed in writing between the Debtors and the applicable counterparty, to amend the Schedule of Rejected Contracts to add or remove any executory contract or unexpired lease; *provided*, that if the Confirmation Hearing is adjourned or continued, such amendment right shall be extended to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on the date that is seven (7) days before the rescheduled or continued Confirmation Hearing, and this proviso shall apply in the case of any and all subsequent adjournments and continuances of the Confirmation Hearing; *provided*, *further*, that the Debtors may amend the Schedule of Rejected Contracts to add or delete any executory contracts or unexpired leases after such date to the extent agreed with the relevant counterparties and entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### *ii.* Determination of Assumption and Cure Disputes; Deemed Consent

(a) The Debtors shall file, as part of the Plan Supplement, the Schedule of Rejected Contracts. At least ten (10) days before the deadline to object to confirmation of the Plan, the Debtors shall serve a notice on parties to executory contracts or unexpired leases to be assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected reflecting the Debtors' intention to potentially assume, assume and assign, or reject the contract or lease in connection with the Plan and, where applicable, setting forth the proposed Cure Amount (if any). Any objection by a counterparty to an executory contract or unexpired lease to the proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, or related Cure Amount must be filed, served, and actually received by the Debtors within seven (7) days of the service of the assumption notice, or such shorter period as agreed to by the parties or authorized by the Bankruptcy Court. Any counterparty to an executory contract or unexpired lease that does not timely object to the notice of the proposed assumption of such executory contract or unexpired lease shall be deemed to have assented to assumption of the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease notwithstanding any provision thereof that purports to (i) prohibit, restrict, or condition the transfer or assignment of such contract or lease; (ii) terminate or modify, or permit the termination or modification of, a contract or lease as a result of any direct or indirect transfer or assignment of the rights of any Debtor under such contract or lease or a change, if any, in the ownership or control to the extent contemplated by the Plan; (iii) increase, accelerate, or otherwise alter any obligations or liabilities of any Debtor or any

Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, under such executory contract or unexpired lease; or (iv) create or impose a Lien upon any property or Asset of any Debtor or any Reorganized Debtor, as applicable. Each such provision shall be deemed to not apply to the assumption of such executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan and counterparties to assumed executory contracts or unexpired leases that fail to object to the proposed assumption in accordance with the terms set forth in section 8.2(a) of the Plan, shall forever be barred and enjoined from objecting to the proposed assumption or to the validity of such assumption (including with respect to any Cure Amounts or the provision of adequate assurance of future performance), or taking actions prohibited by the foregoing or the Bankruptcy Code on account of transactions contemplated by the Plan.

(b) If there is an Assumption Dispute pertaining to assumption of an executory contract or unexpired lease (other than a dispute pertaining to a Cure Amount), such dispute shall be heard by the Bankruptcy Court prior to such assumption being effective, *provided*, that the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may settle any dispute regarding the Cure Amount or the nature thereof without any further notice to any party or any action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

(c) To the extent an Assumption Dispute relates solely to the Cure Amount, the Debtors may assume and/or assume and assign the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease prior to the resolution of the Assumption Dispute; *provided*, that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, reserve Cash in an amount sufficient to pay the full amount reasonably asserted as the required cure payment by the non-Debtor party to such executory contract or unexpired lease (or such smaller amount as may be fixed or estimated by the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise agreed to by such non-Debtor party and the applicable Reorganized Debtor).

(d) Subject to resolution of any dispute regarding any Cure Amount, all Cure Amounts shall be satisfied by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, upon assumption of the underlying contracts and unexpired leases. Assumption of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan, or otherwise, shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Claims or defaults, subject to satisfaction of the Cure Amount, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed executory contract or unexpired lease at any time before the effective date of the assumption. Any proofs of claim filed with respect to an executory contract or unexpired lease that has been assumed or assigned shall be deemed disallowed and expunged, without further notice to or action, order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, upon the deemed assumption of such contract or unexpired lease.

#### iii. Rejection Damages Claims

Unless otherwise provided by an order of the Bankruptcy Court, proofs of claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases, if any, must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by the later of thirty (30) days from (i) the date of entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving such rejection, (ii) the effective date of the rejection of such executory contract or unexpired lease, and (iii) the Effective Date. Any Claims arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease not filed within such time shall be Disallowed pursuant to the Confirmation Order or such other order of the Bankruptcy Court, as applicable, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Estates, the Reorganized Debtors, or property of the foregoing parties, without the need for any objection by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the executory contract or unexpired lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, notwithstanding anything in the Schedules, if any, or a proof of claim to the contrary. Claims arising from the rejection of the Debtors' executory contracts or unexpired leases shall be classified as General Unsecured Claims and may be objected to in accordance with the provisions of section 7.2 of the Plan and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules.

#### iv. Survival of the Debtors' Indemnification Obligations

(a) All Indemnification Obligations shall be deemed and treated as executory contracts to be assumed by the Debtors under the Plan and shall continue as obligations of the Reorganized Debtors on terms reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders; *provided*, that the Indemnification Obligations assumed pursuant to the Plan shall be on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders; *provided*, *further*, *however*, that no Indemnification Obligations shall be assumed under the Plan by any Debtor with respect to any Person appointed by the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and/or the First Lien Credit Facility Lenders to exercise any voting proxy or otherwise to serve as a member, director, officer, manager or agent. Any claim based on the Debtors' Indemnification Obligations that are assumed under the Plan shall not be a Disputed Claim or subject to any objection in either case by reason of section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) In accordance with the foregoing, the Reorganized Debtors shall cooperate with current and former officers, directors, members, managers, agents, or employees in relation to the Indemnification Obligations assumed under the Plan, including responding to reasonable requests for information and providing access to attorneys, financial advisors, accountants and other professionals with knowledge of matters relevant to any such claim covered by an Indemnification Obligation assumed under the Plan, including any claim or Cause of Action arising under any state or federal securities laws.

#### v. Employment Arrangements

(a) Except as otherwise determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders in their reasonable discretion, all Employment Arrangements shall be treated as executory contracts under the Plan and deemed assumed on the Effective Date pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code (which assumption shall include any modifications to such employments agreements, including, without limitation, modifications to the terms of any retention or incentive agreements for senior executives of the Debtors, as requested by the Required Consenting Noteholders). Any assumption of the Employment Arrangements hereunder shall not trigger any applicable change of control, immediate vesting, termination, or similar provisions therein. No participant shall have rights under the Benefit Plans and Employment Arrangements assumed pursuant to the Plan other than those existing immediately before such assumption.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors shall continue to honor all retiree benefits in accordance with section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the obligations thereunder shall be paid in accordance with the terms thereof.

#### vi. Insurance Policies

(a) All insurance policies to which any Debtor is a party as of the Effective Date, including any D&O Policy, shall be deemed to be and treated as executory contracts and shall be assumed by the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter in accordance with their respective terms. All other insurance policies shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors.

(b) In addition, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall not terminate or otherwise reduce the coverage under any D&O Policy, and all members, managers, directors, and officers who served in such capacity at any time before the Effective Date shall be entitled to the full benefits of any such policy for the full term of such policy regardless of whether such members, managers, directors, and/or officers remain in such positions after the Effective Date, in each case, to the extent set forth in such policies.

## vii. Tax Agreements

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan Documents, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any bar date notice or claim objection, and any other document related to any of the foregoing, any tax sharing agreements to which the Debtors are a party (of which the principal purpose is the allocation of taxes) in effect as of the date of the Confirmation Order shall be deemed and treated as executory contracts pursuant to the Plan and, to the extent the Debtors determine, with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) that such agreements are beneficial to the Debtors, shall be assumed by the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter in accordance with their respective terms, unless any such tax sharing agreement (of which the principal purpose is the allocation of taxes) otherwise is specifically rejected pursuant to a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court or is the subject of a separate rejection motion filed by the Debtors in accordance with section 8.1 of the Plan. Unless otherwise noted hereunder, all other tax sharing agreements to which the Debtors are a party (of which the principal purpose is the allocation of taxes) shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors may take all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to ensure such vesting as contemplated herein.

## viii. Modifications, Amendments, Supplements, Restatements, or Other Agreements

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or by separate order of the Bankruptcy Court, each executory contract and unexpired lease that is assumed shall include any and all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements made directly or indirectly by any agreement, instrument, or other document that in any manner affects such executory contract or unexpired lease, without regard to whether such agreement, instruments, or other document is listed in any notices of assumed contracts.

# ix. Reservation of Rights

(a) Neither the exclusion nor the inclusion by the Debtors of any contract or lease on any exhibit, schedule, or other annex to the Plan or in the Plan Supplement, nor anything contained in the Plan, shall constitute an admission by the Debtors that any such contract or lease is or is not an executory contract or unexpired lease or that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or their respective affiliates has any liability thereunder.

(b) Except as explicitly provided in the Plan, nothing in the Plan shall waive, excuse, limit, diminish, or otherwise alter any of the defenses, claims, Causes of Action, or other rights of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors under any executory or non-executory contract or unexpired or expired lease.

(c) Nothing in the Plan shall increase, augment, or add to any of the duties, obligations, responsibilities, or liabilities of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, under any executory or non-executory contract or unexpired or expired lease.

(d) If there is a dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or unexpired at the time of its assumption under the Plan, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have thirty (30) days following entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute to alter their treatment of such contract or lease.

#### I. <u>Conditions Precedent to the Occurrence of the Effective Date</u>

#### *i. Conditions Precedent to Effective Date*

The Effective Date shall not occur unless all of the following conditions precedent have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the Plan:

(a) the Plan Supplement has been filed;

(b) the Bankruptcy Court has entered the Confirmation Order and such Confirmation Order has not been stayed, modified, or vacated;

(c) the Restructuring Support Agreement shall be in full force and effect and binding on all parties thereto and not be (i) identified on the Schedule of Rejected Contracts or (ii) subject of a pending motion to reject executory contracts, all conditions shall have been satisfied thereunder, and no default shall exist thereunder that has not otherwise been cured or waived;

(d) the conditions to the effectiveness of the Exit Credit Facility Documents have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms thereof, and the Exit Credit Facility Agreement is in full force and effect and binding on all of the respective parties thereto;

(e) the Debtors shall have implemented the Restructuring Transactions and all other transactions contemplated by the Plan and the Restructuring Support Agreement in a manner consistent in all material respects with the Plan and Restructuring Support Agreement and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders;

(f) all outstanding Restructuring Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred, through the Effective Date (or, with respect to necessary post-Effective Date activities, after the Effective Date), to the extent invoiced before the Effective Date, shall have been paid in full in Cash by the Debtors in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement;

(g) all governmental approvals, including Bankruptcy Court approval, necessary to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions shall have been obtained and all applicable waiting periods have expired;

(h) all actions, documents (including the Plan Documents), and agreements necessary to implement and consummate the Plan shall have been effected or executed and binding on all parties thereto, in form and substance consistent in all respects with the Restructuring Support Agreement and reasonably acceptable to the relevant parties under the Restructuring Support Agreement (other than the New Corporate Governance Documents, which shall be acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion as provided for in the Plan), and shall not have been modified in a manner inconsistent with the Restructuring Support Agreement; and (i) the New Corporate Governance Documents, in form and substance acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders, shall have been adopted and (where required by applicable law) filed with the applicable authorities of the relevant jurisdictions of organization and shall have become effective in accordance with such jurisdiction's corporate, limited liability company, or alternative comparable laws, as applicable.

# *ii.* Waiver of Conditions Precedent

(a) Each of the conditions precedent to the occurrence of the Effective Date may be waived in writing by the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders without leave of or order of the Bankruptcy Court. If any such condition precedent is waived pursuant to this section and the Effective Date occurs, each party agreeing to waive such condition precedent shall be estopped from withdrawing such waiver after the Effective Date or otherwise challenging the occurrence of the Effective Date on the basis that such condition was not satisfied, the waiver of such condition precedent shall benefit from the "equitable mootness" doctrine, and the occurrence of the Effective Date shall foreclose any ability to challenge the Plan in any court. If the Plan is confirmed for fewer than all of the Debtors, only the conditions applicable to the Debtor or Debtors for which the Plan is confirmed must be satisfied or waived for the Effective Date to occur.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, all actions required to be taken on the Effective Date shall take place and shall be deemed to have occurred simultaneously and no such action shall be deemed to have occurred prior to the taking of any other such action.

(c) The stay of the Confirmation Order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3020(e) shall be deemed waived by and upon the entry of the Confirmation Order, and the Confirmation Order shall take effect immediately upon its entry.

# *iii.* Effect of Failure of a Condition

If the conditions listed in section 9.1 of the Plan are not satisfied or waived in accordance with section 9.2 of the Plan on or before the Effective Date, the Plan shall be null and void in all respects and nothing contained in the Plan or this Disclosure Statement shall (i) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against or any Interests in the Debtors, (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of any Person, or (iii) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking by the Debtors, any of the Consenting Noteholders, or any other Person.

## iv. Substantial Consummation

"Substantial Consummation" of the Plan, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1101(2), shall be deemed to occur on the Effective Date.

# J. <u>Effect of Confirmation</u>

# *i.* Binding Effect

Except as otherwise provided in section 1141(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, on and after entry of the Confirmation Order, the provisions of the Plan shall bind every holder of a Claim against or Interest in any Debtor and inure to the benefit of and be binding on such holder's respective successors and assigns, regardless of whether the Claim or Interest of such holder is Impaired under the Plan and whether such holder has accepted the Plan.

# *ü.* Vesting of Assets

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or any Plan Document, on and after the Effective Date, pursuant to sections 1141(b) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Code, all Assets of the Estates, including all claims, rights, and Causes of Action and any property acquired by the Debtors under or in connection with the Plan, shall vest in each respective Reorganized Debtor free and clear of all Claims, Liens, encumbrances, charges, and other interests. Subject to the terms of the Plan, on and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may operate their businesses and may use, acquire, and dispose of property and prosecute, compromise, or settle any Claims (including any Administrative Expense Claims) and Causes of Action without supervision of or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free and clear of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules other than restrictions expressly imposed by the Plan or the Confirmation Order. Without limiting the foregoing, the Reorganized Debtors may pay the charges that they incur on or after the Effective Date for Professional Persons' fees, disbursements, expenses, or related support services without application to or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

# iii. Discharge of Claims Against and Interests in Debtors

Upon the Effective Date and in consideration of the distributions to be made under the Plan, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, each holder (as well as any trustee or agents on behalf of each holder) of a Claim or Interest and any affiliate of such holder shall be deemed to have forever waived, released, and discharged the Debtors, to the fullest extent permitted by section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, of and from any and all Claims, Interests, rights, and liabilities that arose prior to the Effective Date. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, upon the Effective Date, all such holders of Claims and Interests and their affiliates shall be forever precluded and enjoined, pursuant to sections 105, 524, and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, from prosecuting or asserting any such discharged Claim against or terminated Interest in any Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, or any of their Assets or property, whether or not such holder holder for any of the Effective Date.

# iv. Pre-Confirmation Injunctions and Stays

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, all injunctions and stays arising under or entered during the Chapter 11 Cases, whether under sections 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, and in existence on the date of entry of the Confirmation

Order, shall remain in full force and effect until the later of the Effective Date and the date indicated in the order providing for such injunction or stay.

#### v. Injunction against Interference with Plan

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all holders of Claims and Interests and all other parties in interest, along with their respective present and former affiliates, employees, agents, officers, directors, and principals, shall be enjoined from taking any action to interfere with the implementation or the occurrence of the Effective Date.

#### vi. Plan Injunction

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, or in the Confirmation (a) Order, as of the entry of the Confirmation Order but subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, all Persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against or Interests in any or all of the Debtors and other parties in interest, along with their respective present or former employees, agents, officers, directors, principals, and affiliates, are permanently enjoined after the entry of the Confirmation Order from (i) commencing, conducting, or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any suit, action, or other proceeding of any kind (including any proceeding in a judicial, arbitral, administrative, or other forum) against or affecting, directly or indirectly, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate or the property of any of the foregoing, or any direct or indirect transferee of any property of, or direct or indirect successor in interest to, any of the foregoing Persons mentioned in this subsection (i) or any property of any such transferee or successor, (ii) enforcing, levying, attaching (including any prejudgment attachment), collecting, or otherwise recovering in any manner or by any means, whether directly or indirectly, any judgment, award, decree, or order against a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate or its property, or any direct or indirect transferee of any property of, or direct or indirect successor in interest to, any of the foregoing Persons mentioned in this subsection (ii) or any property of any such transferee or successor, (iii) creating, perfecting, or otherwise enforcing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any encumbrance of any kind against a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate or any of its property, or any direct or indirect transferee of any property of, or successor in interest to, any of the foregoing Persons mentioned in this subsection (iii) or any property of any such transferee or successor, (iv) acting or proceeding in any manner, in any place whatsoever, that does not conform to or comply with the provisions of the Plan, and the Plan Documents, to the full extent permitted by applicable law, and (v) commencing or continuing, in any manner or in any place, any action that does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan and the Plan Documents.

(b) By accepting distributions pursuant to the Plan, each holder of an Allowed Claim or Interest shall be deemed to have affirmatively and specifically consented to be bound by the Plan, including the injunctions set forth in section 10.6 of the Plan.

#### vii. Releases

Releases by Debtors.<sup>21</sup> As of the Effective Date, except for the (a) rights and remedies that remain in effect from and after the Effective Date to enforce the Plan and the obligations contemplated by the Plan Documents or as otherwise provided in any order of the Bankruptcy Court, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the service of the Released Parties to facilitate the reorganization of the Debtors and the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties shall be deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged, to the maximum extent permitted by law, by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives and any and all other Persons that may purport to assert any Cause of Action derivatively, by or through the foregoing Persons, from any and all claims and Causes of Action (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Estates), whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, by statute, violations of federal or state securities laws or otherwise that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Restructuring Transactions, the Restructuring, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the restructuring of Claims and Interests before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation, formulation, preparation, or consummation of the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Plan Documents or related agreements, instruments, or other documents relating thereto, or the solicitation of votes with respect to the Plan, in all cases based upon any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date; *provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed to release any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission of a Released Party that is a criminal act or constitutes intentional fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a Final Order.

(b) Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> This section is subject to the completion and outcome of the Special Committee investigation.

9019, of the releases in section 10.7(a) of the Plan (the "Debtor Releases"), which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions under the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Releases are: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the released Claims released by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates, as applicable, (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and all holders of Claims and Interests, (iv) fair, equitable and reasonable, (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates, as applicable, asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Releases.

Releases by Holders of Claims or Interests. As of the Effective (c) Date, except for the rights that remain in effect from and after the Effective Date to enforce the Plan and the Plan Documents and the obligations contemplated by the Restructuring Transactions, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the service and contribution of the Released Parties to facilitate the reorganization of the Debtors and the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties shall be deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged, to the maximum extent permitted by law, by the Releasing Parties, in each case from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates), whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or hereinafter arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement or otherwise, that such holders or their estates, affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates, the Chapter 11 Cases, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interactions between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Restructuring Transactions, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan Documents, and related agreements, instruments, and other documents, and the negotiation, formulation, preparation, or implementation thereof, the

solicitation of votes with respect to the Plan, or any other act or omission; *provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed to release any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission of a Released Party that is a criminal act or constitutes intentional fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a Final Order.

(d) Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases in section 10.7(b) of the Plan (the "Third-Party Releases"), which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions under the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Releases are: (i) consensual, (ii) essential to the confirmation of the Plan, (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Third-Party Releases, (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates, (vi) fair, equitable and reasonable, (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Releases.

#### viii. Exculpation

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Claim, Interest, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, right, Cause of Action, loss, remedy, or liability for any claim in connection with or arising out of the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases; the negotiation and pursuit of the Exit Credit Facility, the Warrants, the New Preferred Stock, the New Common Stock, the New LP Units, the Management Incentive Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Restructuring Transactions, and the Plan (including the Plan Documents), or the solicitation of votes for, or confirmation of, the Plan; the funding of the Plan; the occurrence of the Effective Date; the administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan; the issuance of securities under or in connection with the Plan; the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors; or the transactions in furtherance of any of the foregoing; other than Claims or Causes of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission of an Exculpated Party that is a criminal act or constitutes intentional fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct as determined by a Final Order, but in all respects the Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of securities thereunder. This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

#### ix. Injunction Related to Releases and Exculpation

The Confirmation Order shall permanently enjoin the commencement or prosecution by any Person, whether directly, derivatively, or otherwise, of any Claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, demands, debts, rights, Causes of Action, losses, or liabilities released pursuant to the Plan, including the claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, demands, debts, rights, Causes of Action, and liabilities released or exculpated in the Plan or the Confirmation Order.

## x. Subordinated Claims

The allowance, classification, and treatment of all Allowed Claims and Interests and the respective distributions and treatments thereof under the Plan take into account and conform to the relative priority and rights of the Claims and Interests in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal, and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, sections 510(a), 510(b), or 510(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise. Pursuant to section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors reserve the right to reclassify any Allowed Claim or Interest in accordance with any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination relating thereto.

# xi. Retention of Causes of Action and Reservation of Rights

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, including sections 10.6, 10.7, 10.8 and 10.9 of the Plan, nothing contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order shall be deemed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any rights, claims, Causes of Action, rights of setoff or recoupment, or other legal or equitable defenses that the Debtors had immediately prior to the Effective Date on behalf of the Estates or of themselves in accordance with any provision of the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable nonbankruptcy law, including any affirmative Causes of Action against parties with a relationship with the Debtors. The Reorganized Debtors shall have, retain, reserve, and be entitled to assert all such claims, Causes of Action, rights of setoff or recoupment, and other legal or equitable defenses as fully as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced, and all of the Debtors' legal and equitable rights in respect of any Unimpaired Claim may be asserted after the Confirmation Date and Effective Date to the same extent as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced.

## xii. Ipso Facto and Similar Provisions Ineffective

Any term of any prepetition policy, prepetition contract, or other prepetition obligation applicable to a Debtor shall be void and of no further force or effect with respect to any Debtor to the extent that such policy, contract, or other obligation is conditioned on, creates an obligation of the Debtor as a result of, or gives rise to a right of any Entity based on (i) the insolvency or financial condition of a Debtor, (ii) the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, (iii) the confirmation or consummation of the Plan, including any change of control that shall occur as a result of such consummation, or (iv) the Restructuring Transactions.

# K. <u>Retention of Jurisdiction</u>

## *i. Retention of Jurisdiction*

On and after the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157, over all matters arising in or related to the Chapter 11 Cases for, among other things, the following purposes:

(a) to hear and determine motions and/or applications for the assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases and any disputes over Cure Amounts resulting therefrom;

(b) to determine any motion, adversary proceeding, application, contested matter, and other litigated matter pending on or commenced after the entry of the Confirmation Order;

(c) to hear and resolve any disputes arising from or related to (i) any orders of the Bankruptcy Court granting relief under Bankruptcy Code 2004 or (ii) any protective orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the foregoing;

(d) to ensure that distributions to holders of Allowed Claims are accomplished as provided in the Plan and the Confirmation Order and to adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan;

(e) to consider Claims or the allowance, classification, priority, compromise, estimation, or payment of any Claim;

(f) to enter, implement, or enforce such orders as may be appropriate in the event that the Confirmation Order is for any reason stayed, reversed, revoked, modified, or vacated;

(g) to issue and enforce injunctions, enter and implement other orders, and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference by any Person with the consummation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any other order of the Bankruptcy Court;

(h) to hear and determine any application to modify the Plan in accordance with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code to remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan, this Disclosure Statement, or any order of the Bankruptcy Court, including the Confirmation Order, in such a manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effects thereof;

(i) to hear and determine all Fee Claims;

(j) to resolve disputes concerning any reserves with respect to Disputed Claims or the administration thereof;

(k) to hear and determine disputes arising in connection with the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any transactions or payments in furtherance of either, or any agreement, instrument, or other document governing or related to any of the foregoing;

(1) to take any action and issue such orders, including any such action or orders as may be necessary after entry of the Confirmation Order or the occurrence of the Effective Date, as may be necessary to construe, enforce, implement, execute, and consummate the Plan;

(m) to determine such other matters and for such other purposes as may be provided in the Confirmation Order;

(n) to hear and determine matters concerning state, local, and federal taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code (including any requests for expedited determinations under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code);

(o) to hear and determine any other matters related to the Chapter 11 Cases and not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or title 28 of the United States Code;

(p) to resolve any disputes concerning whether a Person had sufficient notice of the Chapter 11 Cases, this Disclosure Statement, any solicitation conducted in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, any bar date established in the Chapter 11 Cases, or any deadline for responding or objecting to a Cure Amount, in each case, for the purpose for determining whether a Claim or Interest is discharged hereunder or for any other purposes;

(q) to hear, adjudicate, decide, or resolve any and all matters related to ARTICLE X of the Plan, including the releases, discharge, exculpations, and injunctions issued thereunder;

(r) to hear and determine any rights, Claims, or Causes of Action held by or accruing to the Debtors pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or pursuant to any federal statute or legal theory;

(s) to recover all Assets of the Debtors and property of the Estates, wherever located; and

(t) to enter a final decree closing each of the Chapter 11 Cases.

## L. <u>Miscellaneous Provisions</u>

## *i.* Exemption from Certain Transfer Taxes

Pursuant to section 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code, (i) the issuance, transfer or exchange of any securities, instruments or documents, (ii) the creation of any Lien, mortgage, deed of trust or other

security interest, (iii) all sale transactions consummated by the Debtors and approved by the Bankruptcy Court on and after the Confirmation Date through and including the Effective Date, including any transfers effectuated under the Plan, (iv) any assumption, assignment, or sale by the Debtors of their interests in unexpired leases of nonresidential real property or executory contracts pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, (v) the grant of Collateral under the Exit Credit Facility Agreement, and (vi) the issuance, renewal, modification, or securing of indebtedness by such means, and the making, delivery or recording of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with, the Plan, including the Confirmation Order, shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee or other similar tax, mortgage tax, real estate transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing or recording fee, regulatory filing or recording fee, sales tax, use tax or other similar tax or governmental assessment. Consistent with the foregoing, each recorder of deeds or similar official for any county, city or Governmental Unit in which any instrument hereunder is to be recorded shall, pursuant to the Confirmation Order, be ordered and directed to accept such instrument without requiring the payment of any filing fees, documentary stamp tax, deed stamps, stamp tax, transfer tax, intangible tax or similar tax.

# *ii.* Request for Expedited Determination of Taxes

The Debtors shall have the right to request an expedited determination under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to tax returns filed, or to be filed, for any and all taxable periods ending after the Petition Date through the Effective Date.

# iii. Dates of Actions to Implement Plan

In the event that any payment or act under the Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not a Business Day, then the making of such payment or the performance of such act may be completed on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the next succeeding Business Day but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date.

## iv. Amendments

(a) **Plan Modifications.** The Plan may be amended, modified, or supplemented by the Debtors in accordance with the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement and with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, and in the manner provided for by section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code or as otherwise permitted by law, without additional disclosure pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. In addition, after the Confirmation Date, so long as such action does not materially and adversely affect the treatment of holders of Allowed Claims pursuant to the Plan, the Debtors, with consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, may remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan or the Confirmation Order with respect to such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of effects of the Plan, and any holder of a Claim or Interest that has accepted the Plan shall be deemed to have accepted the Plan as amended, modified, or supplemented.

(b) **Certain Technical Amendments.** Prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors may make appropriate technical adjustments and modifications to the Plan with consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, without further order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court; *provided*, that such technical adjustments and modifications do not adversely affect in a material way the treatment of holders of Claims or Interests under the Plan.

## v. Revocation or Withdrawal of Plan

Subject to the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Debtors reserve the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the Effective Date as to any or all of the Debtors. If, with respect to a Debtor, the Plan has been revoked or withdrawn prior to the Effective Date, or if confirmation or the occurrence of the Effective Date as to such Debtor does not occur on the Effective Date, then, with respect to such Debtor (i) the Plan shall be null and void in all respects, (ii) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount any Claim or Interest or Class of Claims or Interests), assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases affected by the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan shall be deemed null and void, and (iii) nothing contained in the Plan shall (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claim by or against, or any Interest in, such Debtor or any other Person, (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of such Debtor or any other Person, or (c) constitute an admission of any sort by any Debtor or any other Person.

# vi. Severability

If, prior to the entry of the Confirmation Order, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court, at the request of the Debtors, shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation by the Bankruptcy Court, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, Impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with this section, is (i) valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms, (ii) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the consent of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (as the case may be) and the Required Consenting Noteholders, and (iii) nonseverable and mutually dependent.

# VII. TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS AND <u>CONSEQUENCES UNDER FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS</u>

Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code generally exempts from registration under the Securities Act the offer or sale pursuant to a chapter 11 plan of a security of the debtor, of an affiliate participating in a joint plan with the debtor, or of a successor to the debtor under a plan, if such securities are offered or sold in exchange for a claim against, or interest in, the debtor or such affiliate, or

principally in such exchange and partly for cash. In reliance upon this exemption, the issuance and distribution of the New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (and the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) to holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, Existing LP Common Units, Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and Existing REIT Common Stock, as applicable, under the Plan shall be exempt, pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, without further act or action by any Person, from registration under (i) the Securities Act and (ii) any applicable state or local law requiring registration for the issuance or distribution of securities. The New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (and the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) issued pursuant to section 1145(a) of the Bankruptcy Code may be resold without registration under the Securities Act or other federal securities laws pursuant to the exemption provided by section 4(a)(1) of the Securities Act, unless the holder is an "underwriter" with respect to such Securities, as that term is defined in section 1145(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, such section 1145 exempt Securities generally may be resold without registration under state securities laws pursuant to various exemptions provided by the respective laws of the several states.

Section 1145(b) of the Bankruptcy Code defines "underwriter" for purposes of the Securities Act as one who, except with respect to ordinary trading transactions, (i) purchases a claim with a view to distribution of any security to be received in exchange for the claim, (ii) offers to sell securities issued under a plan for the holders of such securities, (iii) offers to buy securities issued under a plan from persons receiving such securities, if the offer to buy is made with a view to distribution, or (iv) is an issuer, as used in Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, with respect to such securities, which includes control persons of the issuer.

"Control," as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise. The legislative history of Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code suggests that a creditor who owns 10% or more of a class of voting securities of a reorganized debtor may be presumed to be a "controlling person" and, therefore, an underwriter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, control person statutory underwriters may be able to sell securities without registration pursuant to the resale limitations of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, which permits the resale of securities received by such statutory underwriters pursuant to a chapter 11 plan, subject to applicable volume limitations, notice and manner of sale requirements, and certain other conditions. Parties who believe they may be statutory underwriters as defined in section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code are advised to consult with their own counsel as to the availability of the exemption provided by Rule 144.

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors anticipate that they will continue to be a reporting company under the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78(a) — 78(pp), subject to receiving the approval from the Required Consenting Noteholders. If approved by the Required Consenting Noteholders, the Reorganized Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ, or another nationally recognized exchange, as soon as reasonably practicable, subject to meeting applicable listing requirements following the Effective Date; *provided, that*, regardless of the foregoing obligations, the Reorganized Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to qualify

the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock for trading in the OTC Markets (formerly known as the Pink Sheets) or otherwise qualify the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock as "regularly traded" as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.897-9T(d) before the end of the calendar year that includes the Effective Date.

BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEX SUBJECTIVE NATURE OF THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A PARTICULAR PERSON MAY BE AN UNDERWRITER OR AN AFFILIATE AND THE HIGHLY FACT-SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, INCLUDING THE EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 1145 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, NONE OF THE DEBTORS OR THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF ANY PERSON TO DISPOSE OF THE SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UNDER OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN. THE DEBTORS RECOMMEND THAT POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF THE SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UNDER OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN CONSULT THEIR OWN COUNSEL CONCERNING WHETHER THEY MAY FREELY TRADE SUCH SECURITIES AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY MAY RESELL SUCH SECURITIES.

#### VIII.

# CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF PLAN

#### A. <u>Introduction</u>

The following discussion summarizes certain United States ("U.S.") federal income tax consequences of the implementation of the Plan to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and holders of Claims or Interests entitled to vote on the Plan (i.e., holders of First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, Existing LP Common Units, Existing REIT Common Stock, Existing REIT Preferred Stock and Section 510(b) Claims). It does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders of Claims or Interests not entitled to vote on the Plan. This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code"), the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Treasury Regulations"), judicial decisions, and published administrative rules and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), all as in effect on the date hereof (collectively, "Applicable Tax Law"). Changes in the rules or new interpretations of the rules may have retroactive effect and could significantly affect the U.S. federal income tax consequences described below. The Debtors have not requested, and will not request, any ruling or determination from the IRS or any other taxing authority with respect to the tax consequences discussed herein, and the discussion below is not binding upon the IRS or the courts. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a different position than any position discussed herein.

This summary does not address non-U.S., state, local or non-income tax consequences of the Plan (including such consequences with respect to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors), nor does it purport to address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a holder in light of its individual circumstances or to a holder that may be subject to special tax rules, such as persons who are related to the Debtors within the meaning of the Tax Code, persons liable for alternative minimum tax or the base erosion and anti-abuse tax, persons subject to special tax

accounting rules as a result of any item of gross income with respect to the Claims or Interests being taken into account in an applicable financial statement (as defined in section 451 of the Tax Code), persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, U.S. expatriates, broker-dealers, banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, financial institutions, small business investment companies, regulated investment companies, tax exempt organizations, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, partnerships (or other entities treated as partnerships or other pass-through entities), beneficial owners of partnerships (or other entities treated as partnerships or other pass-through entities), subchapter S corporations, persons who hold Claims or Interests as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction, or other integrated investment, persons using a mark-to-market method of accounting, persons who are themselves in bankruptcy, and persons who own more than 10 percent of any class of stock (including warrants to acquire such stock) of the REIT.

This discussion assumes that a U.S. Holder (as defined below) of a Claim or Interest holds only Claims or Interests in a single Class, has held such Claims or Interests only as "capital assets" (within the meaning of section 1221 of the Tax Code) and will hold the Exit Credit Facility, New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants as capital assets. The following summary assumes that Classes 12, 13 and 14 vote to accept the Plan. The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the implementation of the Plan to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and U.S. Holders of Claims or Interests described below also may vary depending on the nature of any restructuring transactions that the Debtors and/or Reorganized Debtors engage in. Unless otherwise indicated below, this discussion assumes that the various debt and other arrangements (including transactions contemplated under the Plan) to which the Debtors are parties will be respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes in accordance with their form.

For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Holder" is a holder of a Claim or Interest that is: (1) an individual citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes; (2) a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; (3) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of the source of such income; or (4) a trust (A) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over the trust's administration and one or more United States persons (within the meaning of section 7701(a)(30) of the Tax Code) have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (B) that has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person. For purposes of this discussion, a "Non-U.S. Holder" is any holder of a Claim or Interest that is neither a U.S. Holder nor a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership or other pass-through entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes).

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership or other pass-through entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a holder of a Claim or Interest, the tax treatment of the partner (or other beneficial owner) generally will depend upon the status of the partner (or other beneficial owner) and the activities of the partnership and the partner. Partnerships and partners (or other beneficial owners) of such partnerships (or other entities treated as partnerships or other pass-through entities) that are holders of Claims or Interests should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING AND ADVICE BASED UPON THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST. ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S., NON-INCOME, AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN.

#### B. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to the Debtors, the</u> <u>Reorganized Debtors and the Unitholders</u>

The Operating Partnership is a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The REIT owns common units and preferred units issued by the Operating Partnership through two qualified REIT subsidiaries. The remaining common units and special common units are issued to non-debtor entities and individuals (the "**Other Unitholders**" and together with the REIT, the "**Unitholders**"). Because the Operating Partnership is a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of consummating the Plan will generally not be borne by the Operating Partnership, but by the REIT and the Other Unitholders.

## *i.* Effects of Restructuring on Tax Attributes of Debtors.

If the Debtors implement the Plan, the Debtors expect to take the position that the New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock that will be received by holders of Allowed Claims will first be issued and contributed by the REIT to Holdings II and contributed by Holdings II to the Operating Partnership, and then distributed (in addition to the other consideration) to such holders pursuant to the Plan, and to treat such transactions as occurring in the same order for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Debtors believe, and intend to take the position that, this treatment applies for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the remainder of this discussion assumes this. The tax consequences to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and holders of Allowed Claims described herein could be materially different in the event this characterization was not respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

As of December 31, 2019, the REIT had approximately \$25 million of federal net operating losses ("**NOLs**") and net unrealized built-in loss in their assets (i.e., the amount by which the Debtors' adjusted tax basis in their assets exceeds the fair market value of the assets) of at least approximately \$1.8 billion. Any NOLs and net unrealized built-in loss remaining upon implementation of the Plan may be able to offset future taxable income, thereby reducing the REIT's future aggregate tax obligations.

## ii. COD Income.

In general, absent an exception, a taxpayer will realize and recognize cancellation of indebtedness income ("**COD Income**") upon satisfaction of its outstanding indebtedness for total consideration less than the amount of such indebtedness. The amount of COD Income, in general, is the excess of (a) the adjusted issue price of the indebtedness satisfied, over (b) the sum of (i) the amount of cash paid, (ii) the issue price of any new indebtedness of the taxpayer issued and (iii) the fair market value of any other consideration.

In connection with the Plan, the Operating Partnership will recognize COD Income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The ultimate amount of COD Income will depend on, among other things, the adjusted issue price of new indebtedness, the final amount of cash, and the fair market value of the new equity and other consideration distributed to holders of Claims. Certain of these figures cannot be known with certainty until after the Effective Date. Accordingly, the amount of COD Income the Operating Partnership will incur is uncertain. However, it is expected that the amount of COD Income arising to the Operating Partnership from the consummation of the Plan will be significant.

Under section 108(d)(6) of the Tax Code, when an entity that is a flow-through entity recognizes COD Income, its partners are treated as receiving their allocable share of such COD Income. Accordingly, the REIT and the Other Unitholders will be treated as receiving their respective allocable shares of COD Income from the Operating Partnership.

A partner's adjusted tax basis in its units will be increased to the extent of any net income or gain allocated to such partner and decreased (but not below zero) to the extent of any net loss allocated to such partner, whether or not such loss is disallowed and thus not deductible.

To the extent a partner was allocated losses in taxable years ending prior to the Effective Date, such losses may have been suspended by reason of certain provisions of the Tax Code (in particular, those relating to so-called "passive losses" or the "at risk" rules). As a result of the transaction, all or part of such losses may become deductible.

The discharge of the Operating Partnership's indebtedness pursuant to the Plan will result in a deemed cash distribution to each partner based on the amount of the indebtedness allocable to such partner's units. To the extent that any such deemed cash distribution exceeds the partner's adjusted tax basis in its units (after adjustment for any allocation of income or loss including COD Income), such partner will recognize capital gain. Any such capital gain generally should be longterm if the partner's holding period in its units is more than one year and otherwise should be shortterm. A partner's adjusted tax basis in its units will be decreased (but not below zero) to the extent of any such deemed cash distribution.

Under section 108 of the Tax Code, a taxpayer is not required to include COD Income in gross income (a) if the taxpayer is under the jurisdiction of a court in a case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and the discharge of debt occurs pursuant to that case, or (b), to the extent that the taxpayer is insolvent immediately before the discharge. Instead, as a consequence of such exclusion, a taxpayer must reduce its tax attributes by the amount of COD Income that it excluded from gross income. Such reduction in tax attributes occurs only after the tax for the tax year of the debt discharge has been determined. These exceptions apply at the "partner" level and thus depend on whether the partner, i.e., the Unitholder to whom the COD Income is allocated, is itself insolvent or in bankruptcy. The fact that the Operating Partnership is insolvent and in bankruptcy is not relevant for this purpose. Because the REIT is a debtor in bankruptcy, its share of the COD Income will be excluded from income by reason of the bankruptcy exception and it will be required to reduce its tax attributes accordingly.

In general, tax attributes will be reduced in the following order: (a) NOLs and NOL carryforwards; (b) most tax credits; (c) capital loss carryovers; (d) tax basis in assets (including, in the case of a partner in a partnership such partner's outside basis in its partnership interest), but not below the amount of liabilities to which the debtor remains subject; (e) passive activity loss and credit carryovers; and (f) foreign tax credits. Alternatively, the taxpayer can elect first to reduce the basis of its depreciable assets pursuant to section 108(b)(5) of the Tax Code. However, a partner in a partnership may only make this election with respect to the portion of its outside basis attributable to depreciable assets if the partnership so consents. Any COD Income over the amount of available tax attributes will generally not give rise to U.S. federal income tax and will generally have no other U.S. federal income tax impact.

The Reorganized REIT does not expect to make such an election to first reduce tax basis in its property (generally, the REIT's outside basis in its units in the Operating Partnership) prior to reducing NOLs. As a result of the COD Income, the Reorganized REIT expects that its NOLs will be reduced to zero and any remaining attribute reduction will be applied to reduce its adjusted tax basis in its units in the Operating Partnership.

# *iii.* Limitation on Utilization of NOLs and Other Tax Attributes.

After giving effect to the reduction in tax attributes pursuant to excluded COD Income described above, the Reorganized REIT's ability to use any remaining tax attributes post-emergence will be subject to certain limitations under sections 382 and 383 of the Tax Code.

Under sections 382 and 383 of the Tax Code, if the REIT undergoes an "ownership change," the amount of any remaining NOLs, tax credit carryforwards, net unrealized built-in losses, and possibly certain other attributes of the Reorganized REIT allocable to periods prior to the Effective Date (collectively, the "**Pre-Change Losses**") that may be utilized to offset future taxable income generally are subject to an annual limitation. For this purpose, if a corporation has a net unrealized built-in loss at the time of an ownership change (taking into account most assets and items of "built-in" income and deductions), then generally built-in losses (including amortization or depreciation deductions attributable to such built-in losses) recognized during the following five years (up to the amount of the original net unrealized built-in loss) will be treated as Pre-Change Losses and similarly will be subject to the annual limitation. In general, a corporation's net unrealized built-in loss will be deemed to be zero unless it is greater than the lesser of (a) \$10,000,000, or (b) 15 percent of the fair market value of its assets (with certain adjustments) before the ownership change.

The rules of section 382 of the Tax Code are complicated, but as a general matter, the Debtors anticipate that the issuance of New Common Stock pursuant to the Plan will result in an "ownership change" of the REIT and for these purposes, and that the Reorganized REIT's use of the Pre-Change Losses will be subject to limitation unless an exception to the general rules of section 382 of the Tax Code applies.

(a) General Section 382 Annual Limitation.

In general, the amount of the annual limitation to which a corporation that undergoes an "ownership change" would be subject is equal to the product of (a) the fair market value of the

stock of the corporation immediately before the ownership change (with certain adjustments), and (b) the "long-term tax-exempt rate" (which is the highest of the adjusted federal long-term rates in effect for any month in the 3-calendar-month period ending with the calendar month in which the ownership change occurs, or 1.03 percent for January 2021). Section 383 of the Tax Code applies a similar limitation to capital loss carryforwards and tax credits. Any unused limitation may be carried forward, thereby increasing the annual limitation in the subsequent taxable year. As discussed below, however, special rules may apply in the case of a corporation that experiences an ownership change as the result of a bankruptcy proceeding.

(b) Special Bankruptcy Exceptions.

An exception to the foregoing annual limitation rules generally applies when so-called "qualified creditors" of a debtor corporation in chapter 11 receive, in respect of their Claims, at least 50 percent of the vote and value of the stock of the debtor corporation (or a controlling corporation if also in chapter 11) as reorganized pursuant to a confirmed chapter 11 plan (the "**382(l)(5) Exception**"). However, the Debtors do not expect the 382(l)(5) Exception to be available to the REIT because no creditors of the REIT are expected to receive stock of the REIT. As such, the Debtors expect the exception in section 382(l)(6) of the Tax Code (the "**382(l)(6) Exception**") to apply.

Under the 382(l)(6) Exception, the annual limitation will be calculated by reference to the lesser of (a) the value of the debtor corporation's new stock (with certain adjustments) immediately after the ownership change or (b) the value of such debtor corporation's assets (determined without regard to liabilities) immediately before the ownership change. This differs from the ordinary rule that requires the fair market value of a debtor corporation that undergoes an "ownership change" to be determined before the events giving rise to the change. The 382(l)(6) Exception also differs from the 382(l)(5) Exception in that, under it, a debtor corporation is not required to reduce its NOL carryforwards by the amount of interest deductions claimed within the prior three-year period, and a debtor corporation may undergo a change of ownership within two years without automatically triggering the elimination of its Pre-Change Losses. The resulting limitation would be determined under the regular rules for ownership changes.

C. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed</u> <u>First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims,</u> <u>Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, and Allowed General Unsecured Claims</u>

# *i.* Consequences to U.S. Holders of Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims.

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release and discharge of Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims, each holder thereof will receive its share of the Exit Credit Facility and may receive a combination of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock in respect of a portion of its Bank Lender Deficiency Claim.

As discussed above, the Debtors expect to take the position that, if New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock will be received by the holders of Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility

Claims, such stock will first be issued and contributed by the REIT to Holdings II and contributed by Holdings II to the Operating Partnership, and then distributed (in addition to the other consideration) to such holders pursuant to the plan, and to treat such transactions as occurring in the same order for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Debtors believe, and intend to take the position that, this treatment applies for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the remainder of this discussion assumes this. The tax consequences to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and holders of Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims described herein could be materially different in the event this characterization was not respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the purported exchange of a new debt instrument for an existing debt instrument will be respected as an exchange, as a result of which (among other things) gain or loss is realized, if the terms of the new debt instrument compared to existing debt instrument constitute a "significant modification." The applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations concerning modification of debt instruments generally provide that an exchange occurs when, based on all the facts and circumstances and taking into account all changes in the terms of the debt instrument collectively (other than certain specified changes), the legal rights or obligations that are altered, and the degree to which they are altered, are economically significant. Accordingly, if the holders of Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims receive the Exit Credit Facility pursuant to the Plan, then based on the interest rate and other economic terms of the Exit Credit Facility, the Debtors believe that the exchange of Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims for the Exit Credit Facility is likely to be treated as a "significant modification" of the Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims, and the remainder of this discussion so assumes.

Consequently, the receipt of an interest in the Exit Credit Facility and receipt of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock by a U.S. Holder of an Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim should be treated as a taxable exchange pursuant to section 1001 of the Tax Code. Such a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the fair market value of the New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock received and the issue price (as defined below) of the Exit Credit Facility received (other than any consideration received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued original issue discount ("**OID**")) and (b) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its First Lien Credit Facility Claim (other than any tax basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID).

The character of such gain or loss as capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the U.S. Holder, the nature of the Claim in such U.S. Holder's hands, whether the Claim was purchased at a discount (see "*—Market Discount*" below), and whether and to what extent the U.S. Holder previously has claimed a bad debt deduction with respect to its Claim. If recognized gain is capital gain, it generally would be long-term capital gain if the U.S. Holder held its Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim for more than one year at the time of the exchange. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. See "*—Limitation of Use of Capital Losses*" below. To the extent that a portion of the consideration received in exchange for its Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim is allocable to accrued but untaxed interest (or OID), the U.S. Holder may recognize ordinary income. See "*—Accrued Interest and OID*" below.

The "issue price" of the Exit Credit Facility for U.S. federal income tax purposes depends on whether, at any time during the 31-day period ending 15 days after the Effective Date, the Exit Credit Facility or the First Lien Credit Facility is considered traded on an "established market." Pursuant to applicable Treasury Regulations, an "established market" need not be a formal market. It is sufficient if there is a readily available sales price for an executed purchase or sale of the Exit Credit Facility or the First Lien Credit Facility, or if there are one or more "firm quotes" or "indicative quotes" with respect to the Exit Credit Facility or for the First Lien Credit Facility, in each case as such terms are defined in applicable Treasury Regulations. If the Exit Credit Facility received is considered traded on an established market, the issue price of the Exit Credit Facility for U.S. federal income tax purposes will equal its fair market value as of the Effective Date. If the Exit Credit Facility is not considered traded on an established market but the First Lien Credit Facility is so treated, the issue price of the Exit Credit Facility will be based on the fair market value of the First Lien Credit Facility (with appropriate adjustments, such as for the fair market value of any New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock received). Alternatively, if neither the Exit Credit Facility nor the First Lien Credit Facility is considered traded on an established market, the issue price of the Exit Credit Facility generally will be its stated principal amount. If the Debtors determine that the Exit Credit Facility or the First Lien Credit Facility is traded on an established market, such determination and the determination of issue price will be binding on a U.S. Holder unless such holder discloses, on a timely-filed U.S. federal income tax return for the taxable year that includes the Effective Date that such holder's determination is different from Debtors' determination, the reasons for such holder's different determination and, if applicable, how such holder determined the fair market value.

The Debtors believe the First Lien Credit Facility would be, and the Exit Credit Facility may be, considered traded on an established market, however the relevant determination date for such purpose is the Effective Date and there can be no assurances that a trading market will exist in respect of the First Lien Credit Facility and the Exit Credit Facility between now and 15 days after the Effective Date. Accordingly, each holder of an Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding such determination and the gain or loss that such holder may recognize as a result of the exchange.

Were either the First Lien Credit Facility Claims against the Debtors or the Exit Credit Facility treated as traded on an established market for these purposes, then, as a result, the issue price of the new debt instruments being issued would likely not equal the stated redemption price at maturity and such debt instruments could be treated as issued with OID.

A U.S. Holder of an Allowed Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim will have a tax basis in the Exit Credit Facility received equal to its issue price and a tax basis in its New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock equal to the fair market value of such stock. A U.S. Holder's holding period in such Exit Credit Facility or such stock received should begin on the day following the exchange date.

# *ii.* Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claims.

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for the full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release and discharge of Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claims, each holder thereof will receive

its share of (i) the New Common Stock, (ii) the New Preferred Stock and (iii) cash in the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims Recovery Pool.

As discussed above, the Debtors expect to take the position that the New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock that will be received by the holders of Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claims will be first issued and contributed by the REIT to Holdings II and contributed by Holdings II to the Operating Partnership, and then distributed (in addition to the other consideration) to such holders pursuant to the plan, and to treat such transactions as occurring in the same order for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Debtors believe, and intend to take the position that, this treatment applies for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the remainder of this discussion assumes this. The tax consequences to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and holders of Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claims described herein could be materially different in the event this characterization was not respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The receipt of the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock and cash by a U.S. Holder of Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claims should be treated as a taxable exchange pursuant to section 1001 of the Tax Code. Such a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the sum of the cash and the fair market value of the New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock received (other than any consideration received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID) and (b) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than any tax basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID).

The character of such gain or loss as capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the U.S. Holder, the nature of the Claim in such U.S. Holder's hands, whether the Claim was purchased at a discount (see "*—Market Discount*" below), and whether and to what extent the U.S. Holder previously has claimed a bad debt deduction with respect to its Claim. If recognized gain is capital gain, it generally would be long-term capital gain if the U.S. Holder held its Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claim for more than one year at the time of the exchange. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. See "*—Limitation on Use of Capital Losses*" below. To the extent that a portion of the consideration received in exchange for its Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claim is allocable to accrued but untaxed interest (or OID), the U.S. Holder may recognize ordinary income. See "*—Accrued Interest and OID*" below.

A U.S. Holder of an Allowed Consenting Crossholder Claim will have a tax basis in the New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock equal to such stock's fair market value. A U.S. Holder's holding period in any such stock received should begin on the day following the exchange date.

# *iii.* Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims.

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for the full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release and discharge of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, each holder thereof (i) may receive its share of the New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock and/or (ii) may receive cash

in lieu of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock to the extent of its Unsecured Notes Claim Election.

As discussed above, the Debtors expect to take the position that the New Preferred Stock and the New Common Stock that will be received by the holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims will be first issued and contributed by the REIT to Holdings II and contributed by Holdings II to the Operating Partnership, and then distributed (in addition to the other consideration) to such holders pursuant to the plan, and to treat such transactions as occurring in the same order for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Debtors believe, and intend to take the position that, this treatment applies for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the remainder of this discussion assumes this. The tax consequences to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims described herein could be materially different in the event this characterization was not respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The receipt of the New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock and/or cash by a U.S. Holder of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims should be treated as a taxable exchange pursuant to section 1001 of the Tax Code. Such a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the fair market value of the New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock received and/or the amount of cash received (other than any consideration received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID) and (b) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than any tax basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID).

The character of such gain or loss as capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the U.S. Holder, the nature of the Claim in such U.S. Holder's hands, whether the Claim was purchased at a discount (see "*—Market Discount*" below), and whether and to what extent the U.S. Holder previously has claimed a bad debt deduction with respect to its Claim. If recognized gain is capital gain, it generally would be long-term capital gain if the U.S. Holder held its Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim for more than one year at the time of the exchange. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. See "*—Limitation on Use of Capital Losses*" below. To the extent that a portion of the consideration received in exchange for its Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim is allocable to accrued but untaxed interest (or OID), the U.S. Holder may recognize ordinary income. See "*—Accrued Interest and OID*" below.

A U.S. Holder of an Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim will have a tax basis in the New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock received equal to such stock's fair market value. A U.S. Holder's holding period in such New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock received should begin on the day following the exchange date.

## iv. Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed Section 510(b) Claims

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for the full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release and discharge of Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, each holder thereof will receive its share of the New Common Stock.

The receipt of the New Common Stock by a U.S. Holder in exchange for its Section 510(b) Claim should be treated as a taxable exchange pursuant to section 1001 of the Tax Code. Such a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the fair market value of the New Common Stock (other than any consideration received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID) and (b) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than any tax basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID).

The character of such gain or loss as capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the U.S. Holder, the nature of the Claim in such U.S. Holder's hands, whether the Claim was purchased at a discount (see "*—Market Discount*" below), and whether and to what extent the U.S. Holder previously has claimed a bad debt deduction with respect to its Claim. If recognized gain is capital gain, it generally would be long-term capital gain if the U.S. Holder held its Allowed Section 510(b) Claim for more than one year at the time of the exchange. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. See "*—Limitation on Use of Capital Losses*" below. To the extent that a portion of the consideration received in exchange for its Allowed Section 510(b) Claim is allocable to accrued but untaxed interest (or OID), the U.S. Holder may recognize ordinary income. See "*—Accrued Interest and OID*" below.

Holders of a Section 510(b) Claim should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan.

# v. Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims<sup>22</sup>

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for the full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release and discharge of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, each holder thereof will receive [•].

The receipt of  $[\bullet]$  by a U.S. Holder in exchange for its Allowed General Unsecured Claim should be treated as a taxable exchange pursuant to section 1001 of the Tax Code. Such a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the fair market value of  $[\bullet]$  (other than any consideration received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID) and (b) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than any tax basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest and possibly accrued OID).

The character of such gain or loss as capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the U.S. Holder, the nature of the Claim in such U.S. Holder's hands, whether the Claim was purchased at a discount (see "*—Market Discount*" below), and whether and to what extent the U.S. Holder previously has claimed a bad debt deduction with respect to its Claim. If recognized gain is capital gain, it generally would be long-term capital gain if the U.S. Holder held its Allowed General Unsecured Claim for more than one year at the time of the exchange. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. See "*—Limitation on Use of Capital Losses*" below. To the extent that a portion of the consideration received in exchange for its Allowed General Unsecured Claim is allocable to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> To be updated.

accrued but untaxed interest (or OID), the U.S. Holder may recognize ordinary income. See "— *Accrued Interest and OID*" below.

#### vi. Accrued Interest or OID.

A portion of the consideration received by U.S. Holders of Claims may be attributable to accrued but untaxed interest (or accrued OID) on such Claims. Such amount should be taxable to that U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income if such accrued interest (or OID) has not been previously included in the holder's gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Conversely, U.S. Holders of Claims may be able to recognize a deductible loss to the extent that any accrued interest (or OID) on the Claims was previously included in the holder's gross income but was not paid in full by the Debtors. Such loss may be ordinary, but the tax law is unclear on this point.

If the fair value of the consideration is not sufficient to fully satisfy all principal and interest on Allowed Claims, the extent to which such consideration will be attributable to accrued but untaxed interest (or OID) is unclear. Under the Plan, the aggregate consideration to be distributed to U.S. Holders of Allowed Claims in each Class will be allocated first to the principal amount of Allowed Claims (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and then, to the extent of any excess, to the remainder of the Claim, including any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest (in contrast, for example, to a pro rata allocation of a portion of the exchange consideration received between principal and interest, or an allocation first to accrued but unpaid interest). Certain legislative history indicates that an allocation of consideration as between principal and interest provided in a chapter 11 plan of reorganization is binding for U.S. federal income tax purposes, while certain Treasury Regulations treat payments as allocated first to any accrued but untaxed interest. The IRS could take the position that the consideration received by the U.S. Holder should be allocated in some way other than as provided in the Plan. Holders of Claims should consult their respective tax advisors regarding the proper allocation of the consideration received by them under the Plan between principal and accrued but untaxed interest in such event.

## vii. Market Discount.

Under the "market discount" provisions of the Tax Code, some or all of any gain realized by a U.S. Holder of a Claim may be treated as ordinary income (instead of capital gain), to the extent of the amount of "market discount" on the debt instruments constituting the exchanged Claim. In general, a debt instrument is considered to have been acquired with "market discount" if it is acquired other than on original issue and if the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the debt instrument is less than (a) the sum of all remaining payments to be made on the debt instrument, excluding "qualified stated interest" or (b) in the case of a debt instrument issued with OID, its adjusted issue price, in each case, by at least a de minimis amount (equal to 0.25 percent of the sum of all remaining payments to be made on the debt instrument, excluding qualified stated interest, multiplied by the number of remaining whole years to maturity).

Any gain recognized by a U.S. Holder on the taxable disposition of a Claim that had been acquired with market discount should be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the market discount that accrued thereon while such Claim was considered to be held by the holder (unless

the holder elected to include market discount in income as it accrued). Holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of the market discount rules to their Claims.

#### viii. Limitation on Use of Capital Losses.

U.S. Holders who recognize capital losses as a result of the distributions under the Plan will be subject to limits on their use of capital losses. For non-corporate U.S. Holders, capital losses may be used to offset any capital gains (without regard to holding periods) plus ordinary income to the extent of the lesser of (a) \$3,000 (\$1,500 for married individuals filing separate returns) or (b) the excess of the capital losses over the capital gains. U.S. Holders, other than corporations, may carry over unused capital losses and apply them to capital gains and a portion of their ordinary income for an unlimited number of years. For corporate U.S. Holders, losses from the sale or exchange of capital assets may only be used to offset capital gains. U.S. Holders who have more capital losses than can be used in a tax year may be allowed to carry over the excess capital losses for use in succeeding tax years. Corporate U.S. Holders may only carry over unused capital losses to the five years following the capital loss year, but are allowed to carry back unused capital losses to the three years preceding the capital loss year.

## ix. Ownership and Disposition of the Exit Credit Facility

# (a) Payments of Qualified Stated Interest

Payments of qualified stated interest on the Exit Credit Facility (a "**New Loan Obligation**") generally will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary income at the time such interest is received or accrued, in accordance with such U.S. Holder's method of tax accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Qualified stated interest generally means stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or in property (other than debt instruments of the issuer) at least annually at a single fixed rate or a single qualified floating rate.

## (b) Original Issue Discount

A New Loan Obligation will be treated as issued with OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes if the "stated redemption price at maturity" exceeds its "issue price" (see "— *Consequences to U.S. Holders of Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims*" above) by an amount equal to or more than a statutorily defined de minimis amount (generally, 0.25% multiplied by the product of the stated redemption price at maturity and the number of complete years to maturity). The "stated redemption price at maturity" of the New Loan Obligation is the total of all payments to be made under the New Loan Obligation other than qualified stated interest.

If a New Loan Obligation was treated as having been issued with more than de minimis OID, U.S. Holders would be required to include the OID in ordinary income on an annual basis under a constant yield accrual method regardless of such U.S. Holder's regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. Holder must include in income in each taxable year the sum of the daily portions of OID for each day on which it held the New Loan Obligation during the taxable year. To determine the daily portions of OID, the amount of OID allocable to an accrual period is determined, and a ratable portion of such OID is allocated to each

day in the accrual period. An accrual period may be of any length and the length of the accrual periods may vary over the life of the New Loan Obligation, provided that no accrual period may be longer than one year and each scheduled payment of interest or principal on the New Loan Obligation must occur on either the first day or last day of an accrual period. The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period will equal (A) the product of (i) the New Loan Obligation's adjusted issue price at the beginning of the accrual period and (ii) the New Loan Obligation's yield to maturity (adjusted to reflect the length of the accrual period), less (B) any qualified stated interest allocable to the accrual period.

A New Loan Obligation's adjusted issue price at any time generally will be its original issue price, increased by the amount of OID on such New Loan Obligation accrued for each prior accrual period and decreased by the amount of payments on such New Loan Obligation other than payments of qualified stated interest. The New Loan Obligation's yield to maturity is the discount rate that, when used in computing the present value of all principal and interest payments to be made on the New Loan Obligation produces an amount equal to the New Loan Obligation's original issue price.

# (c) Bond Premium

If a U.S. Holder's initial tax basis in its New Loan Obligation exceeds such New Loan Obligation's stated redemption price at maturity, the New Loan Obligation will be treated as acquired by such U.S. Holder with bond premium. In such case, the U.S. Holder will not be required to accrue any OID on such New Loan Obligation. Generally, a U.S. Holder may elect to amortize such bond premium (or, if it results in a smaller premium, an amount computed with reference to the amount payable on an earlier call date) as an offset to interest income in respect of the New Loan Obligation, using a constant yield method as prescribed under the applicable Treasury Regulations, over the remaining term of the New Loan Obligation. A U.S. Holder that elects or has elected to amortize bond premium must reduce its basis in its New Loan Obligation by the amount of premium used to offset interest. An election to amortize bond premium, once made, applies to all debt instruments held or subsequently acquired by the U.S. Holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applied and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the availability and impact of bond premium for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(d) Sale, Retirement or Other Taxable Disposition

A U.S. Holder of a New Loan Obligation will recognize gain or loss upon the sale, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the New Loan Obligation equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition (less a portion allocable to any accrued interest that has not yet been included in income by the U.S. Holder, which generally will be taxable as ordinary income) and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the New Loan Obligation. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in its New Loan Obligation should be its "issue price" unless the New Loan Obligation was issued with OID in excess of the deminimis amount, in which case its tax basis would be its "adjusted issue price" at the time of the disposition. Any gain or loss on the sale, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the New Loan Obligation generally will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder should the New Loan Obligation for more than one year as of the date of disposition. U.S. Holders should

consult their tax advisors regarding the applicable tax rates and netting rules for capital gains and losses. There are limitations on the deduction of capital losses by both corporate and noncorporate taxpayers. See "*—Limitation on Use of Capital Losses*" above.

(e) Non-U.S. Holders

A Non-U.S. Holder of a New Loan Obligation should generally be taxable on the ownership and disposition of a New Loan Obligation in the same manner as a Non-U.S. Holder of an Allowed Claim. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders of Allowed Claims and Interests" below.

Non-U.S. Holders of New Loan Obligations are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of owning and disposing of the New Loan Obligations.

# *x.* Ownership and Disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock

The U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder of ownership and disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock are described below in "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and Disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock."

# D. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Existing</u> <u>LP Common Units</u>

The following summary of U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders of Existing LP Common Units assumes such holders vote to accept the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for its Existing LP Common Units, each holder, thereof will (i) receive its share of the of the New LP Units and its share of the Warrants or (ii) be deemed to exchange its Existing LP Common Units for Existing REIT Common Stock the day prior to the Distribution Record Date on terms consistent with the applicable prepetition agreements for the Existing LP Common Units thereby receiving such treatment as if such holder owned Existing REIT Common Stock on the Distribution Record Date.

# *i.* Holders Who Elect to Receive New LP Units and Warrants

If holders of the Existing LP Common Units elect to receive New LP Units and Warrants, as discussed above, the Debtors expect to take the position that the Warrants that will be received by the holders of the Existing LP Common Units will be first issued and contributed by the REIT to Holdings II and contributed by Holdings II to the Operating Partnership, and then distributed (in addition to the other consideration) to such holders pursuant to the plan, and to treat such transactions as occurring in the same order for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Debtors believe, and intend to take the position that, this treatment applies for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and holders of Existing LP Common Units described herein could be materially different in the event this characterization was not respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We intend to treat the exchange of Existing LP Common Units for New LP Units as a nontaxable exchange, and, although the treatment is not certain and meritorious arguments exist to the contrary, for reasons, including that the Plan currently contemplates that the Warrants will be freely tradeable as a separate security, we intend to treat the exchange of Existing LP Common Units for Warrants as a distribution of the Warrants to U.S. Holders of Existing LP Common Units (the "**Warrant Distribution**") and the Warrants as "marketable securities" under Section 731(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In that case, the distribution of the Warrants will be treated as a cash distribution from the Operating Partnership of an amount equal to the fair market value of the Warrants. In addition, any decrease in the liabilities of the Operating Partnership allocable to a U.S. Holder after an exchange of its Existing LP Common Units for New LP Units shall be treated as a cash distribution in amount equal to such decrease. Cash distribution made by the Operating Partnership to such U.S. Holders generally will not be taxable to such U.S. Holders for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent the amount of any such cash distributions exceeds such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Existing LP Common Units (after adjustment for any allocation of income or loss including COD Income as described in *"Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and the Unitholders—COD Income"*). Cash distributions made by the Reorganized Debtors to U.S. Holders of Existing LP Common Units (after adjustment for any allocation of income or loss including conduct on the stax basis in its Existing LP Common U.S. Holder's distributions made by the Reorganized Debtors and the Unitholders—COD Income"). Cash distributions made by the Reorganized Debtors to U.S. Holder of Existing LP Common Units (after adjustment for any allocation of income or loss including COD Income or loss including COD Income) generally will be considered to be gain from the sale or exchange of those Existing LP Common Units.

A U.S. Holder will have an adjusted tax basis in its New LP Units equal to its adjusted tax basis in in its Existing LP Common Units (after adjustment for any allocation of income or loss including COD Income), decreased by the sum of the fair market value of the Warrants received in the Warrant Distribution and the amount of the liability reduction. A U.S. Holder will have an adjusted tax basis in the Warrants equal to the amount of gain (if any) recognized as a result of the Warrant Distribution. The U.S. Holder's holding period for the New LP Units should include the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Existing LP Common Units. The U.S. Holder's holding period for the Existing LP Common Units.

# *ii.* Holders Who Elect to Receive New Common Stock and Warrants

If a U.S. Holder of the Existing LP Common Units elects to receive its share of, (i) the New Common Stock and (ii) the Warrants as if such holder held Existing REIT Common Stock, the Debtors expect to take the position that the Existing LP Common Units are exchanged for REIT Common Stock newly issued by the REIT on terms consistent with the applicable prepetition agreements and the Existing REIT Common Stock is then further exchanged for New Common Stock and Warrants on the same terms as an existing holder of Existing REIT Common Stock. The Debtors believe, and intend to take the position that, this treatment applies for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the remainder of this discussion assumes this. The tax consequences to the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors and holders of Existing LP Common Units described herein could be materially different in the event this characterization was not respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The receipt of the Existing REIT Common Stock by a U.S. Holder of Existing LP Common Units should be treated as a taxable exchange pursuant to section 1001 of the Tax Code. Such a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the amount realized and (b) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Existing LP Common Units (after adjustment for any allocation of income or loss including COD Income). A U.S. Holder's amount realized will be measured by the sum of the fair market value of the Existing REIT Common Stock received plus such U.S. Holder's share of partnership liabilities. Because the amount realized includes a U.S. Holder's share of partnership liabilities, the gain recognized on the exchange of Existing LP Common Units could result in a tax liability in excess of the value of any property received from the exchange.

Any gain or loss recognized with respect to such an exchange generally will be treated as a capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the interest has been held for more than one year (subject to recharacterization as ordinary income in the event of recapture, as described in "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and Disposition of the New LP Units"). The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations as described in "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims and Allowed Section 510(b) Claims—Limitations on the Use of Capital Losses".

A U.S. Holder of Existing LP Common Units will have a tax basis in the Existing REIT Common Stock equal to its fair market value. A U.S. Holder's holding period in such Existing REIT Common Stock received should begin on the day following the exchange date.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder of the subsequent exchange of Existing REIT Common Stock for New Common Stock and Warrants are described below in *"Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Existing REIT Common Stock or Existing REIT Preferred Stock"*.

## *iii.* Ownership and Disposition of New LP Units

The U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder of the ownership and disposition of New LP Units are described below in "*Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and Disposition of the New LP Units*".

# *iv.* Ownership and Disposition of New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock and Warrants

The U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder of the ownership and disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock and the ownership, exercise and disposition of Warrants are described below in "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and Disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock" and "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and Disposition of Warrants."

# E. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Existing</u> <u>REIT Common Stock and Existing REIT Preferred Stock</u>

The following summary of U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders of Existing REIT Common Stock and Existing REIT Preferred Stock assumes such holders vote to accept the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, in exchange for its Existing REIT Common Stock, each holder thereof will receive its share of, (i) the New Common Stock and (ii) the Warrants, and in exchange for its Existing REIT Preferred Stock, each holder thereof will receive its share of, (i) the New Common Stock and (ii) the Warrants.

The exchange will qualify for recapitalization treatment for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Each U.S. Holder of Existing REIT Common Stock or Existing REIT Preferred Stock generally will not recognize any gain or loss upon the exchange of its Existing REIT Common Stock or Existing REIT Preferred Stock for New Common Stock and Warrants.

In a recapitalization exchange, a U.S. Holder's tax basis in the New Common Stock and Warrants should equal such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Existing REIT Common Stock or Existing REIT Preferred Stock allocated among the New Common Stock and Warrants based on their relative fair market value. In general, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the New Common Stock and Warrants would include the U.S. Holder's holding period for its Existing REIT Common Stock or Existing REIT Preferred Stock.

# F. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders of</u> <u>Allowed Claims and Interests</u>

# i. General

The following discussion includes only certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan to Non-U.S. Holders. The discussion does not include any non-U.S. tax considerations. The rules governing the U.S. federal income tax consequences to Non-U.S. Holders are complex. Each Non-U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, and local and the non-U.S. tax consequences of the consummation of the Plan to such Non-U.S. Holder.

Whether a Non-U.S. Holder realizes gain or loss on the exchange and the amount of such gain or loss is determined in the same manner as set forth above in connection with U.S. Holders. See the discussion above for information regarding the determination of whether consideration received under the Plan is attributable to accrued interest.

# *ii. Gain Recognition.*

Any gain realized by a Non-U.S. Holder on the exchange of its Claim or Interest generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation unless (i) the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which the restructuring transactions occur and certain other conditions are met or (ii) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by such Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business in the United States

(and if an income tax treaty applies, such gain is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by such Non-U.S. Holder in the United States).

If the first exception applies, the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30 percent (or at a reduced rate or exemption from tax under an applicable income tax treaty) on the amount by which such Non-U.S. Holder's capital gains allocable to U.S. sources exceed capital losses allocable to U.S. sources during the taxable year of the exchange. If the second exception applies, the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to any gain realized on the exchange if such gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States in the same manner as a U.S. Holder (except that the Medicare tax would generally not apply). In order to claim an exemption from withholding tax, such Non-U.S. Holder will be required to provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or such successor form as the IRS designates). In addition, if such a Non-U.S. Holder is a corporation, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30 percent (or such lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments.

# *iii.* Accrued but Untaxed Interest.

Payments made to a Non-U.S. Holder that are attributable to accrued but untaxed interest generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax, provided that (i) such Non-U.S. Holder is not a bank, (ii) such Non-U.S. Holder does not actually or constructively own 10 percent or more of the total capital or profits interests in the Operating Partnership (with respect to payments of interest on the Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, First Lien Credit Facility Claims or Section 510(b) Claims) or the Reorganized Operating Partnership (with respect to payments of interest on the Exit Credit Facility) and (iii) the withholding agent has received or receives, prior to payment, appropriate documentation (generally, IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E) establishing that the Non-U.S. Holder is not a U.S. person, unless such interest is effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States (in which case, provided the Non-U.S. Holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or successor form) to the withholding agent, the Non-U.S. Holder (x) generally will not be subject to withholding tax, but (y) will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same manner as a U.S. Holder (unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise), and a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may also be subject to a branch profits tax with respect to such Non-U.S. Holder's effectively connected earnings and profits that are attributable to the accrued but untaxed interest at a rate of 30 percent (or at a reduced rate or exemption from tax under an applicable income tax treaty)). A Non-U.S. Holder that does not qualify for exemption from withholding tax with respect to accrued but untaxed interest that is not effectively connected income generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30 percent rate (or at a reduced rate or exemption from tax under an applicable income tax treaty) on payments that are attributable to accrued but untaxed interest. For purposes of providing a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, special procedures are provided under applicable Treasury Regulations for payments through qualified foreign intermediaries or certain financial institutions that hold customers' securities in the ordinary course of their trade or business.

#### iv. FIRPTA

Under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act ("**FIRPTA**"), gain on the disposition of certain investments in U.S. real property is subject to U.S. federal income tax in the hands of Non-U.S. Holders and treated as effectively connected income ("**ECI**") that is subject to U.S. federal net income tax even if a Non-U.S. Holder is not otherwise engaged in a U.S. trade or business.

This discussion assumes there are no Non-U.S. Holders of Existing LP Common Units and so this discussion does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences to such holders.

Under the FIRPTA rules, if any class of stock (including warrants to acquire such stock) of a REIT is regularly traded on an established securities market, a Non-U.S. Holder that holds 10% or less of such class of stock (including warrants to acquire such stock) will not be subject to substantive FIRPTA taxation or FIRPTA withholding upon a disposition of its shares, and FIRPTA withholding upon dispositions will generally be inapplicable.

Non-U.S. Holders of Existing REIT Common Stock, Existing REIT Preferred Stock and Existing LP Common Units should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the complex tax rules that govern the disposition of a USRPI.

#### v. FATCA.

Pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), withholding at a rate of 30% generally will be required on certain U.S.-source payments such as dividends on and, potentially in the future, the gross proceeds of a disposition of assets that can produce certain U.S. source payments including dividends and interest held by or through (i) a foreign financial institution (including investment funds) that does not qualify under certain exemptions, unless such institution enters into, and complies with, an agreement with the United States government to collect and provide to the United States tax authorities (or, pursuant to an applicable intergovernmental agreement, such institution provides the required information to the tax authority of such institution's jurisdiction of tax residence) substantial information regarding United States account holders of such institution (which would include certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are foreign entities with United States owners) and agrees to withhold on certain payments or (ii) a foreign entity that is not a financial institution that does not qualify under certain exemptions, unless such entity certifies to the applicable withholding agent that such entity does not have "substantial United States owners" (as defined in the Tax Code) (which generally includes any United States person who directly or indirectly owns more than 10% of the entity) or provides the applicable withholding agent with information regarding the entity's substantial United States owners, which the withholding agent will in turn provide to the United States government. Accordingly, the entity through which the Claim or Interest is held will affect the determination of whether such withholding is required. Foreign financial institutions and foreign entities that are not financial institutions may be subject to the provisions of an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the jurisdiction in which such financial institution or foreign entity is located that may modify these requirements. A holder of consideration received pursuant to the Plan should consult its own tax advisors regarding these rules and whether they may be relevant to the ownership and disposition of the

consideration received pursuant to the Plan. Proposed Treasury Regulations, upon which taxpayers are permitted to rely, currently suspend indefinitely the application of withholding under FATCA to gross proceeds from the disposition of assets that can produce certain U.S. source payments including dividends and interest.

Both U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible impact of these rules on such holders' exchange of any of its Claims or Interests pursuant to the Plan.

## G. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and</u> <u>Disposition of the New LP Units</u>

# i. General

Under the Treasury Regulations, a domestic entity that has two or more partners and that is not organized as a corporation under U.S. federal or state law will generally be classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, unless it elects to be treated as a corporation. No election has been made for the Operating Partnership to be classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Thus, subject to the discussion of publicly traded partnerships below, the Operating Partnership will be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Each holder of New LP Units is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of owning and disposing of New LP Units.

Under the "publicly traded partnership" provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, an entity that would otherwise be treated as a partnership whose interests are considered to be publicly traded and does not meet the qualifying income test will be taxable as a corporation. The Operating Partnership limited partnership agreement will prohibit the transfer of units in the Operating Partnership if such transfer would jeopardize the status of the Operating Partnership as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes (prior to an actual conversion for U.S. federal income tax purposes to corporate status). Any purported transfer in violation of such provisions will be null and void and would not be recognized by the Operating Partnership.

This discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan assumes that the Operating Partnership will be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

As a partnership, the Operating Partnership itself will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax. Instead, the Operating Partnership will file an annual partnership information return with the IRS, which form will report the results of the Operating Partnership's operations. Each partner will be required to report on its U.S. federal income tax return, and will be subject to tax in respect of, its distributive share of each item of the Operating Partnership's income, gain, loss, deduction and credit for each taxable year of the Operating Partnership ending with or within the partner's taxable year. Each item generally will have the same character as if the partner had realized the item directly. Partners will be required to report these items regardless of the extent to which, or whether, they receive cash distributions from the Operating Partnership for such taxable year, and thus may incur income tax liabilities in excess of any distributions from the Operating Partnership's properties are located.

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The Operating Partnership's tax basis and holding period in its assets contributed by a partner would be the same as such partner's basis and holding period with respect to such assets.

A partner is allowed to deduct its allocable share of the Operating Partnership's losses (if any) only to the extent of such partner's adjusted tax basis (discussed below) in its units at the end of the taxable year in which the losses occur. In addition, various other limitations in the Internal Revenue Code may significantly limit a partner's ability to deduct its allocable share of deductions and losses of the Operating Partnership against other income.

The Operating Partnership will provide each partner with the necessary information to report its allocable share of the Operating Partnership tax items for U.S. federal income tax purposes; however, no assurance can be given that the Operating Partnership will be able to provide such information prior to the initial due date of the partners' U.S. federal income tax returns and the partners may therefore be required to apply to the IRS for an extension of time to file their tax returns.

The Operating Partnership will decide how items will be reported on the Operating Partnership's U.S. federal income tax returns, and all partners will be required under the Internal Revenue Code to treat the items consistently on their own returns, unless they file a statement with the IRS disclosing the inconsistency. In the event that the income tax returns of the Operating Partnership are audited by the IRS, the tax treatment of the Operating Partnership income and deductions generally will be determined at the Operating Partnership level in a single proceeding, rather than in individual audits of the partners. The tax matters partner will have considerable authority under the Internal Revenue Code and the limited partnership agreement for the Operating Partnership to make decisions affecting the tax treatment and procedural rights of all partners.

A partner generally will not recognize gain or loss on the receipt of a distribution of cash or property from the Operating Partnership (provided that the partner is not treated as exchanging such partner's share of the Operating Partnership's "unrealized receivables" and/or certain "inventory items" (as those terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code, and together "ordinary income items") for other partnership property). A partner, however, will recognize gain on the receipt of a distribution of money and, in some cases, marketable securities, from the Operating Partnership (including any constructive distribution of money resulting from a reduction of the partner's share of the indebtedness of the Operating Partnership) to the extent such cash distribution or the fair market value of such marketable securities distributed exceeds such partner's adjusted tax basis in its units. Such distribution would be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of a unit, which is described below.

A partner will recognize gain on the complete liquidation of its units only to the extent the amount of money received exceeds its adjusted tax basis in its interest. Distributions of certain marketable securities are treated as distributions of money for purposes of determining gain. Any gain recognized by a partner on the receipt of a distribution from the Operating Partnership generally will be capital gain, but may be taxable as ordinary income under certain circumstances. No loss can be recognized on a distribution in liquidation of its units, unless the partner receives no property other than money and ordinary income items.

A partner's adjusted tax basis in its units generally will be equal to such partner's initial tax basis (discussed above), increased by the sum of (i) any additional capital contributions such partner makes to the Operating Partnership, (ii) the partner's allocable share of the income of the Operating Partnership, and (iii) increases in the partner's allocable share of the indebtedness of the Operating Partnership, and reduced, but not below zero, by the sum of (iv) the partner's allocable share of the losses of the Operating Partnership, and (v) the amount of money or the adjusted tax basis of property distributed to such partner, including constructive distributions of money resulting from reductions in such partner's allocable share of the indebtedness of the Operating Partnership.

#### ii. Sale, Exchange, or Other Taxable Disposition of New LP Units

A sale of all or part of a partner's interest will result in the recognition of gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of the sales proceeds or distribution (including any constructive distribution) and such partner's adjusted tax basis for the portion of the interest disposed of. Any gain or loss recognized with respect to such a sale generally will be treated as a capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the interest has been held for more than one year, except to the extent (i) that the proceeds of the sale are attributable to a partner's allocable share of certain ordinary income items of the Operating Partnership and such proceeds exceed the partner's adjusted tax basis attributable to such ordinary income items and (ii) of previously allowed bad debt or ordinary loss deductions. A partner's ability to deduct any loss recognized on the sale of its units will depend on the partner's own circumstances and may be restricted under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Operating Partnership's limited partnership agreement will provide that a holder of New LP Units may elect to have the Operating Partnership redeem some or all of such holder's New LP Units in exchange for, at the Operating Partnership's election, either (i) a corresponding number of shares of New Common Stock, or (ii) an amount of cash equal to the fair market value of such shares. In either case such exchange would be taxable to such holder with gain or loss being recognized as described above. In the event such holder received shares of New Common Stock, such holder's basis in such shares would equal their fair market value as of the date of the exchange and such holder's holding period in the New Common Stock would begin the day after the exchange.

## iii. Non-U.S. Holders

This discussion assumes there are no Non-U.S. Holders of Existing LP Common Units that will receive New LP Units and so this discussion does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences to such holders.

## H. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and</u> <u>Disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock</u>

## *i.* Taxation of the Reorganized REIT

The REIT has elected to be taxed as a REIT under sections 856 through 860 of the Tax Code commencing with its taxable year ending December 31, 1993. The Debtors believe that the REIT has been organized and operated in such a manner that has allowed it to qualify for taxation

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as a REIT under the applicable provisions of the Tax Code, commencing with such taxable year, and the Debtors intend that the Reorganized REIT will continue to be organized and operated in this manner.

The Reorganized REIT's qualification and taxation as a REIT depends on its ability to meet on a continuing basis, through actual operating results, distribution levels, and diversity of share ownership, various qualification requirements imposed upon REITs by the Tax Code. The Reorganized REIT's ability to qualify to be taxed as a REIT also requires that it satisfy certain asset tests, some of which depend upon the fair market values of assets that the REIT owns directly or indirectly. Such fair market values may not be susceptible to a precise determination. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of the Reorganized REIT's operations for any taxable year will satisfy such requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT.

Holders of Claims or Interests receiving New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, Warrants or New LP Units should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the complex tax rules that govern the tax consequences of owning New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, Warrants or New LP Units.

#### ii. U.S. Holders

The following is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock applicable to taxable U.S. Holders.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the New Preferred Stock may materially differ depending on the final terms of such stock. Holders of New Preferred Stock should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of owning New Preferred Stock.

#### (a) Distributions

So long as the Reorganized REIT qualifies to be taxed as a REIT, the distributions that it makes to U.S. Holders of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock out of current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that the Reorganized REIT does not designate as capital gain dividends will generally be taken into account by such U.S. Holders as ordinary income and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporations. With limited exceptions, the Reorganized REIT's distributions are not eligible for taxation at the preferential income tax rates (i.e., the 20% maximum U.S. federal income tax rate) for qualified dividends received by most U.S. Holders that are individuals, trusts and estates from taxable C corporations. Such shareholders, however, are taxed at the preferential rates on distributions designated by and received from REITs to the extent that the distributions are attributable to:

• income retained by the REIT in the prior taxable year on which the REIT was subject to corporate-level income tax (less the amount of corporate tax on such income);

- dividends received by the REIT from taxable REIT subsidiaries or other taxable C corporations; or
- income in the prior taxable year from the sales of "built-in gain" property acquired by the REIT from C corporations in carryover basis transactions (less the amount of corporate tax on such income).

Dividends that the Reorganized REIT designates as capital gain dividends will generally be taxed to U.S. Holders as long-term capital gains to the extent that such dividends do not exceed the Reorganized REIT's actual net capital gain for the taxable year or the Reorganized REIT's dividends paid for the taxable year, without regard to the period for which the shareholder that receives such dividend has held its shares. The Reorganized REIT may elect to retain and pay taxes on some or all of its net long- term capital gains, in which case it may elect to apply provisions of the Tax Code that treat its U.S. Holders as having received, solely for tax purposes, the Reorganized REIT's undistributed capital gains, and the shareholders as receiving a corresponding credit for taxes that the Reorganized REIT paid on such undistributed capital gains. U.S. Holders may be required to treat up to 20% of some capital gain dividends as ordinary income. In addition, non-corporate U.S. Holders, including individuals, generally may deduct up to 20% of dividends from a Reorganized REIT, other than capital gain dividends and dividends treated as qualified dividend income, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2026.

Long-term capital gains are generally taxable at maximum U.S. federal rates of 20% in the case of U.S. Holders that are individuals, trusts and estates (although depending on the characteristics of the assets that produced these gains and on designations that the Reorganized REIT may make, certain capital gain dividends may be taxed at a 25% rate), and 21% in the case of U.S. Holders that are corporations.

Distributions in excess of the Reorganized REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) will generally represent a return of capital and will not be taxable to a U.S. Holder to the extent that the amount of such distributions does not exceed the adjusted basis of the U.S. Holder's shares in respect of which the distributions were made. Rather, the distribution will reduce the adjusted basis of the U.S. Holder's shares. To the extent that such distributions exceed the adjusted basis of a U.S. Holder's shares, the shareholder generally must include such distributions in income as long-term capital gain if the shares have been held for more than one year, or short-term capital gain if the shares have been held for one year or less. In addition, any distribution that the Reorganized REIT declares in October, November or December of any year and that is payable to a U.S. Holder of record on a specified date in any such month will be treated as both paid by the Reorganized REIT and received by the U.S. Holder on December 31 of such year, provided that the Reorganized REIT actually pays the distribution before the end of January of the following calendar year.

To the extent that the Reorganized REIT has available net operating losses and capital losses carried forward from prior tax years, such losses may reduce the amount of distributions that the Reorganized REIT must make in order to comply with the Reorganized REIT distribution requirements. Such losses, however, are not passed through to U.S. Holders and do not offset income of U.S. Holders from other sources, nor would such losses affect the character of any distributions that the Reorganized REIT makes, which are generally subject to tax in the hands of

U.S. Holders to the extent that the Reorganized REIT has current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes).

In certain circumstances, the Reorganized REIT may have the ability to declare a large portion of a dividend in New Common Stock. In such a case, a holder would be taxed on 100% of the dividend in the same manner as a cash dividend, even though most of the dividend was paid in shares of New Common Stock. Such a dividend in part New Common Stock could result in a tax liability in excess of any cash received from the dividend.

#### (b) Dispositions of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock

If a U.S. Holder sells or disposes of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock, it will generally recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on the sale or other disposition, and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the shares. In general, capital gains recognized by individuals, trusts and estates upon the sale or disposition of our New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock will be subject to a maximum U.S. federal income tax rate of 20% if the shares are held for more than one year, and will be taxed at ordinary income rates (of up to 37%) if the shares are held for one year or less. Gains recognized by U.S. Holders that are corporations are subject to U.S. federal income tax at a maximum rate of 21%, whether or not such gains are classified as long-term capital gains. Capital losses recognized by a U.S. Holder upon the disposition of shares of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock that were held for more than one year at the time of disposition will be considered long-term capital losses, and are generally available only to offset capital gain income of the U.S. Holder but not ordinary income (except in the case of individuals, trusts and estates who may also offset up to \$3,000 of ordinary income each year). In addition, any loss upon a sale or exchange of shares of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock by a U.S. Holder who has held the shares for six months or less, after applying holding period rules, will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of actual or deemed distributions that the Reorganized REIT makes that are required to be treated by the shareholder as long-term capital gain.

#### (c) Passive Activity Losses and Investment Interest Limitations

Distributions that the Reorganized REIT makes and gains arising from the sale or exchange by a U.S. Holder of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock will not be treated as passive activity income. As a result, shareholders will not be able to apply any "passive losses" against income or gain relating to the New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock. A U.S. Holder may elect to treat capital gain dividends, capital gains from the disposition of the Reorganized REIT's capital shares and income designated as qualified dividend income, as described above, as investment income for purposes of computing the investment interest limitation, but in such case, the shareholder will be taxed at ordinary income rates on such amount. To the extent that distributions the Reorganized REIT makes do not constitute a return of capital, they will generally be treated as investment income for purposes of computing the investment interest limitation.

#### *iii.* Non-U.S. Holders

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock applicable to Non-U.S. Holders.

#### (a) Ordinary Dividends

The portion of distributions received by Non-U.S. Holders that (i) is payable out of the Reorganized REIT's current or accumulated earnings and profits, (ii) is not designated as capital gains, (iii) is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. Holder (or if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the Non-U.S. Holder does not maintain a permanent establishment in the United States to which such distributions are attributable) and (iv) is not attributable to gains from the sales or exchanges of United States real property interests, as defined in section 897 of the Tax Code ("**USRPIs**"), will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30%, unless reduced or eliminated by treaty. Under certain treaties, however, lower withholding rates generally applicable to dividends do not apply to dividends from a REIT.

In general, Non-U.S. Holders will not be considered to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business solely as a result of their ownership of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock. In cases where the distribution income from a Non-U.S. Holder's ownership of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock is, or is treated as, effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business (through a United States permanent establishment, where applicable), the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at graduated rates, in the same manner as U.S. Holders are taxed with respect to such distributions. Such effectively connected income must generally be reported on a U.S. income tax return filed by or on behalf of the Non-U.S. Holder. The income, as adjusted for certain items, may also be subject to a branch profits tax at the rate of 30% (unless reduced or eliminated by treaty) in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation.

Except as otherwise provided below, the Reorganized REIT expects to withhold U.S. federal income tax at the rate of 30% on any distributions made to a Non-U.S. Holder unless (i) a lower treaty rate applies and the Non-U.S. Holder provides the Reorganized REIT an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or applicable successor form) evidencing eligibility for that reduced treaty rate; or (ii) the Non-U.S. Holder provides the Reorganized REIT an IRS Form W-8ECI (or applicable successor form) claiming that the distribution is income effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's trade or business.

## (b) Non-Dividend Distributions

Unless shares of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock constitute USRPIs, distributions that the Reorganized REIT makes which are not dividends out of its earnings and profits, not attributable to gain from the disposition of USRPIs and not in excess of the adjusted tax basis of the Non-U.S. Holder's shares will not be subject to U.S. income tax. If the Reorganized REIT cannot determine at the time a distribution is made whether or not the distribution will exceed current and accumulated earnings and profits, the distribution will be subject to withholding at the rate applicable to dividends. For withholding purposes, because the

Reorganized REIT generally cannot determine at the time it makes a distribution whether the distribution will exceed its current and accumulated earnings and profits, the Reorganized REIT expects to treat all distributions as made out of its current or accumulated earnings and profits. The Non-U.S. Holder may seek a refund from the IRS of any amounts withheld if it is subsequently determined that the distribution was, in fact, in excess of the Reorganized REIT's current and accumulated earnings and profits. To the extent that such distributions exceed the Non-U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such shares, the distributions will generally give rise to gain from the sale or exchange of such shares, the tax treatment of which is described below. However, such excess distributions may be treated as dividend income for certain Non-U.S. Holders.

(c) Capital Gain Dividends and Distributions Attributable to a Sale or Exchange of United States Real Property Interests

Under FIRPTA, a distribution that the Reorganized REIT makes to a Non-U.S. Holder, to the extent attributable to gains from dispositions of USRPIs that the Reorganized REIT held directly or through pass-through subsidiaries, or USRPI capital gains, will, except as described below, be considered effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. Holder and will be subject to U.S. income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. individuals or corporations, without regard to whether the Reorganized REIT designates the distribution as a capital gain dividend. See above under "-Ordinary Dividends" for a discussion of the consequences of income that is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. In addition, the Reorganized REIT will be required to withhold tax equal to 21% of the maximum amount that could have been designated as USRPI capital gain dividends. Distributions subject to FIRPTA may also be subject to a branch profits tax at the rate of 30% (unless reduced or eliminated by treaty) in the hands of a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation. A distribution is not attributable to USRPI capital gain if the Reorganized REIT held an interest in the underlying asset solely as a creditor. Dividends received by a Non-U.S. Holder that the Reorganized REIT properly designates as capital gain dividends and are attributable to dispositions of the Reorganized REIT's assets other than USRPIs generally are not subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax, unless (i) the ownership of the New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. trade or business (through a United States permanent establishment where applicable), in which case the Non-U.S. Holder would be subject to the same treatment as U.S. Holders with respect to such gain, except that a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation may also be subject to a branch profits tax at the rate of 30% (unless reduced or eliminated by treaty), or (ii) the Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual who was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met, in which case the Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to a 30% tax on its capital gains (reduced by certain capital losses). The Reorganized REIT expects that a significant portion of its assets will be USRPIs.

A capital gain dividend that would otherwise have been treated as a USRPI capital gain will not be so treated or be subject to FIRPTA, and generally will not be subject to the 21% withholding tax described above, and instead will be treated in the same manner as an ordinary dividend, if the distribution is received (i) with respect to a class of shares that is regularly traded on an established securities market located in the United States and the recipient Non-U.S. Holder does not own more than 10% of that class of shares at any time during the year ending on the date on which the distribution is received; (ii) by certain non-U.S. publicly traded shareholders that meet certain record-keeping and other requirements ("**qualified shareholders**") except to the

extent owners of such qualified shareholders that are not also qualified shareholders own, actually or constructively, more than 10% of the Reorganized REIT's capital shares; or (iii) by a "qualified foreign pension fund" (as defined in the Tax Code) or any entity all of the interests of which are held by such a qualified foreign pension fund. The Reorganized REIT anticipates that its New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock will be "regularly traded" on an established securities exchange.

#### (d) Retention of Net Capital Gains

Although the law is not clear on the matter, it appears that amounts the Reorganized REIT designates as retained net capital gains in respect of its New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock held by U.S. Holders generally should be treated with respect to Non-U.S. Holders in the same manner as actual distributions of capital gain dividends. Under this approach, the Non-U.S. Holders may be able to offset as a credit against their U.S. federal income tax liability their proportionate share of the tax paid by the Reorganized REIT on such retained net capital gains and to receive from the IRS a refund to the extent their proportionate share of such tax paid by the Reorganized REIT exceeds their actual U.S. federal income tax liability. If the Reorganized REIT were to designate any portion of its net capital gain as retained net capital gain, Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the taxation of such retained net capital gain.

(e) Dispositions of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock

Unless shares of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock constitute USRPIs, a sale of the shares by a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. taxation under FIRPTA. Subject to certain exceptions discussed below, shares of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock will be treated as USRPIs if 50% or more of the Reorganized REIT's assets throughout a prescribed testing period consist of interests in real property located within the United States, excluding, for this purpose, interests in real property solely in a capacity as a creditor. The Reorganized REIT expects that 50% or more of its assets will consist of USRPIs.

Even if the foregoing 50% test is met, however, shares of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock will not constitute a USRPI if the Reorganized REIT is a "domestically controlled qualified investment entity." A domestically controlled qualified investment entity includes a Reorganized REIT, less than 50% of value of which is held, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. persons at all times during a specified testing period. For purposes of determining whether a Reorganized REIT is a "domestically controlled qualified investment entity," a person who at all applicable times holds less than 5% of a class of stock that is "regularly traded" is treated as a U.S. person unless the Reorganized REIT has actual knowledge that such person is not a U.S. person. No assurance can be given that the Reorganized REIT will be a domestically controlled qualified investment entity.

In the event that the Reorganized REIT is not a domestically controlled qualified investment entity, but shares of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock are "regularly traded," as defined by applicable Treasury Regulations, on an established securities market, a Non-U.S. Holder's sale of such shares nonetheless also would not be subject to tax under FIRPTA as a sale of a USRPI, provided that the selling Non-U.S. Holder held 10% or less of such class of outstanding shares at any time during a prescribed testing period. The Reorganized REIT expects

that its New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock will be regularly traded on an established securities market.

Even if none of the foregoing tests are met and shares of New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock are not considered to be regularly traded on an established securities market, dispositions of the Reorganized REIT's shares by qualified shareholders would still be exempt from FIRPTA, except to the extent owners of such qualified shareholders own, actually or constructively, more than 10% of the Reorganized REIT's shares. Furthermore, dispositions of the Reorganized REIT's shares by "qualified foreign pension funds" or entities all of the interests of which are held by "qualified foreign pension funds" are exempt from FIRPTA. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of these rules.

If gain on the sale of shares of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock were subject to taxation under FIRPTA, the Non-U.S. Holder would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return and would be subject to the same treatment as a U.S. Holder with respect to such gain, subject to applicable alternative minimum tax and a special alternative minimum tax in the case of non-resident alien individuals. Moreover, in order to enforce the collection of the tax, the purchaser of the shares could be required to withhold 15% of the purchase price and remit such amount to the IRS.

Gain from the sale of shares of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock that would not otherwise be subject to FIRPTA will nonetheless be taxable in the United States to a Non-U.S. Holder in two cases: (i) if the Non-U.S. Holder's investment in the shares is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business conducted by such Non-U.S. Holder (through a United States permanent establishment, where applicable), the Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to the same treatment as a U.S. Holder with respect to such gain, except that a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation may also be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (unless reduced or eliminated by treaty), or (ii) if the Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual who was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met, the nonresident alien individual will be subject to a 30% tax on the individual's capital gain (reduced by certain capital losses). In addition, even if the Reorganized REIT is a domestically controlled qualified investment entity, upon disposition of shares of New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock, a Non-U.S. Holder may be treated as having gain from the sale or exchange of a USRPI if the Non-U.S. Holder (a) disposes of shares of such class of stock within a 30-day period preceding the ex-dividend date of a distribution, any portion of which, but for the disposition, would have been treated as gain from the sale or exchange of a USRPI and (b) acquires, or enters into a contract or option to acquire, other shares of such class during the 61-day period beginning with the first day of the 30-day period described in clause (a). The preceding sentence shall not apply to a Non-U.S. Holder if the Non-U.S. Holder did not own more than 10% of the applicable class of stock at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of the distribution described in clause (a) of the preceding sentence and the class of shares is "regularly traded," as defined by applicable Treasury Regulations, on an established securities market in the United States.

Non-U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax consequences of owning New Preferred Stock and New Common Stock.

## I. <u>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Ownership and</u> <u>Disposition of the Warrants</u>

#### *i. Exercise of the Warrants*

A U.S. Holder that elects to exercise the New Warrants will be treated as purchasing, in exchange for its New Warrants and the amount of any cash funded by such U.S. Holder to exercise the Warrants, the New Common Stock it is entitled to purchase pursuant to the Warrants. Such a purchase should generally be treated as the exercise of an option under general tax principles, and as such a U.S. Holder should not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes when it exercises the Warrants. A U.S. holder's aggregate tax basis in the New Common Stock will equal the sum of (x) the amount of any cash paid by the U.S. Holder to exercise its Warrants plus (y) such U.S. Holder's tax basis in its Warrants immediately before the Warrants are exercised. A U.S. Holder's holding period for the New Common Stock received on the Effective Date pursuant to the exercise of the Warrants should begin on the day following the date it receives such New Common Stock.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of a cashless exercise of a Warrant to a U.S. Holder are not clear under current tax law. A cashless exercise may, for example, be treated as a tax-free recapitalization, in which case a U.S. Holder's tax basis in the New Common Stock received would equal the tax basis in the surrendered Warrant, and the U.S. Holder's holding period in the New Common Stock received on exercise would include the holding period of the surrendered Warrants. Alternatively, it is possible that a cashless exercise of a Warrant would be treated as a taxable exchange in which gain or loss is recognized. In such event, a U.S. Holder could be deemed to have surrendered a number of Warrants with a fair market value equal to the exercise price for the number of Warrants deemed exercised. For this purpose, the number of Warrants deemed exercise of the Warrants. In this situation, the U.S. Holder would recognize capital gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value of the Warrants deemed surrendered to pay the exercise price and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in the Warrants deemed surrendered.

Due to the absence of authority as to the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a cashless exercise, there can be no assurance which, if any, of the alternative tax consequences described above, or of other possible characterizations of a cashless exercise, would be adopted by the IRS or a court of law. Accordingly, U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of making a cashless exercise of the Warrants.

A U.S. Holder that elects not to exercise the Warrants may be entitled to claim a capital loss equal to the amount of tax basis allocated to the Warrants, subject to any limitations on such U.S. Holder's ability to utilize capital losses. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, and Allowed General Unsecured Claims—Limitation of Use of Capital Losses" above. Such U.S. Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of electing not to exercise the Warrants.

#### *ii.* Sale, Exchange, or Other Taxable Disposition of Warrants

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of any of its Warrants in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between (x) the amount realized for the Warrants and (y) the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Warrants. The amount realized will include the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any other property received for the Warrants. Any such gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the holder has a holding period in the Warrants of more than one year as of the date of disposition. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, and Allowed General Unsecured Claims—Limitation of Use of Capital Losses" above.

#### iii. Non-U.S. Holders

Under the FIRPTA rules, if any class of stock (including warrants to acquire such stock) of a REIT is regularly traded on an established securities market, a Non-U.S. Holder that holds 10% or less of such class of stock (including warrants to acquire such stock) will not be subject to substantive FIRPTA taxation or FIRPTA withholding upon a disposition of its shares, and FIRPTA withholding upon dispositions will generally be inapplicable.

This discussion assumes that no Non-U.S. Holder will receive an amount of Warrants in excess of 10% of the total outstanding amount of Warrants. Thus, any gain or loss recognized by a Non-U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of any of its Warrants will generally be taxed in the same manner as the disposition of an Allowed Interest by a Non-U.S. Holder. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders of Allowed Claims and Interests —FIRPTA" above.

Non-U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Warrants.

#### J. Information Reporting and Backup Withholding.

The Debtors will withhold all amounts required by law to be withheld from payments of interest and dividends. The Debtors will comply with all applicable reporting requirements of the Tax Code. In general, information reporting requirements may apply to distributions or payments made to a holder of a Claim or Interest under the Plan. Additionally, under the backup withholding rules, a holder of a Claim or Interest may be subject to backup withholding with respect to distributions or payments made pursuant to the Plan unless, in the case of a U.S. Holder, such U.S. Holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-9 and, in the case of Non-U.S. Holder, such Non-U.S. Holder's eligibility for an exemption). The current backup withholding rate is 24 percent. Backup withholding is not an additional tax but is, instead, an advance payment that may entitle the holder to a refund from the IRS to the extent it results in an overpayment of tax, provided that the required information is provided to the IRS.

In addition, from an information reporting perspective, the Treasury Regulations generally require disclosure by a taxpayer on its U.S. federal income tax return of certain types of transactions in which the taxpayer participated, including, among other types of transactions, certain transactions that result in the taxpayer's claiming a loss in excess of specified thresholds. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding these regulations and whether the transactions contemplated by the Plan would be subject to these regulations and require disclosure on the holders' tax returns.

THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN ARE COMPLEX. THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION DOES NOT ADDRESS ALL ASPECTS OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION THAT MAY BE RELEVANT TO A PARTICULAR HOLDER IN LIGHT OF SUCH HOLDER'S CIRCUMSTANCES AND INCOME TAX SITUATION. ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, OR FOREIGN TAX LAWS, AND OF ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE TAX LAWS.

## IX. CERTAIN RISK FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

Before voting to accept or reject the Plan, holders of Claims and Interests should read and carefully consider the risk factors set forth below, in addition to the information set forth in this Disclosure Statement together with any attachments, exhibits, or documents incorporated by reference hereto. Documents filed with the SEC may also contain important risk factors that differ from those discussed below, and such risk factors are incorporated as if fully set forth herein and are a part of this Disclosure Statement. Copies of any document filed with the SEC may be obtained by visiting the SEC website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.

THIS SECTION PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING POTENTIAL RISKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN. THE FACTORS BELOW SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS THE ONLY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLAN OR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. NEW FACTORS, RISKS, AND UNCERTAINTIES EMERGE FROM TIME TO TIME AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT ALL SUCH FACTORS, RISKS, AND UNCERTAINTIES.

# A. <u>Certain Bankruptcy Law Considerations</u>

# i. General

Although the Debtors believe that the Chapter 11 Cases will not be materially disruptive to their businesses, the Debtors cannot be certain that this will be the case. Although the Plan is designed to minimize the length of the Chapter 11 Cases, it is impossible to predict with certainty the amount of time that one or more of the Debtors may spend in bankruptcy or to assure parties in interest that the Plan will be confirmed. Even if confirmed on a timely basis, bankruptcy proceedings to confirm the Plan could have an adverse effect on the Debtors' businesses. Among other things, it is possible that bankruptcy proceedings could adversely affect the Debtors' relationships with their key tenants and employees.

#### *ii.* Risk of Non-Confirmation of the Plan

Although the Debtors believe that the Plan will satisfy all requirements necessary for confirmation by the Bankruptcy Court, there can be no assurance that the Bankruptcy Court will reach the same conclusion or that modifications to the Plan will not be required for confirmation, or that such modifications would not necessitate re-solicitation of votes. Moreover, the Debtors can make no assurances that they will receive the requisite votes for acceptance to confirm the Plan. Even if all Voting Classes vote in favor of the Plan or the requirements for "cramdown" or "cram-up" are met with respect to any Class that rejected the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court could decline to confirm the Plan if it finds that any of the statutory requirements for Confirmation are not met.

For example, it is possible that certain parties in interest may object to the Plan's separate classification and treatment of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims and the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims. Although the Debtors believe that the Plan's classification and treatment of such Claims comply with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code because, among other things, the Consenting Crossholders have agreed to receive a less favorable recovery and have agreed to support the Plan, to the extent the Bankruptcy Court believes that the classification or treatment of such Claims is improper, the Bankruptcy Court may not confirm the Plan.

If the Plan is not confirmed, it is unclear what distributions holders of Claims or Interests ultimately would receive with respect to their Claims or Interests in a subsequent plan of reorganization or otherwise.

## *iii.* Non-Consensual Confirmation and Conversion into Chapter 7 Cases

If any impaired class of claims or equity interests does not accept or is deemed not to accept a plan of reorganization, a bankruptcy court may nevertheless confirm such plan at the proponent's request if at least one impaired class has voted to accept the Plan (with such acceptance being determined without including the vote of any "insider" in such class), and as to each impaired class that has not accepted the Plan, the bankruptcy court determines that the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to the dissenting impaired classes. If any Class votes to reject the Plan, then these requirements must be satisfied with respect to such rejecting Classes. The Debtors believe that the Plan satisfies these requirements.

If no plan of reorganization can be confirmed, or if the Bankruptcy Court otherwise finds that it would be in the best interest of holders of Claims and Interests, the Chapter 11 Cases may be converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, pursuant to which a trustee would be appointed or elected to liquidate the Debtors' assets for distribution in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. Please refer to Section XI(C)(III) hereof, as well as the Liquidation Analysis attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, for a discussion of the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the recoveries of holders of Claims and Interests.

#### *iv. Risk of Non-Occurrence of the Effective Date*

Although the Debtors believe that the Effective Date will occur soon after the Confirmation Date, there can be no assurance as to the timing of the Effective Date. If the conditions precedent to the Effective Date set forth in the Plan have not occurred or have not been waived as set forth in Article IX of the Plan, then the Confirmation Order may be vacated, in which event no distributions would

be made under the Plan, the Debtors and all holders of Claims or Interests would be restored to the status quo as of the day immediately preceding the Confirmation Date, and the Debtors' obligations with respect to Claims and Interests would remain unchanged.

## v. Risk of Termination of the Restructuring Support Agreement

The RSA contains certain provisions that give the Required Consenting Noteholders the ability to terminate the RSA if various conditions are not satisfied. Termination of the RSA could result in protracted Chapter 11 Cases, which could significantly and detrimentally impact the Debtors' relationships with, among others, tenants and employees.

## vi. Risks Related to Possible Objections to the Plan

There is a risk that certain parties could oppose and object to either the entirety of the Plan or specific provisions of the Plan. Although the Debtors believe that the Plan complies with all relevant Bankruptcy Code provisions, there can be no guarantee that a party in interest will not file an objection to confirmation of the Plan or that the Bankruptcy Court will not sustain such an objection.

## vii. Releases, Injunctions, and Exculpation Provisions May Not Be Approved

Article X of the Plan provides for certain releases, injunctions, and exculpations for Claims and Causes of Action that may otherwise be asserted against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties, as applicable. The releases, injunctions, and exculpations provided in the Plan are subject to objection by parties in interest and may not be approved. If the releases and exculpations are not approved, certain parties may not be considered Releasing Parties, Released Parties, or Exculpated Parties, and certain Released Parties or Exculpated Parties may withdraw their support for the Plan.

## B. <u>Risks Relating to New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units</u> and Warrants to Be Issued Under the Plan

# *i.* Trading Market for the New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock

Although the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to list the New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants on a national securities exchange, there can be no assurance that there will be an active trading market for the New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units and the Warrants. In addition, there may be trading restrictions on shares of New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (or any interest therein) following the Effective Date. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that any market will exist or as to the liquidity of any market that may exist for any such securities.

# *ü.* Potential Dilution

The ownership percentage represented by the New Common Stock distributed on the Effective Date under the Plan to the holders of Senior Unsecured Note Claims, Existing LP Common Units, Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and Existing REIT Common Stock will be subject to dilution from

the New Common Stock issued pursuant to the Warrants and the Management Incentive Plan, and any other shares that may be issued post-emergence, and the conversion of any options, warrants, convertible securities, exercisable securities, or other securities that may be issued postemergence.

In the future, similar to all companies, additional equity financings or other share issuances by any of the Reorganized Debtors could adversely affect the value of the New Common Stock and Warrants issuable upon such conversion. The amount and dilutive effect of any of the foregoing could be material.

# *iii.* Significant Holders

The holders of Senior Unsecured Note Claims are expected to acquire a significant ownership interest in the New Common Stock pursuant to the Plan. If such holders were to act as a group, such holders would be in a position to control the outcome of all actions requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, without the approval of other stockholders. This concentration of ownership could also facilitate or hinder a negotiated change of control of the Reorganized Debtors and, consequently, have an impact upon the value of the New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants.

# *iv.* Equity Interests Subordinated to Reorganized Debtors' Indebtedness

In any subsequent liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Reorganized Debtors, the New Preferred Stock, New Common Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (and the New Common Stock issuable upon exercise thereof) would rank below all debt claims against the Reorganized Debtors, including the Exit Credit Facility. As a result, holders of the New Preferred Stock or New Common Stock will not be entitled to receive any payment or other distribution of assets upon the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Reorganized Debtors until after all the Reorganized Debtors' obligations to their debt holders have been satisfied.

In addition, the Reorganized Debtors' future debt may include restrictions on their ability to pay distributions to preferred stockholders. Unlike indebtedness, where principal and interest would customarily be payable on specified due dates, in the case of the New Preferred Stock, dividends are payable only if declared by the Board. The Reorganized Debtors' ability to pay dividends on the New Preferred Stock may be limited by the terms of the Reorganized Debtors' agreements governing future indebtedness and by the provisions of other future agreements.

## v. Implied Valuation of New Common Stock Not Intended to Represent Trading Value of New Common Stock

The valuation of the Reorganized Debtors is not intended to represent the trading value of New Common Stock or the Warrants (and the New Common Stock issuable upon exercise thereof) in public or private markets and is subject to additional uncertainties and contingencies, all of which are difficult to predict. Actual market prices of such securities at issuance will depend upon, among other things: (a) prevailing interest rates; (b) conditions in the financial markets; (c) the anticipated initial securities of creditors receiving New Common Stock or the Warrants (and the New Common Stock issuable upon exercise thereof) under the Plan, some of which may prefer to liquidate their investment rather than hold it on a long-term basis; and (d) other factors that

generally influence the prices of securities. The actual market price of the New Common Stock or the Warrants (and the New Common Stock issuable upon exercise thereof) is likely to be volatile. Many factors, including factors unrelated to the Reorganized Debtors' actual operating performance and other factors not possible to predict, could cause the market price of the New Common Stock or the Warrants (and the New Common Stock issuable upon exercise thereof) to rise and fall. Accordingly, the implied value, stated herein and in the Plan, of the securities to be issued does not necessarily reflect, and should not be construed as reflecting, values that will be attained for the New Common Stock in the public or private markets.

#### vi. The Warrants May Not Become Exercisable Prior to Expiration

There can be no assurance that the total enterprise value of the Reorganized Debtors will ever reach the thresholds at which the Warrants become exercisable prior to the expiration of the Warrants.

## C. <u>Risks Related to Investment in the Exit Credit Facility</u>

#### *i.* Insufficient Cash Flow to Meet Debt Obligations

The Reorganized Debtors' ability to make scheduled payments on, or refinance their debt obligations, depends on the Reorganized Debtors' financial condition and operating performance, which are subject to prevailing economic, industry, and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business, legislative, regulatory, and other factors beyond the Reorganized Debtors' control. The Reorganized Debtors may be unable to maintain a level of cash flow from operating activities sufficient to permit the applicable Reorganized Debtors to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on their indebtedness, including, without limitation, borrowings under the Exit Credit Facility.

#### *ii.* Defects in Collateral Securing the Exit Credit Facility

The indebtedness under the Exit Credit Facility will be secured, subject to certain exceptions and permitted liens, on a first-priority basis by direct or indirect security interests in certain of the Reorganized Debtors' assets (henceforth, the "Exit Facility Collateral"). The Exit Facility Collateral securing the Exit Credit Facility may be subject to exceptions, defects, encumbrances, liens, and other imperfections. It cannot be assured that the remaining proceeds from a sale of the Exit Facility Collateral would be sufficient to repay holders of the securities under the Exit Credit Facility all amounts owed under them. The fair market value of the Exit Facility Collateral is subject to fluctuations based on factors that include, among others, the ability to sell Exit Facility Collateral in an orderly manner, general economic conditions, the availability of buyers, the Reorganized Debtors' failure or success to implement their business strategy, and similar factors. The amount received upon a sale of Exit Facility Collateral would be dependent on numerous factors, including the actual fair market value of the Exit Facility Collateral at such time, and the timing and manner of the sale. By its nature, portions of the Exit Facility Collateral may be illiquid and may have no readily ascertainable market value. In the event of a subsequent foreclosure, liquidation, bankruptcy, or similar proceeding, it cannot be assured that the proceeds from any sale or liquidation of the Exit Facility Collateral will be sufficient to pay the applicable Reorganized Debtors' obligations under the Exit Credit Facility, in full or at all. There can also be no assurance that the Exit Facility Collateral will be saleable, and, even if saleable, the timing of its liquidation would be uncertain. Accordingly, there may not be sufficient collateral to pay all or any of the amounts due on the Exit Credit Facility.

#### *iii.* Failure to Perfect Security Interests in Collateral

The failure to properly perfect liens on the Exit Facility Collateral could adversely affect the Exit Credit Facility Agent's ability to enforce its rights with respect to the Exit Facility Collateral for the benefit of the holders of the Exit Credit Facility. In addition, applicable law requires that certain property and rights acquired after the grant of a general security interest or lien can only be perfected at the time such property and rights are acquired and identified. There can be no assurance that the Exit Credit Facility Agent will monitor, or that the Reorganized Debtors will inform the trustee or the Exit Credit Facility Agent of, the future acquisition of property and rights that constitute Exit Facility Collateral, and that the necessary action will be taken to properly perfect the security interest in such after-acquired Exit Facility Collateral. The Exit Credit Facility Agent has no obligation to monitor the acquisition of additional property or rights that constitute Exit Facility Collateral or the perfection of any security interests therein. Such failure may result in the loss of the practical benefits of the liens thereon or of the priority of the liens securing the notes against third parties.

## *iv.* Any Future Pledge of Collateral Might Be Avoidable in a Subsequent Bankruptcy by the Reorganized Debtors

Any future pledge of Exit Facility Collateral in favor of the Exit Credit Facility Agent, including pursuant to security documents delivered after the date of entry into the Exit Credit Facility Agreement, might be avoidable by the pledgor (as a subsequent debtor in possession) or by its trustee in bankruptcy if certain events or circumstances exist or occur, including, among others, if the pledgor is insolvent at the time of the pledge, the pledge permits the holders of the securities under the Exit Credit Facility to receive a greater recovery than if the pledge had not been given, or a bankruptcy proceeding in respect of the pledgor is commenced within 90 days following the pledge, or, in certain circumstances, a longer period.

## D. Additional Risk Factors To Be Considered

# i. COVID-19 Risks

As noted above, the Debtors have experienced operational disruption and revenue loss as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has acutely impacted all states where the Company's tenants operate their businesses or where the Company's properties are located. Measures taken by federal, state, and local authorities to prevent or remediate COVID-19, including "shelter-in-place" or "stay-at-home" orders or other quarantine mandates, have had an adverse effect on the Company's business and the businesses of its tenants.

The prolonged outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in sustained closure of the Company's Properties, as well as the cessation of the operations of certain of its tenants, which resulted in a reduction of the revenues and cash flows of many of its properties due to the adverse financial impact on its tenants, as well as reductions in other sources of income generated by the Properties. In addition to reduced revenues, the Company's ability to obtain sufficient financing

for such Properties has been impaired as has its ability to lease or re-lease properties as a result of worsening market and economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moreover, as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Company experienced—and continues to experience—increased levels of requests for rent deferrals and abatements, as well as defaults on rent obligations. The Company continues to negotiate rent deferrals and abatements with tenants.

Although restrictions have been relaxed in various jurisdictions and all of the Malls have reopened, the financial losses suffered by Properties in those jurisdictions will not be easily recovered. In addition, an increase in restrictions, including mandated closures, due to the protraction of the COVID-19 pandemic would severely impact CBL's and its tenants' operations and financial condition going forward.

# ii. Liquidity

The use of cash on hand and Cash Collateral (as defined in section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code) is intended to provide liquidity to the Debtors during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases. If the Chapter 11 Cases take longer than expected to conclude, the Debtors may exhaust their cash. Further, there is no assurance that the Court will not sustain the Wells Fargo Cash Collateral Objection in connection with the Cash Collateral Motion Final Hearing or otherwise deny or prohibitively condition the Debtors' use of Cash Collateral upon the expiration of the Second Interim Cash Collateral Order. There is no assurance that the Debtors will be able to obtain additional financing from the Debtors' existing lenders or otherwise. In such cases, the liquidity necessary for the orderly functioning of the Debtors' businesses may be materially impaired.

# *iii.* Actual Claims Could Be More than Projected

There can be no assurance that the estimated Allowed amount of Claims in certain Classes will not be significantly more than projected, which in turn, could cause the value of distributions to be reduced substantially. Inevitably, some assumptions will not materialize, and unanticipated events and circumstances may affect the ultimate results. Therefore, the actual amount of Allowed Claims may vary materially from the Debtors' projections and feasibility analysis.

#### *iv.* Bank Lender and Consenting Crossholder Recovery May Depend on Collateral Value

The First Lien Credit Facility Secured Claim Amount – the value of the First Lien Credit Facility Collateral – may be subject to dispute and litigation between the Debtors and the Administrative Agent and may be subject to determination by the Bankruptcy Court. The Bankruptcy Court's determination of the First Lien Credit Facility Secured Claim Amount will, in turn, determine the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim Amount, Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Amount, and Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claim Amount. The recoveries to the holders of the Bank Lender Secured Claims, Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims and Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims may vary depending on the underlying claim amount, which could impact distributions under the Plan.

#### v. Bank Lender Claim Amount

Distributions under the Plan to holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims and Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims may materially change depending on the amount of the Claim that the Administrative Agent is entitled to assert against the Operating Partnership, which is the borrower under the First Lien Credit Facility. The Administrative Agent may argue that creditors are generally permitted to assert the full amount of their Claims against a debtor or multiple debtors even though such creditors may have previously received a partial recovery on their claim. *See Ivanhoe Building & Loan Ass 'n of Newark, N.J. v. Orr*, 295 U.S. 243 (1935) (holding that a secured creditor may prove the full amount of the debt owed to it, notwithstanding that the creditor previously realized value on some collateral from a non-debtor co-obligor).

To the extent that the Bankruptcy Court agrees that the entire amount of the First Lien Credit Facility can be asserted as a Claim against the Operating Partnership, holders of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims and Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims will be entitled to a greater recovery from the Operating Partnership which will, in turn, reduce the recovery to the Operating Partnership's other creditors, including holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims and General Unsecured Claims.

#### vi. Projections and Other Forward-Looking Statements Are Not Assured, and Actual Results May Vary

Certain of the information contained herein is, by nature, forward-looking, and contains estimates and assumptions, which might ultimately prove to be incorrect, and projections, which may be materially different from actual future experiences. Many of the assumptions underlying the projections are subject to significant uncertainties that are beyond the control of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, including the timing, confirmation, and consummation of the Plan, customer demand for the Reorganized Debtors' products and services, inflation, and other unanticipated market and economic conditions. There are uncertainties associated with any projections and estimates, and they should not be considered assurances or guarantees of the amount of funds or the amount of Claims in the various Classes that might be allowed. Some assumptions may not materialize, and unanticipated events and circumstances may affect the actual results. Projections are inherently subject to substantial and numerous uncertainties and to a wide variety of significant business, economic, and competitive risks, and the assumptions underlying the projections may be inaccurate in material respects. In addition, unanticipated events and circumstances occurring after the approval of this Disclosure Statement by the Bankruptcy Court including any natural disasters, terrorist attacks, or health epidemics may affect the actual financial results achieved. Such results may vary significantly from the forecasts and such variations may be material.

#### vii. Risks Associated with the Debtors' Business and Industry

The risks associated with the Debtors' businesses and industry are more fully described in the Debtors' SEC filings, including the 2020 10-Qs. The risks associated with the Debtors' businesses and industry described in the Debtors' SEC filings include, but are not limited to, the following:

• general industry, economic, and business conditions;

- interest rate fluctuations;
- costs and availability of capital, including debt, construction loans, and capital requirements;
- costs and availability of real estate to develop new properties;
- inability to consummate acquisition opportunities and other risks associated with acquisitions;
- competition from other companies and retail formats;
- changes in retail demand and rental rates in our markets as a result of decreased consumer spending;
- shifts in tenant demands including the impact of online shopping;
- inability of tenants to meet rent terms and tenant requests for rent abatements and/or deferrals;
- impact of tenant bankruptcies or store closings;
- inability to secure tenants necessary to support commercial projects;
- inability to receive reimbursement from tenants for their share of certain operating expenses, including common area maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance;
- changes in vacancy rates at the Properties;
- difficulty replacing or renewing expiring leases with new leases at higher base;
- changes in operating expenses;
- the construction costs of a project may exceed original estimates or available financing, possibly making the project unfeasible or unprofitable;
- changes in applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- inability to obtain zoning, occupancy, or other required governmental permits and authorizations;
- sales of real property;
- uncertainty and economic impact of pandemics, epidemics, or other public health emergencies or fear of such events, such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic;
- risk and uncertainties relating to the effects of disruption from the Chapter 11 Cases making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships;

- cyber-attacks or acts of cyber-terrorism;
- pending and future litigation;
- changes in, or withdrawal of, the credit ratings of the Operating Partnership's senior unsecured long-term indebtedness;
- the ability to obtain suitable equity and/or debt financing and the continued availability of financing, in the amounts and on the terms necessary to support our future refinancing requirements and businesses; and
- other risks referenced from time to time in filings with the SEC and those factors listed or incorporated by reference into this report.

#### viii. Risks Associated with the Reorganized REIT's Ability to Satisfy REIT Conditions

Following the Confirmation Date, the Reorganized REIT intends on continuing to be treated as a real estate investment trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes, subject to receiving approval from the Required Consenting Noteholders. Despite being able to do so in the past, the Reorganized REIT may not meet the conditions for qualification as a real estate investment trust.

If, with respect to any taxable year, the Reorganized REIT fails to maintain its qualification as a real estate investment trust, it would not be allowed to deduct distributions to shareholders in computing its taxable income and federal income tax. The corporate level income tax would apply to its taxable income at regular corporate rates. As a result, the amount available for distribution to holders of equity securities that would otherwise receive dividends would be reduced for the year or years involved, and the Reorganized REIT would no longer be required to make distributions to shareholders. In addition, unless it were entitled to relief under the relevant statutory provisions, the Reorganized REIT would be disqualified from treatment as a real estate investment trust for four subsequent taxable years.

#### *ix. Risks Associated with the Reorganized REIT's Ability to Satisfy REIT Distribution Requirements*

The Reorganized REIT generally must distribute annually at least ninety percent (90%) of its real estate investment trust taxable income, determined without regard to the dividends-paid deduction and excluding any net capital gains, in order for the Reorganized REIT to qualify to be taxed as a real estate investment trust (assuming that certain other requirements are also satisfied) so that U.S. federal corporate income tax does not apply to earnings that the Reorganized REIT distributes. To the extent that the Reorganized REIT satisfies this distribution requirement and qualifies for taxation as a real estate investment trust but distributes less than one hundred percent (100%) of its real estate investment trust taxable income, the Reorganized REIT will be subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax on its undistributed net taxable income. In addition, the Reorganized REIT will be subject to a four percent (4%) nondeductible excise tax if the actual amount that the Reorganized REIT distributes to its shareholders in a calendar year is less than a minimum amount specified under U.S. federal income tax laws. The Reorganized Debtors intend

that the Reorganized REIT will make distributions to its shareholders to comply with the real estate investment trust requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

From time to time, the Reorganized REIT may generate taxable income greater than its cash flow as a result of differences in timing between the recognition of taxable income and the actual receipt of cash or the effect of nondeductible capital expenditures, the creation of reserves, or required debt or amortization payments. If the Reorganized REIT does not have other funds available in these situations, the Reorganized REIT could be required to borrow funds on unfavorable terms, sell assets at disadvantageous prices, or distribute amounts that would otherwise be invested in future acquisitions to make distributions sufficient to enable the Reorganized REIT to pay out enough of its taxable income to satisfy the real estate investment trust distribution requirement and to avoid corporate income tax and the four percent (4%) excise tax in a particular year. These alternatives could increase the Reorganized REIT's costs or reduce the value of its equity. Alternatively, the Reorganized REIT could elect to satisfy its distribution requirements by making taxable distributions of cash and stock: in such a case, a holder would be taxed on one hundred percent (100%) of the distribution in the same manner as a cash distribution. Thus, compliance with the real estate investment trust requirements may hinder the Reorganized REIT's ability to grow, which could adversely affect the value of the Reorganized REIT's stock, or cause holders of the Reorganized REIT's stock to incur tax liabilities in excess of cash distributions.

#### x. Substantial Indebtedness

Although the Reorganized Debtors will have less indebtedness than the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors will still have substantial indebtedness. On the Effective Date, after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by the Plan, the applicable Reorganized Debtors will, on a consolidated basis, have approximately \$[950] million in secured indebtedness under the Exit Credit Facility and guarantees of property-level loans. The Company will also have approximately \$2 billion of Property Level Debt currently owed by Non-Debtor Affiliates that is not being reduced in the Chapter 11 Cases.

The amount of the Reorganized Debtors' indebtedness could have important consequences because it could affect the Reorganized Debtors' business, operating results, cash flows, and financial condition, including their ability to satisfy their obligations thereunder, raise additional capital through the issuance of additional debt or equity securities, engage in acquisitions or other business development activities, fund working capital, capital expenditures and other corporate spending, respond to general and industry-specific adverse economic conditions, and compete with competitors that are less leveraged.

Despite the Reorganized Debtors' consolidated debt levels after entry into the Exit Credit Facility, the Reorganized Debtors may be able to incur certain additional debt in the future, subject to the restrictions contained in their debt instruments, some of which may be secured debt. In certain situations, the terms of the Exit Credit Facility may permit the Reorganized Debtors to incur additional debt, secure existing or future debt, recapitalize its debt or take a number of other actions that could have the effect of diminishing the Reorganized Debtors' ability to make payments on its existing debt when due.

However, the incurrence of additional indebtedness would result in increased fixed payment obligations and could also result in certain restrictive covenants, such as limitations on the Reorganized Debtors' ability to incur additional debt and liens, consummate acquisitions, sell real estate or raise capital to develop property and other operating restrictions that could adversely impact the Reorganized Debtors' ability to conduct their business and may result in liens being placed on the Reorganized Debtors' assets. If the Reorganized Debtors were to default on such indebtedness, the Reorganized Debtors could lose such assets.

## xi. Claims Objections

The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may object to a proof of claim filed by or on behalf of a holder of a Claim. The distribution estimates that will be provided in connection with this Disclosure Statement are not applicable to any holder of any Claim whose Claim is or may be subject to an objection. Any such holder may not receive its specified share of the estimated distributions described in this Disclosure Statement.

# xii. Distributions

While the Debtors have endeavored to project what they believe are likely distributions, if any, to be made to parties holding Allowed Claims, there can be no certainty that the projections, which the Debtors intend to provide in a supplemental filing prior to a hearing to approve this Disclosure Statement, will be accurate and that holders will receive the distributions described in the Plan. The projections will necessarily be affected by, among other things, (i) the outcome of objections to Claims and (ii) the cost and expenses of such actions and generally administering and winding down the Debtors' Estates.

## xiii. Debtors Could Withdraw Plan

Subject to the terms of, and without prejudice to, the rights of any party to the RSA, the Plan may be revoked or withdrawn prior to the Confirmation Date by the Debtors.

## xiv. Debtors Have No Duty to Update

The statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are made by the Debtors as of the date hereof, unless otherwise specified herein, and the delivery of this Disclosure Statement after that date does not imply that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since that date. The Debtors have no duty to update this Disclosure Statement unless otherwise ordered to do so by the Bankruptcy Court.

## xv. No Representations Outside this Disclosure Statement Are Authorized

No representations concerning or related to the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Plan are authorized by the Bankruptcy Court or the Bankruptcy Code, other than as set forth in this Disclosure Statement. Any representations or inducements made to secure your vote for acceptance or rejection of the Plan that are other than those contained in, or included with, this Disclosure Statement should not be relied upon in making the decision to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### xvi. No Legal or Tax Advice Is Provided by this Disclosure Statement

The contents of this Disclosure Statement should not be construed as legal, business, or tax advice. Each holder of a Claim or Interest should consult their own legal counsel and accountant as to legal, tax, and other matters concerning their Claim or Interest.

This Disclosure Statement is not legal advice to you. This Disclosure Statement may not be relied upon for any purpose other than to determine how to vote on the Plan or object to confirmation of the Plan.

#### xvii. No Admission Made

Nothing contained herein or in the Plan will constitute an admission of, or will be deemed evidence of, the tax or other legal effects of the Plan on the Debtors or holders of Claims or Interests.

#### xviii. Dismissal of Chapter 11 Cases

If no plan can be confirmed, or if the Bankruptcy Court otherwise finds that it would be in the best interests of the creditors and/or the Debtors, one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases may be dismissed by order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Moreover, as discussed above, the Debtors are currently party to the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding, pursuant to which the Administrative Agent is seeking, among other things, dismissal of the Pledged Debtors' (as defined in the Wells Fargo Counterclaims) Chapter 11 Cases. The Bankruptcy Court's dismissal of one or more of the Pledged Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases may impact, among other things, the ability to confirm the Plan or the distributions under the Plan to the creditors of the Debtors that remain in the Chapter 11 Cases.

#### X. VOTING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Before voting to accept or reject the Plan, each holder of a Claim or Interest in a Voting Class as of the Record Date that is entitled to vote (an "Eligible Holder"), should carefully review the Plan attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. All descriptions of the Plan set forth in this Disclosure Statement are subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

#### A. Voting Deadline

All Eligible Holders have been sent a Ballot together with instructions on how to access this Disclosure Statement. Such holders should read the Ballot carefully and follow the instructions contained therein. Please use only the Ballot that accompanies this Disclosure Statement to cast your vote. Special procedures are set forth below for the beneficial holders of securities ("**Beneficial Holders**") who hold such securities in "street name" (e.g., Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, Existing LP Common Units, Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and Existing REIT Common Stock) through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, or other agent or nominee ("**Nominee**").

The Debtors have engaged Epiq as their Voting Agent to assist in the transmission of voting materials and in the tabulation of votes with respect to the Plan. FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, A BALLOT OR A MASTER BALLOT WITH YOUR VOTE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WITH THE BALLOTS. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BALLOTS IS ON OR BEFORE 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) ON [•], 2021 (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS.

IF YOU ARE A BENEFICIAL HOLDER, YOU MUST RETURN YOUR BALLOT (OR OTHERWISE CONVEY YOUR VOTE) TO YOUR NOMINEE IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR YOUR NOMINEE TO PROCESS YOUR VOTE AND RETURN A MASTER BALLOT INCORPORATING YOUR VOTE TO THE VOTING AGENT BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE.

## IF A BALLOT IS DAMAGED OR LOST, YOU MAY CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT AT THE NUMBER SET FORTH BELOW TO RECEIVE A REPLACEMENT BALLOT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, YOU MAY CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT AT:

Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC

Telephone: (855) 914-4668 (domestic toll free) or 1 (503) 520-4416 (international) E-mail: <u>cblpropertiesinfo@epiqglobal.com</u> (with "CBL Properties" in the subject line)

Hard copies of the Disclosure Statement are available upon request made to the Voting Agent, at the telephone numbers or e-mail address set forth immediately above.

## B. <u>Voting Procedures</u>

The Debtors are providing a copy of the order approving the Disclosure Statement and notice of the Confirmation Hearing, instructions detailing how to access copies of this Disclosure Statement and the Plan (including all exhibits and appendices), customized Ballot(s) and, if applicable, instructions for customized electronic, online transmission of Ballots (collectively, a "**Solicitation Package**") to Eligible Holders. The Solicitation Packages for Nominees holding Claims for Beneficial Holders (*e.g.*, Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, Existing LP Common Units, Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and Existing REIT Common Stock, as applicable) will include Beneficial Holder Ballots and Master Ballots. Nominees must provide copies of the Solicitation Package to their Beneficial Holders that are the Eligible Holders thereof as of the Record Date. Nominees are authorized to transmit Solicitation Packages and collect votes from Beneficial Holders in accordance with their customary practices, including the use of a "voting instruction form" in lieu of (or in addition to) a Beneficial Ballot, and collecting votes from Beneficial Holders through online voting, by phone, facsimile, or other electronic means. Any Eligible Holder that is a Beneficial Holder and has not received a Ballot should contact the Voting Agent.

Eligible Holders should provide all of the information requested by the Ballot and should complete and return all Ballots received in accordance with the instructions set forth therein.

In addition to accepting hard-copy Ballots, the Debtors seek authorization to accept Ballots (from voting parties that are not required to vote through a Nominee) via electronic, online transmissions, solely through a customized online balloting portal on the Debtors' case website maintained by the Voting Agent (the "**E-Ballot Portal**").<sup>23</sup> Parties entitled to vote may cast an electronic Ballot and electronically sign and submit the Ballot instantly by utilizing the E-Ballot Portal (which allows a holder to submit an electronic signature). Instructions for electronic, online transmission of Ballots will be set forth on the forms of Ballots and included in the Solicitation Packages. The encrypted ballot data and audit trail created by such electronic submission through the E-Ballot Portal shall become part of the record of any Ballot submitted in this manner, and the Eligible Holder's electronic signature will be deemed to be immediately legally valid and effective.

# HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE E-BALLOT PORTAL.

# C. <u>Parties Entitled to Vote</u>

Under the Bankruptcy Code, only holders of Claims or Interests in "impaired" classes are entitled to vote on a plan. Under section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, a class of claims or interests is deemed to be "impaired" under a plan unless: (i) the plan leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which such claim or interest entitles the holder thereof; or (ii) notwithstanding any legal right to an accelerated payment of such claim or interest, the plan cures all existing defaults (other than defaults resulting from the occurrence of events of bankruptcy) and reinstates the maturity of such claim or interest as it existed before the default.

If, however, the holder of an impaired Claim or Interest will not receive or retain any distribution under the plan on account of such Claim or Interest, the Bankruptcy Code deems such holder to have rejected the Plan, and, accordingly, holders of such Claims and Interests do not actually vote on the Plan. If a Claim or Interest is not impaired by the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code deems the holder of such Claim or Interest to have accepted the Plan and, accordingly, holders of such Claims and Interests are not entitled to vote on the Plan, and also will not receive a Ballot.

A vote may be disregarded if the Bankruptcy Court determines, pursuant to section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, that it was not solicited or procured in good faith or in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Bankruptcy Code defines "acceptance" of a plan by a class of (1) Claims as acceptance by creditors in that class that hold at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number of the Claims that cast ballots for acceptance or rejection of the Plan (with such acceptance or rejection being determined without including the vote of any "insider" in such class); and (2) Interests as acceptance by interest holders in that class that hold at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the Interests that cast ballots for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

The Claims and Interests in the following classes are impaired under the Plan and entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The Debtor's case website maintained by the Voting Agent may be found at <u>https://dm.epiq11.com/cblproperties</u>.

- Class 3 Bank Lender Secured Claims;
- Class 4 Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims;
- Class 5 Bank Lender Deficiency Claims;
- Class 6 Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims;
- Class 7 Senior Unsecured Notes Claims;
- Class 9 General Unsecured Claims;
- Class 12 Existing LP Common Units;
- Class 13 Existing REIT Preferred Stock;
- Class 14 Existing REIT Common Stock; and
- Class 16 Section 510(b) Claims.

An Eligible Holder should vote on the Plan by completing a Ballot in accordance with the instructions therein and as set forth above.

Except as provided below, unless the Ballot is timely submitted to the Voting Agent before the Voting Deadline together with any other documents required by such Ballot, the Debtors may, in their sole discretion, reject such Ballot as invalid, and therefore decline to utilize it in connection with seeking confirmation of the Plan.

#### *i. Fiduciaries and Other Representatives*

If a Ballot is signed by a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney-in-fact, officer of a corporation, or another, acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such person should indicate such capacity when signing and, if requested, must submit proper evidence satisfactory to the Debtors of authority to so act. Authorized signatories should submit the separate Ballot of each Eligible Holder for whom they are voting.

#### *ü.* Agreements Upon Furnishing Ballots

The delivery of an accepting Ballot pursuant to one of the procedures set forth above will constitute the agreement of the creditor or equity holder (as applicable) with respect to such Ballot to accept: (a) all of the terms of, and conditions to, this Solicitation; and (b) the terms of the Plan including the injunction, releases, and exculpation set forth in Sections 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, and 10.9 therein. All parties in interest retain their right to object to confirmation of the Plan pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, subject to any applicable terms of the RSA.

#### *iii.* Change of Vote

Subject to the provisions of the RSA, any party who has previously submitted to the Voting Agent before the Voting Deadline a properly completed Ballot may revoke such Ballot and change its vote by submitting to the Voting Agent before the Voting Deadline a subsequent, properly completed Ballot voting for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

#### *iv.* Waivers of Defects, Irregularities, etc.

Unless otherwise directed by the Bankruptcy Court, all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt), acceptance, and revocation or withdrawals of Ballots will be determined by the Voting Agent or the Debtors, as applicable, in their sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding. The Debtors reserve the right to reject any and all Ballots submitted by any of their respective creditors not in proper form, the acceptance of which would, in the opinion of the Debtors or their counsel, as applicable, be unlawful. The Debtors further reserve their respective rights to waive any defects or irregularities or conditions of delivery as to any particular Ballot. The interpretation (including the Ballot and the respective instructions thereto) by the applicable Debtor, unless otherwise directed by the Bankruptcy Court, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with deliveries of Ballots must be cured within such time as the Debtors (or the Bankruptcy Court) determines. Neither the Debtors nor any other person will be under any duty to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to deliveries of Ballots nor will any of them incur any liabilities for failure to provide such notification. Unless otherwise directed by the Bankruptcy Court, delivery of such Ballots will not be deemed to have been made until such irregularities have been cured or waived. Ballots previously furnished (and as to which any irregularities have not theretofore been cured or waived) will be invalidated.

## D. <u>Further Information, Copies of Materials</u>

If you have any questions or require further information about the voting procedures for voting your claims or about the packet of material you received, or if you wish to obtain a hard copy of the Plan, this Disclosure Statement, or any exhibits to such documents, please contact the Voting Agent.

#### XI. CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

## A. <u>Confirmation Hearing</u>

Section 1128(a) of the Bankruptcy Code requires the Bankruptcy Court to hold a confirmation hearing upon appropriate notice to all required parties. Notice of the Confirmation Hearing will be provided to all known creditors and equity holders or their representatives. The Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court without further notice except for the announcement of the continuation date made at the Confirmation Hearing, at any subsequent continued Confirmation Hearing, or pursuant to a notice filed on the docket for the Chapter 11 Cases.

#### B. <u>Objections to Confirmation</u>

Section 1128(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that any party in interest may object to the confirmation of a plan. Any objection to confirmation of the Plan must be in writing, must conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, must set forth the name of the objector, the nature and amount of the Claims held or asserted by the objector against the Debtors' Estates or properties, the basis for the objection and the specific grounds therefore, and must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, with a copy to the chambers of the United States Bankruptcy Judge appointed to these Chapter 11 Cases, together with proof of service thereof, and served upon the following parties, including such other parties as the Bankruptcy Court may order.

#### a) The Debtors at

CBL & ASSOCIATES PROPERTIES, INC. 2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Suite 500 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421 Attn: Jeffery V. Curry, Esq., Chief Legal Officer Telephone: (423) 490-8642 Facsimile: (423) 893-4371 Email: Jeff.Curry@cblproperties.com

#### b) Proposed Counsel to the Debtors at

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## c) Office of the U.S. Trustee at

Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516 Houston, Texas 77002 Attn: Hector Duran, Jr., Esq. and Stephen D. Statham, Esq. Telephone: (713) 718-4650 Facsimile: (713) 718 4670 Email: <u>Hector.Duran.Jr@usdoj.gov</u> <u>Stephen.Statham@usdoj.gov</u>

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#### IF AN OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION IS NOT TIMELY SERVED AND FILED, IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

#### C. <u>Requirements for Confirmation of Plan</u>

#### *i.* Requirements of Section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code

At the Confirmation Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether the confirmation requirements specified in section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied including whether:

(i). the Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code;

(ii). the Debtors have complied with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code;

(iii). the Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law;

(iv). any payment made or promised by the Debtors or by a person issuing securities or acquiring property under the Plan, for services or for costs and expenses in or in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, or in connection with the Plan and incident to the Chapter 11 Cases, has been disclosed to the Bankruptcy Court, and any such payment made before confirmation of the Plan is reasonable, or if such payment is to be fined after confirmation of the Plan, such payment is subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court as reasonable;

(v). the Debtors have disclosed the identity and affiliations of any individual proposed to serve, after confirmation of the Plan, as a director or officer of the Reorganized Debtors, an affiliate of the Debtors participating in the Plan with the Debtors, or a successor to the Debtors under the Plan, and the appointment to, or continuance in, such office of such individual is consistent with the interests holders of Claims and Interests and with public policy, and the Debtors have disclosed the identity of any insider who will be employed or retained by the Reorganized Debtors, and the nature of any compensation for such insider;

(vi). with respect to each Class of Claims or Interests, each holder of an impaired Claim has either accepted the Plan or will receive or retain under the Plan, on account of such holder's Claim, property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount such holder would receive or retain if the Debtors were liquidated on the Effective Date of the Plan under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code;

(vii). except to the extent the Plan meets the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (as discussed further below), each Class of Claims or Interests either accepted the Plan or is not impaired under the Plan;

(viii). except to the extent that the holder of a particular Claim has agreed to a different treatment of such Claim, the Plan provides that Administrative Expense Claims and Other Priority Claims, other than Priority Tax Claims, will be paid in full on the Effective Date, and that Priority Tax Claims will receive either payment in full on the Effective Date or deferred cash payments over a period not exceeding five (5) years after the Petition Date, of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, equal to the allowed amount of such Claims;

(ix). at least one Class of impaired Claims has accepted the Plan, determined without including any acceptance of the Plan by any insider holding a Claim in such Class;

(x). confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtors or any successor to the Debtors under the Plan; and

(xi). all fees payable under section 1930 of title 28, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at the Confirmation Hearing, have been paid or the Plan provides for the payment of all such fees on the Effective Date of the Plan.

As provided above and described in more detail below, among the requirements for confirmation are that the Plan is (A) accepted by all impaired Classes of Claims and Interests entitled to vote or, if rejected or deemed rejected by an impaired Class, that the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" as to such Class; (B) in the "best interests" of the holders of Claims and Interests impaired under the Plan; and (C) feasible.

## *ii.* Acceptance of Plan

Under the Bankruptcy Code, a Class accepts a chapter 11 plan if (i) holders of two-thirds (2/3) in amount and (ii) with respect to holders of Claims, more than a majority in number of the allowed claims in such class (other than those designated under section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code) vote to accept the Plan. Holders of Claims or Interests that fail to vote are not counted in determining the thresholds for acceptance of the Plan.

If any impaired Class of Claims or Interests does not accept the Plan (or is deemed to reject the Plan), the Bankruptcy Court may still confirm the Plan at the request of the Debtors if, as to each impaired Class of Claims or Interests that has not accepted the Plan (or is deemed to reject the Plan), the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" under the so-called "cramdown" provisions set forth in section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The "unfair discrimination" test applies to classes of claims or interests that are of equal priority and are receiving different treatment under the Plan. A chapter 11 plan does not discriminate unfairly, within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Code, if the legal rights of a dissenting class are treated in a manner consistent with the treatment of other classes whose legal rights are substantially similar to those of the dissenting class and if no class of claims or interests receives more than it legally is entitled to receive for its claims or interests. The test does not require that the treatment be the same or equivalent, but that such treatment be "fair." The "fair and equitable" test applies to classes of claims versus unsecured; claims versus interests) and includes the general requirement that no class of claims receive more than 100% of the allowed

amount of the claims in such class. As to the dissenting class, the test sets different standards that must be satisfied for the Plan to be confirmed, depending on the type of claims or interests in such class. The following sets forth the "fair and equitable" test that must be satisfied as to each type of class for a plan to be confirmed if such class rejects the Plan:

- Secured Creditors. Each holder of an impaired secured claim either (a) retains its liens on the property, to the extent of the allowed amount of its secured claim, and receives deferred cash payments having a value, as of the effective date of the plan, of at least the allowed amount of such secured claim, (b) has the right to credit bid the amount of its claim if its property is sold and retains its lien on the proceeds of the sale, or (c) receives the "indubitable equivalent" of its allowed secured claim.
- Unsecured Creditors. Either (a) each holder of an impaired, unsecured claim receives or retains under the Plan, property of a value, as of the effective date of the Plan, equal to the amount of its allowed claim or (b) the holders of claims and interests that are junior to the claims of the dissenting class will not receive any property under the Plan.
- **Interests.** Either (a) each equity interest holder will receive or retain under the Plan property of a value equal to the greater of (i) the fixed liquidation preference or redemption price, if any, of such equity interest and (ii) the value of the equity interest or (b) the holders of interests that are junior to the interests of the dissenting class will not receive or retain any property under the Plan.

The Debtors believe the Plan satisfies the "unfair discrimination" and "fair and equitable" tests with respect to any rejecting Class.

#### IF ALL OTHER CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS ARE SATISFIED AT THE CONFIRMATION HEARING, THE DEBTORS WILL ASK THE BANKRUPTCY COURT TO RULE THAT THE PLAN MAY BE CONFIRMED ON THE GROUND THAT THE SECTION 1129(b) REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

## *iii.* Best Interests Test

As noted above, with respect to each impaired class of claims and equity interests, confirmation of a plan requires that each such holder either: (a) accept the plan; or (b) receive or retain under the plan property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the value such holder would receive or retain if the debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. This requirement is referred to as the "best interests" test.

This test requires a bankruptcy court to determine what the holders of allowed claims and allowed equity interests in each impaired class would receive from a liquidation of the debtor's assets and properties in the context of a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. To determine if a plan is in the best interests of each impaired class, the value of the distributions from the proceeds of the liquidation of the debtor's assets and properties (after subtracting the amounts attributable to the aforesaid claims) is then compared with the value offered to such classes of claims and equity interests under the plan.

The Debtors believe that under the Plan all holders of impaired Claims and Interests will receive property with a value not less than the value such holder would receive in a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors' belief is based primarily on: (a) consideration of the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the ultimate proceeds available for distribution to holders of impaired Claims and Interests; and (b) the Liquidation Analysis attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

The Debtors believe that any liquidation analysis is speculative, as it is necessarily premised on assumptions and estimates that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which would be beyond the control of the Debtors. The Liquidation Analysis provided in **Exhibit D** is solely for the purpose of disclosing to holders of Claims and Interests the effects of a hypothetical chapter 7 liquidation of the Debtors, subject to the assumptions set forth therein. There can be no assurance as to values that would actually be realized in a chapter 7 liquidation nor can there be any assurance that a bankruptcy court will accept the Debtors' conclusions or concur with such assumptions in making its determinations under section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## iv. Feasibility

Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that a debtor demonstrate that confirmation of a plan is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization. For purposes of determining whether the Plan meets this requirement, the Debtors have analyzed their ability to meet their obligations under the Plan. As part of this analysis, the Debtors have prepared the consolidated financial projections for the Reorganized Debtors (the **"Financial Projections"**). The Financial Projections, and the assumptions on which they are based, are annexed hereto as **Exhibit E**. Based upon such Financial Projections, the Debtors believe they will have sufficient resources to make all payments required pursuant to the Plan and that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further reorganization. Moreover, Article IX hereof sets forth certain risk factors that could impact the feasibility of the Plan.

The Debtors do not, as a matter of course, publish their business plans or strategies, projections, or anticipated financial position. Accordingly, the Debtors do not anticipate that they will, and disclaim any obligation to, furnish updated business plans or Financial Projections to parties in interest after the Confirmation Date or otherwise make such information public. In connection with the planning and development of the Plan, the Financial Projections were prepared by the Debtors, with the assistance of their professionals, to present the anticipated impact of the Plan. The Financial Projections assume that the Plan will be implemented in accordance with its stated terms.

Consequently, the estimates and assumptions underlying the Financial Projections are inherently uncertain and are subject to material business, economic, and other uncertainties. Therefore, such Financial Projections, estimates, and assumptions are not necessarily indicative of current values or future performance, which may be significantly less or more favorable than set forth herein.

The Financial Projections should be read in conjunction with the assumptions, qualifications, and explanations set forth in this Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the Plan Supplement, in their

entirety, and the historical consolidated financial statements (including the notes and schedules thereto).

#### XII. <u>ALTERNATIVES TO CONFIRMATION</u> <u>AND CONSUMMATION OF PLAN</u>

The Debtors have evaluated several alternatives to the Plan. After studying these alternatives, the Debtors have concluded that the Plan, which among other things, reflects a consensus among the Debtors and the Consenting Noteholders, is the best alternative and will maximize recoveries to parties in interest, assuming confirmation and consummation of the Plan. If the Plan is not confirmed and consummated, the alternatives to the Plan are: (A) the preparation and presentation of an alternative reorganization; (B) the a sale of some or all of the Debtors' assets pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (C) a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

## A. <u>Alternative Plan of Reorganization</u>

Subject to the RSA, if the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtors (or if the Debtors' exclusive period in which to file a plan of reorganization has expired, any other party in interest) could attempt to formulate a different plan. Such a plan might involve either: (a) a reorganization and continuation of the Debtors' businesses or (b) an orderly liquidation of their assets. The Debtors, however, believe that the Plan, as described herein, enables their creditors to realize the most value under the circumstances. In addition, if the Plan is not confirmed under the terms of the RSA, the Required Consenting Noteholders have the right to terminate the RSA and all obligations thereunder.

## B. <u>Sale Under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code</u>

If the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtors could seek from the Bankruptcy Court, after notice and hearing, authorization to sell their assets under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Bank Lender Secured Claims may be entitled to credit bid on any property to which their security interest is attached to the extent of the value of such security interest, and to offset their Claims against the purchase price of the property. In addition, the security interests in the Debtors' assets held by holders of Bank Lender Secured Claims would attach to the proceeds of any sale of the Debtors' assets to the extent of their secured interests therein. Upon analysis and consideration of this alternative, the Debtors do not believe a sale of their assets under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code would yield a higher recovery for the holders of Claims under the Plan.

# C. <u>Liquidation under Chapter 7 of Bankruptcy Code</u>

If no plan can be confirmed, the Chapter 11 Cases may be converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code in which a trustee would be elected or appointed to liquidate the assets of the Debtors for distribution to their creditors in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. The effect that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the recovery of holders of Allowed Claims and Interests is set forth in the Liquidation Analysis attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

The Debtors believe that liquidation under chapter 7 would result in smaller distributions to creditors than those provided for in the Plan because of, among other things, the delay resulting from the conversion of the Chapter 11 Cases, the additional administrative expenses associated with the appointment of a trustee and the trustee's retention of professionals who would be required to become familiar with the many legal and factual issues in the Chapter 11 Cases, and the loss in value attributable to an expeditious liquidation of the Debtors' assets as required by chapter 7.

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#### XIII. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Debtors believe the Plan is in the best interests of all stakeholders and urge the holders of Claims in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 16 to vote in favor thereof.

Dated: December 29, 2020 Chattanooga, Tennessee

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Farzana Khaleel\_

Name: Farzana Khaleel

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President on behalf of the Debtors Case 20-35226 Document 371 Filed in TXSB on 12/29/20 Page 146 of 309

# EXHIBIT A

PLAN

#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	§	Chapter 11
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<b>CBL &amp; ASSOCIATES PROPERTIES,</b>	§	
INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 20-35226 (DRJ)
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<b>Debtors.</b> <sup>1</sup>	§	(Jointly Administered)
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#### JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CBL & ASSOCIATES PROPERTIES, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://dm.epiq11.com/CBLProperties. The Debtors' service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Suite 500, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421.

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Each of the debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (each, a "*Debtor*" and collectively, the "*Debtors*") proposes the following joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization pursuant to section 1121(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in <u>section 1.1</u> below.

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION.

#### 1.1 <u>Definitions</u>.

The following terms shall have the respective meanings specified below:

*Accepting Class* means a Class that votes to accept the Plan in accordance with section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Administrative Expense Claim means any Claim for costs and expenses of administration of the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to sections 327, 328, 330, 365, 503(b), 507(a)(2), 507(b), or 1114(e)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including (i) the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred on or after the Petition Date and through the Effective Date of preserving the Estates and operating the Debtors' businesses, (ii) Fee Claims, (iii) Restructuring Expenses, and (iv) all fees and charges assessed against the Estates pursuant to sections 1911 through 1930 of chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code.

Allowed means, with respect to any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, (i) any Claim or Interest arising on or before the Effective Date (a) as to which no objection to allowance has been interposed within the time period set forth in the Plan, or (b) as to which any objection has been determined by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court to the extent such objection is determined in favor of the respective holder, (ii) any Claim or Interest as to which the liability of the Debtors and the amount thereof are determined by a Final Order of a court of competent jurisdiction other than the Bankruptcy Court, (iii) any Claim or Interest expressly Allowed under the Plan, or (iv) any Claim that is listed in the Debtors' Schedules as liquidated, non-contingent, and undisputed; <u>provided</u>, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors will retain all claims and defenses with respect to Allowed Claims that are reinstated or otherwise unimpaired pursuant to this Plan.

Alternative Service has the meaning set forth in <u>section 6.14</u> of the Plan.

Amended By-Laws means, with respect to each Reorganized Debtor, such Reorganized Debtor's amended or amended and restated by-laws or operating agreement, a substantially final form of which shall be contained in the Plan Supplement to the extent they contain material changes to the existing documents.

Amended Certificate of Incorporation means, with respect to each Reorganized Debtor, such Reorganized Debtor's amended or amended and restated certificate of incorporation or certificate of formation, a substantially final form of which shall be contained in the Plan Supplement to the extent they contain material changes to the existing documents.

*Asset* means all of the rights, title, and interests of a Debtor in and to property of whatever type or nature, including real, personal, mixed, intellectual, tangible, and intangible property.

*Assumption Dispute* means an unresolved objection regarding assumption, Cure Amount, "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code), or any other issue relating to assumption of an executory contract or unexpired lease.

*Bankruptcy Code* means title 11 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time, as applicable to these Chapter 11 Cases.

**Bankruptcy Court** means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases and, to the extent of any reference made under section 157 of title 28 of the United States Code, or if the Bankruptcy Court is determined not to have authority to enter a Final Order on an issue, the unit of such District Court having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases under section 151 of title 28 of the United States Code.

*Bankruptcy Rules* means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure as promulgated by the United States Supreme Court under section 2075 of title 28 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time, applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases, and any local rules of the Bankruptcy Court.

### Bank Lender Claim Amount means \$[•] million.

**Bank Lender Deficiency Claim** means any Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim that is not a Bank Lender Secured Claim. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are Unsecured Claims.

*Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Amount* means the Bank Lender Claim Amount less the Bank Lender Secured Claim Amount.

**Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution** means any recovery that is required by the Bankruptcy Court to be received by the holders of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims in addition to the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Facility Distribution, which recovery shall be in the form of New Preferred Stock and/or New Common Stock (in a ratio reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders) in an amount equal to the additional recovery required as determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

**Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution** means the aggregate amount of the Exit Credit Facility less the Bank Lender Secured Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution.

*Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim* means any First Lien Credit Facility Claim that is not a Consenting Crossholder Claim.

**Bank Lender Secured Claim** means any Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claim that is a Secured Claim.

**Bank Lender Secured Claim Amount** means the First Lien Credit Facility Secured Claim Amount multiplied by the percentage of Bank Lender First Lien Credit Facility Claims to the total First Lien Credit Facility Claims.

**Bank Lender Secured Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution** means loans under the Exit Credit Facility in an aggregate amount equal to the Bank Lender Secured Claim Amount.

**Benefit Plans** means (i) each "employee benefit plan," as defined in section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and (ii) any other pension, retirement, bonus, incentive, health, retiree health, life, disability, group insurance, vacation, holiday and fringe benefit plan, program, contract, or arrangement (whether written or unwritten) maintained, contributed to, or required to be contributed to, by the Debtors for the benefit of any of its current or former employees or independent contractors, other than those that entitle employees to, or that otherwise give rise to, Interests, or consideration based on the value of Interests, in the Debtors.

**Business Day** means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or any other day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

Cash means legal tender of the United States of America.

*Cause of Action* means any action, claim, cross-claim, third-party claim, cause of action, controversy, dispute, demand, right, Lien, indemnity, contribution, guaranty, suit, obligation, liability, loss, debt, fee or expense, damage, interest, judgment, account, defense, remedy, offset, power, privilege, proceeding, license, and franchise of any kind or character whatsoever, known or unknown, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, foreseen or unforeseen, direct or indirect, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively (including under alter ego theories), whether arising before, on, or after the Petition Date, in contract or in tort, in law or in equity or pursuant to any other theory of law (including under any state or federal securities laws). For the avoidance of doubt, Cause of Action includes (i) any right of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment and any claim for breach of contract or for breach of duties imposed by law or in equity, (ii) the right to object to Claims or Interests, (iii) any claim pursuant to section 362 or chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, (iv) any claim or defense including fraud, mistake, duress, and usury and any other defenses set forth in section 558 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (v) any claims under any state or foreign law, including any fraudulent transfer or similar claims.

*Chapter 11 Case* means, with respect to a Debtor, such Debtor's case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code commenced on the Petition Date in the Bankruptcy Court, jointly administered with all other Debtors' cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Chief Executive Officer means Mr. Stephen Lebovitz.

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*Claim* has the meaning set forth in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, against any Debtor.

*Class* means any group of Claims or Interests classified under the Plan pursuant to section 1122(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Collateral* means any Asset of an Estate that is subject to a Lien securing the payment or performance of a Claim, which Lien is not invalid and has not been avoided under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law.

*Confirmation Date* means the date on which the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order.

*Confirmation Hearing* means the hearing to be held by the Bankruptcy Court regarding confirmation of the Plan, as such hearing may be adjourned or continued from time to time.

*Confirmation Order* means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

*Consenting Crossholder* means a holder of a Consenting Crossholder Claim.

*Consenting Crossholder Claim* means any First Lien Credit Facility Claim held by a Consenting Noteholder.

*Consenting Crossholder Claim Amount* means \$[•] million.

*Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claim* means any Consenting Crossholder Claim that is not a Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim. For the avoidance of doubt, Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims are Unsecured Claims.

*Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claim Amount* means the Consenting Crossholder Claim Amount less the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim Amount.

*Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool* means New Common Stock in an amount sufficient to provide a percentage recovery to holders of Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims equal to the percentage recovery received by holders of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims in accordance with the Plan or as required by the Bankruptcy Court.

*Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim* means any Consenting Crossholder Claim that is a Secured Claim.

*Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim Amount* means the First Lien Credit Facility Secured Claim Amount multiplied by the percentage of Consenting Crossholder Claims to the total First Lien Credit Facility Claims. *Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims Recovery Pool* means a combination of consideration (as agreed upon by the Debtors, the Required Consenting Noteholders, and the Consenting Crossholders) consisting of (i) New Preferred Stock and (ii) Cash, which, in the aggregate, shall equal 95% of the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim Amount.

*Consenting Noteholders* mean any (i) holder or beneficial owner of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim that is a party to the Restructuring Support Agreement, (ii) investment advisor or manager of discretionary funds, accounts, or other entities that are a party to the Restructuring Support Agreement on behalf of holders or beneficial owners of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim and/or (iii) any holder or beneficial owner of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim on whose behalf an investment advisor or manager (as set forth in the preceding clause (ii)) has signed the Restructuring Support Agreement.

*Creditors' Committee* means the statutory committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code by the U.S. Trustee on November 13, 2020, pursuant to the *Notice of Appointment of Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (Docket No. 204).

*Cure Amount* means the Cash or other property (as the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and the counterparty to an executory contract or unexpired lease may agree or the Bankruptcy Court may order) as necessary to (i) cure a monetary default by the Debtors in accordance with the terms of an executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtors and (ii) permit the Debtors to assume such executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

**D&O** Policy means any insurance policy, including tail insurance policies, for directors', members', trustees', and officers' liability maintained by the Debtors and in effect or purchased as of the Petition Date.

*Debtor*(*s*) has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph of the Plan.

**Disbursing Agent** means any Entity in its capacity as a disbursing agent under section 6.6 of the Plan, including any Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, that acts in such capacity to make distributions pursuant to the Plan.

*Disclosure Statement* means the disclosure statement for the Plan, including all exhibits, schedules, supplements, modifications, amendments, and annexes thereto, as supplemented from time to time, which is prepared and distributed in accordance with sections 1125, 1126(b), or 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3016 and 3018, or other applicable law.

**Disputed** means, with respect to a Claim, (i) any Claim that is disputed under <u>Article VII</u> of the Plan or as to which the Debtors have interposed and not withdrawn an objection or request for estimation that has not been determined by a Final Order, (ii) any Claim, proof of which was required to be filed by order of the Bankruptcy Court but as to which a proof of claim was not timely or properly filed, (iii) any Claim that is listed in the Schedules, if filed, as unliquidated, contingent or disputed, and as to which no request for payment or proof of claim has been filed, or (iv) any Claim that is otherwise disputed by any of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors in accordance with applicable law or contract, which dispute has not been withdrawn, resolved or overruled by a Final Order. To the extent the Debtors dispute only the amount of a Claim, such Claim shall be deemed Allowed in the amount the Debtors do not dispute, if any, and Disputed as to the balance of such Claim.

*Distribution Record Date* means, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Effective Date.

*DTC* means the Depository Trust Company, a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York State Banking Law.

*Effective Date* means the date which is the first Business Day on which (i) all conditions to the effectiveness of the Plan set forth in <u>section 9.1</u> of the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Plan and (ii) no stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect.

*Employment Arrangements* means all employee compensation plans, Benefit Plans, employment agreements, executive employment agreements, offer letters, or award letters to which any Debtor is a party.

*Entity* has the meaning set forth in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Estate(s)* means individually or collectively, the estate or estates of the Debtors created under section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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

*Exculpated Parties* means, collectively, and in each case in their capacities as such during the Chapter 11 Cases, (i) the Debtors, (ii) the Reorganized Debtors, (iii) the Consenting Noteholders, (iv) the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee, (v) the Creditors' Committee, and (vi) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons or Entities in clauses (i) through (v), all of their respective Related Parties to the maximum extent permitted by law; provided that Exculpated Parties shall not include the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and/or First Lien Credit Facility Lenders (other than any holder of a Consenting Crossholder Claim) or any Person appointed by the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and/or First Lien Credit Facility Lenders to exercise any voting proxy or otherwise serve as a member, director, officer or in any other capacity with respect to any of the Debtors or Non-Debtor Affiliates in connection with the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding.

*Existing LP Common Units* means the common units issued by the LP, including the LP Series S Special Common Units, the LP Series L Special Common Units, and the LP Series K Special Common Units.

*Existing LP Preferred Units* means the preferred units issued by the LP.

*Existing REIT Common Stock* means the common stock issued by the REIT.

*Existing REIT Preferred Stock* means, collectively, the following class of preferred stock issued by the REIT: (i) the 7.375% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and (ii) the 6.625% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock.

*Exit Credit Facility* means the credit facility to be entered into on the Effective Date, containing terms substantially consistent with the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders.

*Exit Credit Facility Agent* means the administrative agent under the Exit Credit Facility Agreement.

*Exit Credit Facility Agreement* means that certain credit agreement, dated as of the Effective Date (as the same may be amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof), containing terms substantially consistent with the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders.

*Exit Credit Facility Borrower* means an intermediate holding company formed prior to or on the Effective Date that will (i) be owned by LP or Reorganized LP and (ii) own only the direct and indirect subsidiaries of LP that own the First Lien Credit Facility Collateral.

*Exit Credit Facility Documents* means collectively, the Exit Credit Facility Agreement and all other "Exit Credit Facility Documents" (as defined therein), including all other agreements, documents, and instruments delivered or entered into pursuant thereto or in connection therewith (including any guarantee agreements and collateral documentation) (in each case, as amended, restated, modified, or supplemented from time to time), each of which shall, to the extent applicable, contain terms substantially consistent with the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders.

*Exit Credit Facility Lenders* means the lenders party to the Exit Credit Facility Agreement including any permitted assignees thereof.

*Exit Credit Facility Obligors* means the obligors that are party to the Exit Credit Facility Agreement.

*Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet* means that certain term sheet attached hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u> that sets forth the principal terms of the Exit Credit Facility.

*Fee Claim* means a Claim for professional services rendered or costs incurred on or after the Petition Date through the Effective Date by Professional Persons retained by an order of the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to sections 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 503(b), or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Chapter 11 Cases.

*Fee Escrow Account* means an interest-bearing account in an amount equal to the total estimated amount of Fee Claims and funded by the Debtors on or before the Effective Date.

*Final Order* means order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court (or any other court of competent jurisdiction) entered by the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (or such other court) on

the docket in the Chapter 11 Cases (or the docket of such other court), which has not been modified, amended, reversed, vacated or stayed and as to which (i) the time to appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal, petition for certiorari or motion for new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall then be pending or (ii) if an appeal, writ of certiorari, new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing thereof has been sought, such order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court (or other court of competent jurisdiction) shall have been affirmed by the highest court to which such order was appealed, or certiorari shall have been denied, or a new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall have been denied or resulted in no modification of such order, and the time to take any further appeal, petition for certiorari or move for a new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall have been denied, that the possibility that a motion under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, may be filed relating to such order, shall not cause an order not to be a Final Order.

*First Lien Credit Agreement* means that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of January 30, 2019 (as the same may have been amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time), by and among the LP, as borrower, the REIT, as guarantor for certain limited purposes, the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent, the First Lien Credit Facility Syndication Agent, the First Lien Credit Facility Documentation Agents, and the First Lien Credit Facility Lenders.

*First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent* means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, solely in its capacity as administrative agent under the First Lien Credit Agreement.

*First Lien Credit Facility Claim* means any Claim arising under or related to the First Lien Credit Agreement and the First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

*First Lien Credit Facility Collateral* means the Collateral that secures payment of the obligations under the First Lien Credit Agreement in accordance with the First Lien Credit Facility Documents.

*First Lien Credit Facility Documentation Agents* means, collectively, Citizens Bank, N.A., PNC Bank, National Association, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Regions Bank, each, solely in its capacity as a documentation agent under the First Lien Credit Agreement.

*First Lien Credit Facility Documents* means, collectively, the First Lien Credit Agreement and any loan documents related thereto.

*First Lien Credit Facility Lenders* means the lenders party to the First Lien Credit Agreement from time to time.

*First Lien Credit Facility Syndication Agent* means U.S. Bank National Association, solely in its capacity as syndication agent under the First Lien Credit Agreement.

*First Lien Credit Facility Secured Claim Amount* means an amount equal to the value of the First Lien Credit Facility Collateral, as agreed by the Debtors, the First Lien Credit

Facility Administrative Agent, and the Required Consenting Noteholders or as determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

*General Unsecured Claim* means any Claim, other than a First Lien Credit Facility Claim, Senior Unsecured Notes Claim, Other Secured Claim, Administrative Expense Claim, Priority Tax Claim, Other Priority Claim, Ongoing Trade Claim, Intercompany Claim, or Section 510(b) Claim, that is not entitled to priority under the Bankruptcy Code or any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Property-Level Guarantee Claim.

*Impaired* means, with respect to a Claim, Interest, or a Class of Claims or Interests, "impaired" within the meaning of such term in section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Indemnification Obligations* means any obligation of the Debtors pursuant to their corporate charters, bylaws, limited liability company agreements, or other organizational documents to indemnify current and former officers, directors, members, managers, agents, or employees with respect to all present and future actions, suits, and proceedings against the Debtors or such officers, directors, members, managers, agents, or employees based upon any act taken or omission made as an officer, director, member, manager, agent, or employee for or on behalf of the Debtors.

*Intercompany Claim* means any Claim against a Debtor held by another Debtor or a Non-Debtor Affiliate.

*Intercompany Interest* means an Interest in a Debtor held by another Debtor or a Non-Debtor Affiliate; <u>provided</u>, that Intercompany Interests shall not include Existing LP Common Units or Existing LP Preferred Units.

*Interest* means any equity security (as defined in section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code) of a Debtor, including all ordinary shares, common units, special common units, preferred units, common stock, preferred stock, membership interests, partnership interests, or other instrument evidencing any fixed or contingent ownership interest in any Debtor, whether or not transferable and whether fully vested or vesting in the future, including any option, warrant, or other right, contractual or otherwise, to acquire any such interest in a Debtor, that existed immediately before the Effective Date.

*Lien* has the meaning set forth in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.

*LP* means CBL & Associates Limited Partnership.

*LP Series K Special Common Units* means the Series K special common units issued by the LP.

*LP Series L Special Common Units* means the Series L special common units issued by the LP.

*LP Series S Special Common Units* means the Series S special common units issued by the LP.

**Management Incentive Plan** means the post-restructuring equity-based management incentive plan to be adopted by the New Board on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date on the terms set forth in the Management Incentive Plan Term Sheet, which shall provide for the grant of up to 10% of the New Common Stock (or Warrants or options to purchase New Common Stock or other equity-linked securities) on a fully diluted basis to certain members of management of the Reorganized Debtors.

*Management Incentive Plan Term Sheet* means the term sheet to be filed with the Plan Supplement that shall set forth the principal terms of the Management Incentive Plan.

New Board means the initial board of directors of Reorganized REIT.

*New Common Stock* means the shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, or equity interests of Reorganized REIT to be issued on the Effective Date, in accordance with the Plan.

*New Corporate Governance Documents* means (i) the Amended By-Laws, (ii) the Amended Certificate of Incorporation, (iii) the certificate of designation for the New Preferred Stock, and (iv) any other applicable material governance and/or organizational documents of the Reorganized Debtors.

*New LP Units* means the common units, par value \$.001 per share, of Reorganized LP to be issued on the Effective Date, in accordance with the Plan, and such common units shall have no greater rights than the New Common Stock.

*New Preferred Stock* means the shares of preferred stock of the Reorganized REIT to be issued on the Effective Date on the terms set forth in the New Preferred Stock Term Sheet, which terms shall be reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

New Preferred Stock Term Sheet means that certain term sheet annexed hereto as

## <u>Exhibit C</u>.

*Non-Debtor Affiliates* means any direct or indirect subsidiary or affiliate of the LP that is not a Debtor in the Chapter 11 Cases.

**Ongoing Trade Claim** means, as determined by the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), an unsecured Claim that is a fixed, liquidated, and undisputed payment obligation to a third-party provider of goods and services to the Debtors that facilitates the Debtors' operations in the ordinary course of business and will continue to do so after the Effective Date.

*Other Priority Claim* means any Claim other than an Administrative Expense Claim or a Priority Tax Claim that is entitled to priority of payment as specified in section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Other Secured Claim* means any Secured Claim against a Debtor, other than a Priority Tax Claim or a First Lien Credit Facility Claim.

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*Person* means an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, governmental unit (as defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code), or other Entity.

*Petition Date* means, with respect to a Debtor, the date on which such Debtor commenced its Chapter 11 Case.

**Plan** means this joint chapter 11 plan, including all appendices, exhibits, schedules, and supplements hereto (including any appendices, schedules, and supplements to the Plan contained in the Plan Supplement), as may be modified from time to time in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Restructuring Support Agreement, and the terms hereof.

*Plan Distribution* means the payment or distribution of consideration to holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests under the Plan.

**Plan Document** means any of the documents, other than the Plan, to be executed, delivered, assumed, or performed in connection with the occurrence of the Effective Date, including the documents to be included in the Plan Supplement.

Plan Supplement means a supplement or supplements to the Plan containing the forms of certain documents, schedules, and exhibits relevant to the implementation of the Plan, to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court no later than seven (7) days prior to the Voting Deadline, which shall include (i) the New Corporate Governance Documents, (ii) the slate of directors to be appointed to the New Board (to the extent known and determined, pursuant to the appointment rights set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement), (iii) with respect to the members of the New Board disclosed pursuant to clause (iv), information required to be disclosed in accordance with section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, (v) the Management Incentive Plan Term Sheet, (vi) the Exit Credit Facility Agreement, (vii) the Warrant Agreement, (viii) the Registration Rights Agreement, (ix) a schedule of retained Causes of Action, (x) the Restructuring Transaction Steps, and (xi) such other documents as are necessary or advisable to implement the Restructuring contemplated by the Restructuring Support Agreement and the Plan, each of which shall be consistent with the Restructuring Support Agreement and otherwise be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders; provided, however, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the New Corporate Governance Documents shall be acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion; provided, further, however, that the Required Consenting Noteholders shall consult with the Debtors regarding such New Corporate Governance Documents; provided, further, that nothing in the New Corporate Governance Documents shall adversely impact the economic recovery of holders of Existing LP Common Units and Existing REIT Common Stock as set forth herein; provided, that, through the Effective Date, the Debtors shall have the right to amend the documents and schedules contained in, and exhibits to, the Plan Supplement in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Restructuring Support Agreement.

*Priority Tax Claim* means any Claim of a governmental unit (as defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code) of the kind entitled to priority in payment under sections 502(i) and 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Pro Rata* means the proportion that an Allowed Claim or Interest in a particular Class bears to the aggregate amount of Allowed Claims or Interests in that Class.

**Professional Person** means any Person retained by order of the Bankruptcy Court in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to sections 327, 328, 330, 331, 503(b), or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, excluding any ordinary course professional retained pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Property-Level Borrower means the Non-Debtor Affiliates listed on Exhibit E

*Property-Level Guarantee Claim* means any Claim against a Debtor arising from or based upon a prepetition guarantee by the LP or REIT (or a subsidiary thereof) of a Property-Level Loan.

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*Property-Level Loan* means any mortgage loan, construction loan, CMBS loan, or any other loan made to a Property-Level Borrower, <u>provided</u>, that Property-Level Loans shall not include the First Lien Credit Facility or the Senior Unsecured Notes.

**Registration Rights Agreement** means that certain registration rights agreement, dated as of the Effective Date (as the same may be amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof), to be entered into by and among Reorganized REIT and each of the Consenting Noteholders (unless such Consenting Noteholder opts out) relating to the registration of the resale of the New Common Stock, which shall contain terms substantially consistent with the Restructuring Support Agreement and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

*Reinstated* or *Reinstatement* means, with respect to Claims and Interests, the treatment provided for in section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

**REIT** means CBL & Associates Properties Inc.

**Related Party** means, with respect to (i) any Entity or Person, such Entity's or Person's predecessors, successors and assigns, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed or advised accounts, funds, or other entities, and investment advisors, sub-advisors, or managers, (ii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons and Entities in clause (i), such Entity's or Person's respective current and former officers, directors, principals, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly and any fund managers, fiduciaries, or other agents with any involvement related to the Debtors), members, partners, employees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, actuaries, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, management companies, fund advisors and other professionals; and (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons or Entities in clause (i), such Entity's and Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, servants, and nominees.

*Released Parties* means, collectively, (i) the Debtors, (ii) the Reorganized Debtors, (iii) the Consenting Noteholders, (iv) the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee, and (v) with respect to

each of the foregoing Persons and Entities in clauses (i) through (iv), all of their respective Related Parties to the maximum extent permitted by law; <u>provided</u>, that Released Parties shall not include the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and/or First Lien Credit Facility Lenders (other than any holder of a Consenting Crossholder Claim) or any Person appointed by the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and/or First Lien Credit Facility Lenders to exercise any voting proxy or otherwise serve as a member, director, officer or in any other capacity with respect to any of the Debtors or Non-Debtor Affiliates in connection with the Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in <u>section 10.7(b)</u> of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party hereunder.

**Releasing Parties** means, collectively, each in their respective capacities as such, (i) the holders of all Claims and Interests that vote to accept the Plan, (ii) the holders of all Claims and Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan, (iii) the holders of all Claims and Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iv) the holders of all Claims and Interests that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out, and (v) the Released Parties.

**Reorganized Debtor**(s) means, with respect to each Debtor, such Debtor as reorganized as of the Effective Date in accordance with the Plan.

*Reorganized LP* means the LP, as reorganized on the Effective Date in accordance with the Plan.

*Reorganized REIT* means the REIT, as reorganized on the Effective Date in accordance with the Plan.

*Required Consenting Noteholders* has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement.

*Restructuring* has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement.

*Restructuring Expenses* means the reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred by the Consenting Noteholders in connection with the Restructuring, as provided in the Restructuring Support Agreement, including the fees and expenses of (i) PJT Partners LP, (ii) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, and (iii) White & Case LLP (in each case as financial advisors or counsel to certain of the Consenting Noteholders), payable in accordance with the terms of the applicable engagement or fee letters executed with such parties, and any applicable law or orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

**Restructuring Support Agreement** means that certain Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2020, by and among the Debtors and the Consenting Noteholders, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as the same may be amended, restated, or otherwise modified.

*Restructuring Transactions* has the meaning set forth in <u>section 5.2(e)</u> of the Plan.

**Restructuring Transaction Steps** means the series of corporate transactions and actions to be implemented on or around the Effective Date pursuant to the Plan and filed as part of the Plan Supplement.

*Schedule of Rejected Contracts* means the schedule of executory contracts and unexpired leases to be rejected by the Debtors pursuant to the Plan, if any, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time.

*Schedules* means any schedules of assets and liabilities, statements of financial affairs, lists of holders of Claims and Interests and all amendments or supplements thereto filed by the Debtors with the Bankruptcy Court to the extent such filing is not waived pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

SEC means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 510(b) Claims means any Claim against any Debtor (i) arising from the rescission of a purchase or sale of a Security of any Debtor or an Affiliate of any Debtor (including the (a) Existing LP Common Units, (b) Existing LP Preferred Units, (c) Existing REIT Common Stock, (d) Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and (e) Senior Unsecured Notes); (ii) for damages arising from the purchase or sale of such a Security; or (iii) for reimbursement or contribution Allowed under section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code on account of such a Claim.

**Secured Claim** means a Claim to the extent (i) secured by a Lien on property in which a Debtor's Estate has an interest, the amount of which is equal to or less than the value of such property (a) as set forth in the Plan, (b) as agreed to by the holder of such Claim and the Debtors, or (c) as determined by a Final Order in accordance with section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) subject to any setoff right of the holder of such Claim under section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent of the amount subject to setoff.

Securities Act means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

*Security* means any "security" as such term is defined in section 101(49) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, for the avoidance of doubt, (i) Existing LP Common Units, (ii) Existing LP Preferred Units, (iii) Existing REIT Common Stock, (iv) Existing REIT Preferred Stock, and (v) Senior Unsecured Notes.

*Senior Unsecured Notes* means, collectively, (i) those certain 5.25% senior unsecured notes due 2023, (ii) those certain 4.60% senior unsecured notes due 2024, and (iii) those certain 5.95% senior unsecured notes due 2026, in each case, issued pursuant to the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture.

Senior Unsecured Notes Charging Lien means any Lien or other priority in payment in favor of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee against distributions to be made to holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims for payment of any Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses, which Lien or other priority in payment arose prior to the Effective Date and pursuant to the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture. Senior Unsecured Notes Claim means any Claim arising from, or related to, the Senior Unsecured Notes.

[Senior Unsecured Notes Claim Election means the election to permit a holder of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim that wishes to receive Cash in lieu of New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock to transfer such holder's entitlement to receive its Pro Rata share of the Senior Unsecured Notes Preferred Stock Distribution or Senior Unsecured Notes Common Stock Distribution, in accordance with <u>section 4.7(b)(ii)</u> hereof, to another holder of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim that wishes to receive such New Common Stock and New Preferred Stock on terms agreed between such parties.]

*Senior Unsecured Notes Documents* means, collectively, the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, the Senior Unsecured Notes, and all related agreements and documents executed by any of the Debtors in connection with the Senior Unsecured Notes.

*Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture* means that certain indenture (as the same may have been amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof), dated as of November 26, 2013, for the Senior Unsecured Notes among the LP, as issuer, the REIT, as limited guarantor, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee.

Senior Unsecured Notes New Common Stock Distribution means shares of New Common Stock equal to (i) 90% of the sum of (a) shares of New Common Stock distributed on the Effective Date plus (b) New LP Units issued on the Effective Date (other than any New LP Units issued directly or indirectly to the Reorganized REIT) less (ii) any New Common Stock included in (x) the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool and (y) the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, if applicable.

*Senior Unsecured Notes New Preferred Stock Distribution* means the New Preferred Stock less any New Preferred Stock included in (i) the Consenting Crossholders Secured Claims Recovery Pool and (ii) the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, if applicable.

*Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee* means Delaware Trust Company, solely in its capacity as trustee under the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture.

Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses means the claims for reasonable fees, indemnities, compensation, expenses, disbursements, advancements, and any other amounts due to the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee or its predecessor arising under the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, including, among other things, attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements, incurred by the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee or its predecessor prior to the Petition Date and through and including the Effective Date, and reasonable fees and expenses incurred in connection with distributions made pursuant to the Plan or the cancellation and discharge of the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture.

*Statutory Fees* means all fees and charges assessed against the Estates pursuant to sections 1911 through 1930 of chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code.

*Subsidiary Guarantors* means CBL/Imperial Valley GP, LLC, CBL/Kirkwood Mall, LLC, CBL/Madison I, LLC, CBL/Richland G.P., LLC, CBL/Sunrise GP, LLC, Cherryvale Mall, LLC, Hixson Mall, LLC, Imperial Valley Mall GP, LLC, JG Winston-Salem, LLC, Kirkwood Mall Acquisition LLC, Kirkwood Mall Mezz LLC, Layton Hills Mall CMBS, LLC, Madison/East Towne, LLC, Madison/West Towne, LLC, Madison Joint Venture, LLC, Mayfaire GP, LLC, MDN/Laredo GP, LLC, Mortgage Holdings, LLC, Multi-GP Holdings, LLC, Pearland Ground, LLC, Pearland Town Center GP, LLC, Frontier Mall Associates Limited Partnership, Turtle Creek Limited Partnership, POM-College Station, LLC, CBL RM-Waco, LLC, Arbor Place Limited Partnership, Imperial Valley Mall II, L.P., Imperial Valley Mall, L.P., Mayfaire Town Center, LP, Pearland Town Center Limited Partnership, CBL SM-Brownsville, LLC, Mall Del Norte, LLC, CBL/Westmoreland I, LLC, CBL/Westmoreland, L.P., and CW Joint Venture, LLC.

*Tax Code* means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

U.S. Trustee means the United States Trustee for Region 7.

*Unimpaired* means, with respect to a Claim, Interest, or Class of Claims or Interests, not "impaired" within the meaning of such term in section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Voting Deadline* means [•] at 5:00 p.m. prevailing Central Time, or such other date and time as may set by the Bankruptcy Court.

*Warrant Agreement* means that certain warrant agreement, dated as of the Effective Date (as the same may be amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof), to be entered into by and among Reorganized REIT and the warrant agent named therein that will govern the terms of the Warrants, which shall contain terms substantially consistent with the Warrant Term Sheet.

*Warrant Equity* means the New Common Stock to be issued upon the exercise of the Warrants.

*Warrant Term Sheet* means that certain term sheet attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> that sets forth the principal terms of the Warrants.

[Warrants means warrants, issued pursuant to the Warrant Agreement.]<sup>2</sup>

*Wells Fargo Adversary Proceeding* means the adversary proceeding in the Chapter 11 Cases styled *CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 20-03454 (DRJ), described more fully in the Section V.D of the Disclosure Statement.

## **1.2** Interpretation; Application of Definitions; Rules of Construction.

Unless otherwise specified, all section or exhibit references in the Plan are to the respective section in or exhibit to the Plan, as the same may be amended, waived, or modified from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Warrants and related terms remain subject to discussions between the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and the Restructuring Support Agreement. The words "herein," "hereof," "hereto," "hereunder," and other words of similar import refer to the Plan as a whole and not to any particular section, subsection, or clause contained therein and have the same meaning as "in the Plan," "of the Plan," "to the Plan," and "under the Plan," respectively. The words "includes" and "including" are not limiting. The headings in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the provisions hereof. For purposes herein: (i) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or plural, shall include both the singular and plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender; (ii) any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that the referenced document shall be substantially in that form or substantially on those terms and conditions; (iii) the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply; and (iv) any term used in capitalized form herein that is not otherwise defined but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, as the case may be.

### 1.3 <u>Consent Rights of Required Consenting Noteholders.</u>

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any and all consent rights of the Required Consenting Noteholders set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement, including with respect to the form and substance of the Plan, and any other Plan Documents, and any amendments, restatements, supplements, or other modifications to such documents, and any consents, waivers, or other deviations under or from any such documents, shall be incorporated herein by this reference and fully enforceable as if stated in full herein.

### 1.4 <u>Reference to Monetary Figures.</u>

All references in the Plan to monetary figures shall refer to the legal tender of the United States of America unless otherwise expressly provided.

### 1.5 <u>Controlling Document.</u>

In the event of an inconsistency between the Plan and any document in the Plan Supplement, the terms of the relevant document in the Plan Supplement shall control unless otherwise specified in such Plan Supplement document. In the event of an inconsistency between the Plan and Plan Document (other than a Plan Supplement document), or between the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, the Plan shall control. The provisions of the Plan and of the Confirmation Order shall be construed in a manner consistent with each other so as to effectuate the purposes of each; <u>provided</u>, that if there is determined to be any inconsistency between any provision of the Plan and any provision of the Confirmation Order that cannot be so reconciled, then, solely to the extent of such inconsistency, the provisions of the Confirmation Order shall govern, and any such provisions of the Confirmation Order shall be deemed a modification of the Plan.

#### ARTICLE II ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS, FEE CLAIMS, PRIORITY TAX CLAIMS, AND RESTRUCTURING EXPENSES.

#### 2.1 <u>Treatment of Administrative Expense Claims.</u>

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim agrees to a different treatment, each holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim (other than a Fee Claim or Restructuring Expenses) shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim on, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the later of (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the first Business Day after the date that is thirty (30) calendar days after the date such Administrative Expense Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim; <u>provided</u>, that Allowed Administrative Expense Claims representing liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business by the Debtors shall be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice and in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of any orders or agreements governing, instruments evidencing, or other documents establishing, such liabilities.

#### 2.2 <u>Treatment of Fee Claims.</u>

(a) All Professional Persons seeking approval by the Bankruptcy Court of compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred through and including the Effective Date under sections 327, 328, 330, 331, 503(b)(2), 503(b)(3), 503(b)(4), 503(b)(5), or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code shall (i) file, on or before the date that is thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, their respective applications for final allowances of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred and (ii) be paid in full, in Cash, in such amounts as are Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court or authorized to be paid in accordance with the order(s) relating to or allowing any such Fee Claim. The Debtors are authorized to pay compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred of expenses incurred after the Confirmation Date in the ordinary course and without the need for Bankruptcy Court approval.

On or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors shall establish and fund the (b) Fee Escrow Account. The Debtors shall fund the Fee Escrow Account with Cash equal to the Professional Persons' good faith estimates of the Fee Claims, which estimate shall be provided to the Debtors at least three (3) days prior to the Effective Date. Funds held in the Fee Escrow Account shall not be considered property of the Debtors' Estates or property of the Reorganized Debtors, but shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors only after all Fee Claims allowed by the Bankruptcy Court have been irrevocably paid in full. The Fee Escrow Account shall be held in trust for Professional Persons retained by the Debtors and for no other parties until all Fee Claims Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court have been paid in full. Fee Claims shall be paid in full, in Cash, in such amounts as are Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court (i) on the date upon which an order relating to any such Allowed Fee Claim becomes a Final Order or (ii) on such other terms as may be mutually agreed upon between the holder of such an Allowed Fee Claim and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable. The Reorganized Debtors' obligations with respect to Fee Claims shall not be limited by nor deemed limited to the balance of funds held in the Fee Escrow Account. To the extent that funds held in the Fee Escrow Account are insufficient to satisfy the amount of accrued Fee Claims owing to the Professional Persons, such Professional Persons shall

have an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim for any such deficiency, which shall be satisfied in accordance with <u>section 2.1</u> of the Plan. No Liens, claims, or interests shall encumber the Professional Fee Escrow in any way.

(c) Any objections to Fee Claims shall be served and filed (i) no later than twenty-one (21) days after the filing of the final applications for compensation or reimbursement or (ii) such later date as ordered by the Bankruptcy Court upon a motion of the Reorganized Debtors.

### 2.3 <u>Treatment of Priority Tax Claims.</u>

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agrees to a different treatment, each holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, at the option of the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable (i) Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Priority Tax Claim on, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the later of (a) the Effective Date, to the extent such Claim is an Allowed Priority Tax Claim on the Effective Date, (b) the first Business Day after the date that is thirty (30) calendar days after the date such Priority Tax Claim is due and payable in the ordinary course as such obligation becomes due; provided, that the Debtors reserve the right to prepay all or a portion of any such amounts at any time under this option without penalty or premium, or (ii) such other treatment reasonably acceptable to the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) or Reorganized Debtors (as applicable) and consistent with the provisions of section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## 2.4 <u>Payment of Restructuring Expenses.</u>

(a) The Restructuring Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred, up to and including the Effective Date (or, with respect to necessary post-Effective Date activities, after the Effective Date), shall be paid in full in Cash on or prior to the Effective Date (to the extent not previously paid during the course of the Chapter 11 Cases) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement, without any requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court, without the need for itemized time detail, or without any requirement for Bankruptcy Court review or approval. All Restructuring Expenses to be paid on the Effective Date shall be estimated prior to and as of the Effective Date and such estimates shall be delivered to the Debtors at least three (3) days before the anticipated Effective Date; provided, that such estimates shall not be considered an admission or limitation with respect to such Restructuring Expenses. On the Effective Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter, final invoices for all Restructuring Expenses incurred prior to and as of the Effective Date shall be submitted to the Debtors.

(b) Pursuant to the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, all accrued and unpaid reasonable and documented Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses incurred up to (and including) the Effective Date shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, in each case without (i) any reduction to recoveries of the Holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, (ii) any requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court, (iii) the need for itemized time detail, or (iv) any requirement for Bankruptcy Court review. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall have the right to exercise the Senior Unsecured Notes Charging Lien against distributions to holders of the Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, respectively, for the payment of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses.

### 2.5 <u>Statutory Fees.</u>

All Statutory Fees due and payable prior to the Effective Date shall be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors. On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall pay any and all Statutory Fees when due and payable, and shall file with the Bankruptcy Court quarterly reports in a form reasonably acceptable to the U.S. Trustee. Each Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall remain obligated to pay quarterly fees to the U.S. Trustee until the earliest of that particular Debtor's, or Reorganized Debtor's, as applicable, case being closed, dismissed, or converted to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

## ARTICLE III CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

### 3.1 <u>Classification in General.</u>

A Claim or Interest is placed in a particular Class for all purposes, including voting, confirmation, and distribution under the Plan and under sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; <u>provided</u>, that a Claim or Interest is placed in a particular Class for the purpose of receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan only to the extent that such Claim or Interest is an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in that Class and such Claim or Interest has not been satisfied, released, or otherwise settled prior to the Effective Date.

### 3.2 Formation of Debtor Groups for Convenience Only.

The Plan groups the Debtors together solely for the purpose of describing treatment under the Plan, confirmation of the Plan, and making Plan Distributions in respect of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors under the Plan. Such groupings shall not affect any Debtor's status as a separate legal entity, change the organizational structure of the Debtors' business enterprise, constitute a change of control of any Debtor for any purpose, cause a merger of consolidation of any legal entities, or cause the transfer of any Assets; and, except as otherwise provided by or permitted under the Plan, all Debtors shall continue to exist as separate legal entities.

### 3.3 <u>Summary of Classification of Claims and Interests.</u>

The following table designates the Classes of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors and specifies which Classes are (i) Impaired and Unimpaired under the Plan, (ii) entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (iii) deemed to accept or reject the Plan. In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Expense Claims and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified. The classification of Claims and Interests set forth herein shall apply separately to each Debtor.

<u>Class</u>	Type of Claim or Interest	<u>Impairment</u>	Entitled to Vote
Class 1	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 2	Other Secured Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 3	Bank Lender Secured Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 4	Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 5	Bank Lender Deficiency Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 6	Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 7	Senior Unsecured Notes Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 8	Ongoing Trade Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 9	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Yes
Class 10	Intercompany Claims	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 11	Existing LP Preferred Units	Impaired	No (Deemed to reject)
Class 12	Existing LP Common Units	Impaired	Yes
Class 13	Existing REIT Preferred Stock	Impaired	Yes
Class 14	Existing REIT Common Stock	Impaired	Yes
Class 15	Intercompany Interests	Unimpaired	No (Presumed to accept)
Class 16	Section 510(b) Claims	Impaired	Yes

## 3.4 Special Provision Governing Unimpaired Claims.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing under the Plan shall affect the rights of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in respect of any Unimpaired Claims, including all rights in respect of legal and equitable defenses to, or setoffs or recoupments against, any such Unimpaired Claims.

### 3.5 <u>Separate Classification of Other Secured Claims.</u>

Although all Other Secured Claims have been placed in one Class for purposes of nomenclature within the Plan, each Other Secured Claim, to the extent secured by a Lien on Collateral different from the Collateral securing a different Other Secured Claim, shall be treated as being in a separate sub-Class for the purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and receiving Plan Distributions.

### 3.6 <u>Elimination of Vacant Classes.</u>

Any Class that, as of the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing, does not have at least one holder of a Claim or Interest that is Allowed in an amount greater than zero for voting purposes shall be considered vacant, deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan, and disregarded for purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such Class.

### 3.7 Voting Classes; Presumed Acceptance by Non-Voting Classes.

With respect to each Debtor, if a Class contained Claims eligible to vote and no holder of Claims eligible to vote in such Class votes to accept or reject the Plan, the Plan shall be presumed accepted by the holders of such Claims in such Class.

#### 3.8 <u>Voting; Presumptions; Solicitation.</u>

(a) Acceptance by Certain Impaired Classes. Only holders of Claims and Interests in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. An Impaired Class of Claims or Interests shall have accepted the Plan if (i) the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests actually voting in such Class have voted to accept the Plan and (ii) the holders of more than one-half (1/2) in number of the Allowed Claims or Interests actually voting in such Class have voted to accept the Plan. Holders of Claims and Interests in Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 shall receive ballots containing detailed voting instructions.

(b) **Presumed Acceptance by Unimpaired Classes.** Holders of Claims and Interests in Classes 1, 2, 8, 10, and 15 are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, such holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

(c) **Deemed Rejection by Impaired Class**. Holders of Interests in Class 11 are deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, such holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 3.9 <u>Non-Consensual Confirmation.</u>

If any Class is deemed to reject the Plan or is entitled to vote on the Plan and does not vote to accept the Plan, the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) may (i) seek confirmation of the Plan under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) amend or modify the Plan in accordance with the terms hereof and the Bankruptcy Code, including by (a) modifying the treatment applicable to a Class of Claims or Interests to render such Class of Claims or Interests Unimpaired to the extent permitted by the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules or (b) withdrawing the Plan as to an individual Debtor at any time before the Confirmation Date. If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Interests, or any Class of Claims or Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

### 3.10 <u>No Waiver.</u>

Nothing contained in the Plan shall be construed to waive a Debtor's or other Person's right to object on any basis to any Claim.

### ARTICLE IV TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

### 4.1 <u>Class 1: Other Priority Claims.</u>

(a) **Treatment**: The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holders of Allowed Other Priority Claims are unaltered by the Plan. Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim agrees to different treatment, on the later of the Effective Date and the date that is twenty (20) days after the date such Other Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, each holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors (i) Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim or (ii) other treatment consistent with the provisions of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Allowed Other Priority Claims are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Other Priority Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Other Priority Claims.

### 4.2 <u>Class 2: Other Secured Claims.</u>

(a) **Treatment**: The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holders of Allowed Other Secured Claims are unaltered by the Plan. Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim agrees to different treatment, on the later of the Effective Date and the date that is twenty (20) days after the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors (i) Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim, (ii) Reinstatement or such other treatment sufficient to render such holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim Unimpaired pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) such other recovery necessary to satisfy section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Allowed Other Secured Claims are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Other Secured Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Other Secured Claims.

### 4.3 <u>Class 3: Bank Lender Secured Claims.</u>

(a) **Allowance**: The Bank Lender Secured Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the Bank Lender Secured Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment**: Upon the later of the Effective Date and the date on which such Bank Lender Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed Bank Lender Secured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Secured Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution.

(c) **Impairment and Voting**: Bank Lender Secured Claims are Impaired. Holders of Bank Lender Secured Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

### 4.4 <u>Class 4: Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims</u>

(a) **Allowance**: The Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims shall be deemed Allowed in the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment**: Except to the extent that a holder of a Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Claim, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Consenting Crossholder Secured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims Recovery Pool.

(c) **Impairment and Voting**: Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims are Impaired. Holders of Consenting Crossholder Secured Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

### 4.5 <u>Class 5: Bank Lender Deficiency Claims.</u>

(a) **Allowance**: The Bank Lender Deficiency Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment**: Upon the later to occur of the Effective Date and the date on which such Bank Lender Deficiency Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, in full and complete satisfaction of the such Claim, if any, each holder of such Claim shall receive:

- (i) its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claim Exit Credit Facility Distribution; and
- (ii) solely in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to an additional recovery to confirm the Plan, its Pro Rata share of the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.

(c) **Impairment and Voting**: Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are Impaired. Holders of Bank Lender Deficiency Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

### 4.6 <u>Class 6: Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims.</u>

(a) **Allowance**: The Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claim Amount.

(b) **Treatment**: On or after the Effective Date, in full and complete satisfaction of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims, if any, each holder of such Claim shall receive,

as less favorable treatment in respect of its Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims than the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, its Pro Rata share of the Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims Recovery Pool, which shall be subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.

(c) **Impairment and Voting**: Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims are Impaired. Holders of Consenting Crossholder Deficiency Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

## 4.7 <u>Class 7: Senior Unsecured Notes Claims.</u>

(a) Allowance: The Senior Unsecured Notes Claims shall be deemed Allowed on the Effective Date in the aggregate amount of  $[\bullet]$  and shall not be subject to any objection or challenge.

(b) **Treatment**: [Except to the extent that a holder of a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim exercises the Senior Unsecured Notes Claim Election,] on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of:

- (i) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Preferred Stock Distribution; and
- (ii) the Senior Unsecured Notes New Common Stock Distribution, subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date.

(c) **Impairment and Voting**: Senior Unsecured Notes Claims are Impaired. Holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

## 4.8 Class 8: Ongoing Trade Claims.

(a) **Treatment**: Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim agrees to different treatment, on and after the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim shall receive, at the Debtors' election (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), either: (i) payment in full in Cash; (ii) payment in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had never been commenced; or (iii) such other treatment rendering such holder's Allowed Ongoing Trade Claim Unimpaired.<sup>3</sup>

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Allowed Ongoing Trade Claims are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Ongoing Trade Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subject to diligence regarding Ongoing Trade Claims pool.

the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Ongoing Trade Claims.

### 4.9 <u>Class 9: General Unsecured Claims.</u>

(a) **Treatment**: Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim agrees to different treatment, on and after the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive: [TBD].<sup>4</sup>

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: General Unsecured Claims are Impaired. Holders of General Unsecured Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

### 4.10 Class 10: Intercompany Claims.

(a) **Treatment**: On or after the Effective Date, all Intercompany Claims shall be paid, adjusted, continued, settled, reinstated, discharged, or eliminated, in each case to the extent determined to be appropriate by the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: All Allowed Intercompany Claims are deemed Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Intercompany Claims are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Intercompany Claims.

### 4.11 <u>Class 11: Existing LP Preferred Units.</u>

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing LP Preferred Units shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated) and shall receive no distribution under the Plan.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: The Existing LP Preferred Units are Impaired by the Plan, and the holders thereof are conclusively deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Existing LP Preferred Units are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Existing LP Preferred Units.

### 4.12 Class 12: Existing LP Common Units.

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing LP Common Units shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated).

(i) If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, on the Effective Date, at the election of the Debtors with the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, each holder of an Existing LP Common Unit shall either (i) receive its Pro Rata share

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Subject to diligence regarding General Unsecured Claims pool and executory contracts to be rejected.

of (y) the New LP Units and (z)  $[\bullet]$ % of the Warrants or (ii) be deemed to have converted or redeemed, as applicable, such holder's Existing LP Common Unit(s), effective the day prior to the Distribution Record Date, in exchange for Existing REIT Common Stock on terms consistent with the applicable prepetition agreements for the Existing LP Common Units, thereby receiving such treatment as if such holder owned Existing REIT Common Stock on the Distribution Record Date.

(ii) If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of an Allowed Existing LP Common Unit shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Existing LP Common Units are Impaired by the Plan. Holders of Existing LP Common Units are entitled to vote on the Plan.

### 4.13 Class 13: Existing REIT Preferred Stock.

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated).

- (i) If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Interest, such holder's Pro Rata share of (i) [●]% of the New Common Stock and (ii) [●]% of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.<sup>5</sup>
- (ii) If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Preferred Stock shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Existing REIT Preferred Stock are Impaired. Holders of Existing REIT Preferred Stock are entitled to vote on the Plan.

#### 4.14 Class 14: Existing REIT Common Stock.

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, the Existing REIT Common Stock shall be cancelled (or otherwise eliminated).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders to discuss cash-out option for holders of Existing REIT Preferred Stock on terms reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders.

- (i) If each of Class 12, 13, and 14 is an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock shall receive, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, in full and final satisfaction of such Interest, such holder's Pro Rata share of (i) [●]% of the New Common Stock and (ii) [●]% of the Warrants, each subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan, and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the REIT from time to time after the Effective Date, as set forth herein.
- (ii) If either Class 12, 13, or 14 is not an Accepting Class, each holder of Allowed Existing REIT Common Stock shall not receive or retain any distribution on account of such Interest.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Existing REIT Common Stock are Impaired. Holders of Existing REIT Common Stock are entitled to vote on the Plan.

## 4.15 <u>Class 15: Intercompany Interests.</u>

(a) **Treatment**: On the Effective Date, all Intercompany Interests shall be treated as set forth in <u>section 5.10</u> of the Plan.

(b) **Impairment and Voting**: Allowed Intercompany Interests are Unimpaired. In accordance with section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the holders of Allowed Intercompany Interests are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such holders shall not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Intercompany Interests.

## 4.16 Class 16: Section 510(b) Claims.

(a) Treatment: Section 510(b) Claims shall be cancelled, released, discharged, and extinguished as of the Effective Date and shall be of no further force or effect, and holders of Section 510(b) Claims shall receive New Common Stock in an amount sufficient to provide such holder a percentage recovery equal to the percentage recovery provided to holders of Existing REIT Common Stock pursuant to the Plan.<sup>6</sup>

(b) Impairment and Voting: Section 510(b) Claims are Impaired by the Plan. Holders of Section 510(b) Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Any recovery for Section 510(b) Claims to come out of the 10% of New Common Stock allocated to existing equity.

# ARTICLE V MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

#### 5.1 <u>Compromise and Settlement of Claims, Interests, and Controversies.</u>

Pursuant to section 363 and 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and in consideration for the distributions and other benefits provided pursuant to the Plan, the provisions of the Plan shall constitute a good faith compromise of all Claims, Interests, and controversies relating to the contractual, legal, and subordination rights that a creditor or an Interest holder may have with respect to any Allowed Claim or Interest or any distribution to be made on account of such Allowed Claim or Interest. The entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the compromise or settlement of all such Claims, Interests, and controversies, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that such compromise or settlement is in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and holders of such Claims and Interests, and is fair, equitable, and reasonable.

#### 5.2 <u>Continued Corporate Existence; Effectuating Documents;</u> <u>Restructuring Transactions.</u>

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Plan Documents, the Debtors shall continue to exist after the Effective Date as Reorganized Debtors as a separate corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form of entity, as the case may be, with all the powers of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form of entity, as the case may be, in accordance with the applicable laws of the respective jurisdictions in which they are incorporated or organized and pursuant to the respective certificate of incorporation and bylaws (or other analogous formation documents) in effect before the Effective Date or the New Corporate Governance Documents, as applicable, except to the extent such certificate of incorporation or bylaws (or other analogous formation, constituent or governance documents) is amended by the Plan or otherwise, and to the extent any such document is amended, such document is deemed to be amended pursuant to the Plan and requires no further action or approval (other than any requisite filings required under applicable state or federal law).

On and after the Effective Date, all actions contemplated by the Plan shall (b) be deemed authorized and approved by the Bankruptcy Court in all respects without any further corporate or equityholder action (or any other party, including, without limitation, securityholders, members, limited or general partners, managers, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable), including (i) the adoption, execution, and/or filing of the New Corporate Governance Documents; (ii) the selection of the directors, managers, and officers for the Reorganized Debtors, including the appointment of the New Board; (iii) the authorization, issuance, and distribution of the Exit Credit Facility, the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, the New LP Units, and the Warrants and the execution, delivery, and filing of any documents pertaining thereto, as applicable; (iv) the rejection, assumption, or assumption and assignment, as applicable, of executory contracts; (v) the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions; (vi) the adoption of the Management Incentive Plan by the New Board; and (vii) all other actions contemplated by the Plan (whether to occur before, on, or after the Effective Date). Upon the Effective Date, all matters provided for in the Plan involving the corporate structure of the Reorganized Debtors, and any corporate, partnership, limited liability company, or other governance action required by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors in connection with the Plan

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shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be in effect, without any requirement of further corporate or other action by any security holders, members, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

(c) On or after the Effective Date, each Reorganized Debtor may, in its sole discretion, without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules take such action as permitted by applicable law and the New Corporate Governance Documents, as such Reorganized Debtor may determine is reasonable and appropriate, including causing (i) a Reorganized Debtor to be merged into another Reorganized Debtor or an affiliate of a Reorganized Debtor; (ii) a Reorganized Debtor to be dissolved, wound down, converted, or liquidated; (iii) the legal name of a Reorganized Debtor to be changed; or (iv) the closure of a Reorganized Debtor's Chapter 11 Case on the Effective Date or any time thereafter, and such action and documents are deemed to require no further action or approval (other than any requisite filings required under applicable state, provincial, federal, or foreign law).

(d) Following the Confirmation Date, the Debtors may take all actions consistent with the Plan as may be necessary or appropriate in the Debtors' discretion, with the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, of the Required Consenting Noteholders, prior to the Effective Date, and thereafter in the Reorganized Debtors' discretion, to effect any transaction described in, approved by, contemplated by, or necessary to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions (as defined in this <u>section 5.2</u> of the Plan) under and in connection with the Plan. The Restructuring Transactions shall be subject to the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, of the Required Consenting Noteholders prior to the Effective Date, and thereafter, consummated in the Reorganized Debtors' discretion, and shall be structured in a manner that ensures that the Reorganized Debtors receive favorable and efficient tax treatment, given the totality of the circumstances.

On the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the (e) Reorganized Debtors may take all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effect any transaction described in, approved by, or necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Plan, pursuant to section 1123(a)(5)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code, including (i) the consummation of the transactions provided for under or contemplated by the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps, (ii) the execution and delivery of appropriate agreements or other documents (including the Plan Documents) containing terms that are consistent with or reasonably necessary to implement the terms of the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps and that satisfy the requirements of applicable law, (iii) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments (including the Plan Documents) of transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any property, right, liability, duty, or obligation on terms consistent with the terms of the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps, (iv) the formation of the Exit Credit Facility Borrower, (v) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments (including the Plan Documents) to effectuate the transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any property, right, liability, duty, or obligation required for the Exit Credit Facility Borrower to become the owner of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of LP that own the First Lien Credit Facility Collateral, and (vi) all other actions that the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders, or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, determine are necessary or appropriate and consistent with the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Restructuring Transaction Steps (collectively, the "**Restructuring Transactions**"). The authorizations and approvals contemplated in this <u>section 5.2</u> of the Plan shall be effective notwithstanding any requirements under non-bankruptcy law.

(f) On the Effective Date, the New Corporate Governance Documents shall be adopted automatically by the applicable Reorganized Debtors, and shall be amended or amended and restated, as applicable, as may be required to be consistent with the provisions of the Plan and the Restructuring Support Agreement, and shall be deemed to be valid, binding, and enforceable obligations. To the extent required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, the New Corporate Governance Documents shall include a provision prohibiting the issuance of non-voting equity securities. After the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may amend and restate their respective New Corporate Governance Documents and other constituent documents in accordance with the terms thereof, as permitted by the laws of their respective states, provinces, or countries of organization and their respective New Corporate Governance Documents.

# 5.3 <u>Plan Funding.</u>

Plan Distributions of Cash shall be funded from the Debtors' Cash on hand as of the applicable date of such Plan Distribution.

# 5.4 <u>Cancellation of Existing Securities, Agreements, and Security</u> <u>Interests.</u>

On the Effective Date, except to the extent otherwise provided in the Plan: (a) (i) the obligations of the Debtors (a) under each organizational document (including certificates of designation, bylaws, or certificates or articles of incorporation), certificate, share, note, bond, indenture, purchase right, option, warrant, call, put, award, commitment, registration rights, preemptive right, right of first refusal, right of first offer, co-sale right, investor rights, or other instrument or document, directly or indirectly, evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest in the Debtors or giving rise to any Claim or Interest shall be automatically extinguished, cancelled and of no further force or effect and the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall not have any continuing obligations thereunder, and (b) under each agreement evidencing or creating any right to receive or to be eligible to receive any Interest (including any right of an employee under any agreement to participate in any incentive or compensation plan that provides for the issuance or grant of any Interests or to receive or to be eligible to receive any Interests) shall be automatically extinguished, cancelled and of no further force and effect and the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall not have any continuing obligations thereunder; and (ii) the obligations of the Debtors pursuant, relating, or pertaining to any instrument, certificate, agreement or document described in clause (i) above evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of the Debtors shall be released and discharged; provided that notwithstanding confirmation of the Plan or the occurrence of the Effective Date, any such indenture, agreement, note, or other instrument or document that governs the rights of the holder of a Claim or Interest shall continue in effect solely for purposes of (1) enabling the holder of such Claim or Interest to seek allowance, and receive distributions on account of such Claim or Interest under the Plan as provided herein; (2) allowing holders of Claims to retain their respective rights

and obligations vis-à-vis other holders of Claims pursuant to any applicable loan documents; (3) allowing the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to enforce their rights, claims, and interests visà-vis any party other than the Debtors; (4) allowing the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to make the distributions in accordance with the Plan (if any), as applicable; (5) preserving any rights of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to payment of fees, expenses, and indemnification obligations as against any money or property distributable to the holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims; (6) allowing the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to enforce any obligations owed to them under the Plan and perform any rights or duties, if any, related thereto; (7) allowing the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to appear in the Chapter 11 Cases or in any proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court or any other court; and (8) permitting the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee to perform any functions that are necessary to effectuate the foregoing; provided, further, that the preceding proviso shall not affect the discharge of Claims or Interests pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Confirmation Order, or the Plan or result in any expense or liability to the Reorganized Debtors, except to the extent set forth in or provided for under the Plan; provided, further, that notwithstanding confirmation of the Plan or the occurrence of the Effective Date, except to the extent otherwise provided in the Plan, any agreement described in clause (1)(b) above shall, if assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Debtors, otherwise remain in full force and effect and the Reorganized Debtors shall be bound to all other provisions thereunder; provided, further, that nothing in this section shall effect a cancellation of any Intercompany Interests or Intercompany Claims. For the avoidance of doubt, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall be entitled to assert its Senior Unsecured Notes Charging Lien arising under and in accordance with the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture, and any ancillary document, instrument, or agreement to obtain payment of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee Fees and Expenses.

(b) Except for the foregoing, on and after the Effective Date, all duties and responsibilities of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall be fully discharged (i) unless otherwise specifically set forth in or provided for under the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, and (ii) except with respect to such other rights of the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee that survive termination pursuant to the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture.

(c) Upon the full payment or other satisfaction of an Allowed Other Secured Claim, or promptly thereafter, the holder of such Allowed Other Secured Claim shall deliver to the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, any Collateral or other property of a Debtor held by such holder, together with any termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, or releases of all security interests with respect to its Allowed Other Secured Claim that may be reasonably required to terminate any related financing statements, mortgages, mechanics' or other statutory Liens, or lis pendens, or similar interests or documents.

# 5.5 Officers and Boards of Directors.

(a) On the Effective Date, the New Board shall consist of seven (7) members, which shall include the following: (i) the Chief Executive Officer, (ii) five (5) members selected by the Required Consenting Noteholders, and (iii) one (1) member selected by the Debtors and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders (it being understood that Charles Lebovitz is acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders). The composition of the boards

of directors or board of managers of each Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall be disclosed prior to the Confirmation Hearing in accordance with section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan Supplement, the officers of the respective Reorganized Debtors immediately before the Effective Date, as applicable, shall serve as the initial officers of each of the respective Reorganized Debtors on and after the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, the selection of officers of the Reorganized Debtors shall be as provided by their respective organizational documents.

(c) Except to the extent that a member of the board of directors or a manager, as applicable, of a Debtor continues to serve as a director or manager of such Debtor on and after the Effective Date, the members of the board of directors or managers of each Debtor prior to the Effective Date, in their capacities as such, shall have no continuing obligations or duties to the Reorganized Debtors on or after the Effective Date and each such director or manager shall be deemed to have resigned or shall otherwise cease to be a director or manager of the applicable Debtor on the Effective Date. Commencing on the Effective Date, each of the directors and managers of each of the Reorganized Debtors shall be appointed in accordance with the Plan and the New Corporate Governance Documents and serve pursuant to the terms of the applicable organizational documents of such Reorganized Debtor and may be replaced or removed in accordance with such organizational documents.

# 5.6 <u>Management Incentive Plan.</u>

On or after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall adopt the Management Incentive Plan. The form, allocation, and any limitations on the Management Incentive Plan shall be determined by the New Board (or a committee thereof).

# 5.7 <u>Exit Credit Facility.</u>

(a) On the Effective Date, the Exit Credit Facility Agreement shall be executed and delivered by the Exit Credit Facility Obligors substantially in the form contained in the Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet, and the Exit Credit Facility Obligors shall be authorized to execute, deliver, and enter into such documents without further (i) notice to or order or other approval of the Bankruptcy Court, (ii) act or action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule, (iii) vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, or (iv) action by the holders of Claims or Interests. The Exit Credit Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized joint and several obligations of the applicable Exit Credit Facility Obligors, enforceable in accordance with their terms, and such obligations shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) under applicable law, the Plan, or the Confirmation Order and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law.

(b) Confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed (i) approval of the Exit Credit Facility, and all transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Exit Credit Facility Obligors in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, and expenses as and when due provided for by the Exit Credit Facility Documents and (ii) authorization to enter into and perform under the Exit Credit Facility Documents.

(c) On the Effective Date, all Liens and security interests granted pursuant to, or in connection with the Exit Credit Facility, (i) shall be deemed to be approved and shall, without the necessity of the execution, recordation, or filing of mortgages, security agreements, control agreements, pledge agreements, financing statements, or other similar documents, be valid, binding, fully perfected, fully enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the property described in the Exit Credit Facility Documents, with the priorities established in respect thereof under applicable non-bankruptcy law, and (ii) shall not be enjoined or subject to discharge, impairment, release, avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law, the Plan, or the Confirmation Order.

(d) The Debtors and Reorganized Debtors and the Persons granted Liens and security interests under the Exit Credit Facility are authorized to make all filings and recordings and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, provincial, federal, or other law (whether domestic or foreign) that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order without the need for any filings or recordings) and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

# 5.8 <u>Authorization and Issuance of New LP Units.</u>

On and after the Effective Date, if applicable, the Reorganized LP is authorized to issue, or cause to be issued, and shall issue the New LP Units in accordance with the terms of the Plan without the need for any further corporate, limited liability company, or shareholder action. All of the New LP Units distributable under the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, and fully paid and non-assessable.

# 5.9 <u>New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, and Warrants; Listing.</u>

(a) On and after the Effective Date the Reorganized REIT is authorized to issue, or cause to be issued, and shall issue the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the Plan without the need for any further corporate, limited liability company, or shareholder action (or action of any other party, including, without limitation, securityholders, members, limited or general partners, managers, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable). All of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants distributable under the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, and fully paid and non-assessable. The Warrant Equity (upon payment or satisfaction of the exercise price in accordance with the terms of the applicable Warrants) issued pursuant to the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.

(b) The Warrants shall be issuable pursuant to the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement, the form and substance of which shall be consistent with the Warrant Term Sheet. Each Warrant shall, subject to the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement, be exercisable for New Common Stock subject to the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement.

(c) On the Effective Date, the Registration Rights Agreement shall be executed and delivered. The Reorganized Debtors shall be authorized to execute, deliver, and enter into and perform under the Registration Rights Agreement without the need for any further corporate or limited liability company action and without further action by the holders of Claims or Interests (or action of any other party, including, without limitation, securityholders, members, limited or general partners, managers, directors, or officers of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable).

(d) Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors anticipate that they will continue to be a reporting company under the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78(a)–78(pp), subject to receiving the approval from the Required Consenting Noteholders. If approved by the Required Consenting Noteholders the Reorganized Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, and the Warrants listed on the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, or another nationally recognized exchange, as soon as reasonably practicable, subject to meeting applicable listing requirements following the Effective Date; <u>provided</u>, that, regardless of the foregoing obligations, the Reorganized Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to qualify the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock for trading in the OTC Markets (formerly known as the Pink Sheets) or otherwise qualify the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock as "regularly traded" as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.897-9T(d) before the end of the calendar year that includes the Effective Date.

# 5.10 <u>Intercompany Interests.</u>

On the Effective Date and without the need for any further corporate action or approval of any board of directors, board of managers, managers, management, or shareholders of any Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, the certificates and all other documents representing the Intercompany Interests shall be deemed to be in full force and effect unless otherwise required in accordance with the Restructuring Transactions.

# 5.11 <u>No Substantive Consolidation.</u>

Notwithstanding the combination of separate plans of reorganization for the Debtors set forth in the Plan for purposes of economy and efficiency, the Plan constitutes a separate chapter 11 plan for each Debtor, and the Plan is not premised upon the substantive consolidation of the Debtors with respect to the Classes of Claims or Interests set forth in the Plan. Accordingly, if the Bankruptcy Court does not confirm the Plan with respect to one or more Debtors, it may still confirm the Plan with respect to any other Debtor that satisfies the confirmation requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

# 5.12 Closing of Chapter 11 Cases.

After an Estate has been fully administered, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall seek authority from the Bankruptcy Court to close the applicable Chapter 11 Case(s) in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules.

# 5.13 <u>Notice of Effective Date.</u>

As soon as practicable, but not later than three (3) Business Days following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall file a notice of the occurrence of the Effective Date with the Bankruptcy Court.

# ARTICLE VI DISTRIBUTIONS.

# 6.1 <u>Distributions Generally.</u>

The Disbursing Agent shall make all Plan Distributions to the appropriate holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

# 6.2 <u>No Postpetition Interest on Claims.</u>

Except as otherwise specifically provided for in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or another order of the Bankruptcy Court, postpetition interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Claims, and no holder of a Claim shall be entitled to interest accruing on such Claim on or after the Petition Date.

# 6.3 <u>Date of Distributions.</u>

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, any distributions and deliveries to be made under the Plan shall be made on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter; <u>provided</u>, that the Reorganized Debtors may implement periodic distribution dates to the extent they determine them to be appropriate.

# 6.4 <u>Distribution Record Date.</u>

(a) As of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, the various lists of holders of Claims in each Class, as maintained by the Debtors or their agents, shall be deemed closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record holders of any Claims after the Distribution Record Date. Neither the Debtors nor the Disbursing Agent shall have any obligation to recognize any transfer of a Claim occurring after the close of business on the Distribution Record Date. In addition, with respect to payment of any Cure Amounts or disputes over any Cure Amounts, neither the Debtors nor the Disbursing Agent shall have any obligation to recognize or deal with any party other than the non-Debtor party to the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease, even if such non-Debtor party has sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred its Claim for a Cure Amount.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, in connection with any Plan Distribution to be effected through the facilities of DTC or any Alternative Service

(whether by means of book entry exchange, free delivery, or otherwise), the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall be entitled to recognize and deal for all purposes under the Plan with holders of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) to the extent consistent with the customary practices of DTC (or any Alternative Service) used in connection with such distributions. All New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) to be distributed under the Plan shall be issued in the names of such holders or their nominees in accordance with DTC's (or, if applicable, the Alternative Service's) book entry exchange procedures to the extent that the holders of New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) held their First Lien Credit Facility Claims, Senior Unsecured Notes, Existing REIT Common Stock, Existing REIT Preferred Stock, Existing LP Common Units, or Existing LP Preferred Units, as applicable, through the facilities of DTC (or such Alternative Service); provided, that such New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) are permitted to be held through DTC's (or the Alternative Service's) book entry system; provided, further, however, that to the extent the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) are not eligible for distribution in accordance with DTC's (or Alternative Service's) customary practices, Reorganized LP or Reorganized REIT, as applicable, shall take all such reasonable actions as may be required to cause the distribution of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) under the Plan. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, DTC and any transfer agent shall be required to accept and conclusively rely upon the Plan or Confirmation Order regarding the validity of any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, whether the initial sale and delivery of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) is exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC (or the Alternative Service) book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services and no Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, DTC or any Alternative Service) may require a legal opinion with respect thereto.

# 6.5 <u>Distributions after Effective Date.</u>

Distributions made after the Effective Date to holders of Disputed Claims that are not Allowed Claims as of the Effective Date but which later become Allowed Claims shall be deemed to have been made on the Effective Date.

# 6.6 <u>Disbursing Agent.</u>

All distributions under the Plan shall be made by the Disbursing Agent on and after the Effective Date as provided in the Plan. The Disbursing Agent shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of its duties. The Reorganized Debtors shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Disbursing Agent (if other than the Reorganized Debtors) with the amounts of Claims and the identities and addresses of holders of Claims, in each case, as set forth in the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' books and records. The Reorganized Debtors shall cooperate in good faith with the applicable Disbursing Agent (if other than the Reorganized Debtors) to comply with the reporting and withholding requirements outlined in <u>section 6.18</u> of the Plan.

### 6.7 <u>Delivery of Distributions.</u>

(a) Subject to <u>section 6.4(a)</u> of the Plan, the Disbursing Agent will issue or cause to be issued, the applicable consideration under the Plan and, subject to Bankruptcy Rule 9010, will make all distributions to any holder of an Allowed Claim as and when required by the Plan at: (i) the address of such holder on the books and records of the Debtors or their agents or (ii) at the address in any written notice of address change delivered to the Debtors or the Disbursing Agent, including any addresses included on any transfers of Claim filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001. In the event that any distribution to any holder is returned as undeliverable, no distribution or payment to such holder shall be made unless and until the Disbursing Agent has been notified of the then-current address of such holder, at which time or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable such distribution shall be made to such holder without interest.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, all distributions to holders of First Lien Credit Facility Claims shall be governed by the First Lien Credit Agreement and shall be deemed completed when made to the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent, which shall be deemed to be the holder of all First Lien Credit Facility Claims for purposes of distributions to be made hereunder. The First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent shall hold or direct such distributions for the benefit of the holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims, as applicable. As soon as practicable in accordance with the requirements set forth in this provision, the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent shall arrange to deliver such distributions to or on behalf of such holders of Allowed First Lien Credit Facility Claims.

(c)Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, all distributions to holders of Senior Unsecured Notes Claims shall be governed by the Senior Unsecured Notes Indenture and, except as otherwise reasonably requested by the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee, shall be deemed completed when made to the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee, which shall be deemed to be the holder of all Senior Unsecured Notes Claims for purposes of distributions to be made hereunder. The Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall hold or direct such distributions for the benefit of the holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, as applicable. As soon as practicable in accordance with the requirements set forth in this provision, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall arrange to deliver such distributions to or on behalf of such holders of Allowed Senior Unsecured Notes Claims. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the distribution of the New Common Stock and the New Preferred Stock shall be made through the facilities of DTC in accordance with the customary practices of DTC for a mandatory distribution, as and to the extent practicable, and the Distribution Record Date shall not apply. In connection with such distribution, the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall deliver instructions to DTC instructing DTC to effect distributions on a Pro Rata basis as provided under the Plan with respect to the Senior Unsecured Notes Claims. If the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee is unable to make, or consents to the Reorganized Debtors making, such distributions, the Reorganized Debtors, with the Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee's cooperation, shall make such distributions to the extent practicable to do so. The Senior Unsecured Notes Trustee shall have no duties or responsibility relating to any form of distribution that is not DTC eligible and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall seek the cooperation of DTC so that any distribution on account of an Allowed

Senior Unsecured Notes Claim that is held in the name of, or by a nominee of, DTC, shall be made through the facilities of DTC on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the distribution of Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise), provided the Warrants are DTCeligible and the Debtors elect, subject to approval by the Required Consenting Noteholders, to deliver such Warrants through the facilities of DTC, shall be made through the facilities of DTC in accordance with the customary practices of DTC for a mandatory distribution, as and to the extent practicable, and the Distribution Record Date shall not apply. To the extent the Warrants (including Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise) are not delivered through the facilities of DTC, the Debtors shall facilitate registration of the Warrants into the names of the relevant beneficial owners as soon as practicable following the Effective Date.

# 6.8 <u>Unclaimed Property.</u>

One (1) year from the later of: (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the date that is ten (10) Business Days after the date of a Claim distribution on an Allowed Claim, all distributions payable on account of such Claim that are undeliverable or otherwise unclaimed shall be deemed unclaimed property under section 347(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors or their successors or assigns, and all claims of any other Person (including the holder of a Claim in the same Class) to such distribution shall be discharged and forever barred. The Reorganized Debtors and the Disbursing Agent shall have no obligation to attempt to locate any holder of an Allowed Claim other than by reviewing the Debtors' books and records and the Bankruptcy Court's filings.

# 6.9 <u>Satisfaction of Claims.</u>

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, any distributions and deliveries to be made on account of Allowed Claims under the Plan shall be in complete and final satisfaction, settlement, and discharge of and exchange for such Allowed Claims.

# 6.10 Manner of Payment under Plan.

Except as specifically provided in the Plan, at the option of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, any Cash payment to be made under the Plan may be made by a check or wire transfer or as otherwise required or provided in applicable agreements or customary practices of the Debtors.

# 6.11 Fractional Shares and Warrants.

No fractional shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or fractional Warrants shall be distributed. When any distribution would otherwise result in the issuance of a number of shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants that is not a whole number, the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants, as applicable, subject to such distribution shall be rounded to the next higher or lower whole number as follows: (i) fractions equal to or greater than 1/2 shall be rounded to the next higher whole number, and (ii) fractions less than 1/2 shall be rounded to the next lower whole number. The total number of shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants to be distributed on account of Allowed Claims shall be adjusted as necessary to account for the rounding provided for herein. No consideration shall be provided in lieu of fractional shares that are rounded down. Neither the Reorganized Debtors nor the Disbursing Agent, as applicable, shall have an obligation to make a distribution pursuant to the Plan that is less than one (1) share of New Common Stock, less than one (1) New Preferred Stock, less than one (1) New LP Unit, less than one (1) Warrant, or less than \$100.00 in Cash. Fractional shares of New Common Stock (including New Common Stock issued upon exercise of the Warrants), New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or Warrants that are not distributed in accordance with this section shall be returned to, and ownership thereof shall vest in, Reorganized REIT.

# 6.12 <u>No Distribution in Excess of Amount of Allowed Claim.</u>

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no holder of an Allowed Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, Plan Distributions in excess of the Allowed amount of such Claim (plus any postpetition interest on such Claim solely to the extent permitted by <u>section 6.2</u> of the Plan).

# 6.13 <u>Allocation of Distributions Between Principal and Interest.</u>

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan and subject to <u>section 6.2</u> of the Plan or as otherwise required by law (as determined by the Reorganized Debtors), distributions with respect to an Allowed Claim shall be allocated first to the principal portion of such Allowed Claim (as determined for United States federal income tax purposes) and, thereafter, to the remaining portion of such Allowed Claim, if any.

# 6.14 Exemptions from Securities Laws; Listing.

(a) The offering, issuance of, and the distribution under the Plan of the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (and the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) shall be exempt, without further act or actions by any Entity, from registration under the Securities Act, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other applicable securities laws to the fullest extent permitted by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, the New Common Stock, the New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, and the Warrants (and the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) may be resold without registration under the Securities Act or other federal securities laws by the recipients thereof, subject to (i) the provisions of section 1145(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, (ii) compliance with, or the limitations of, any rules and regulations of the SEC, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such securities, (iii) the restrictions, if any, on the transferability of such securities under the terms of the New Corporate Governance Documents or the Warrant Agreement, as applicable, and (iv) applicable regulatory approval. In addition, such section 1145 exempt securities generally may be resold without registration under state securities laws pursuant to various exemptions provided by the respective laws of the several states.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no entity (including, (b) for the avoidance of doubt, DTC, or any Alternative Service) shall be entitled to require a legal opinion regarding the validity of any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, for the avoidance of doubt, whether the initial sale and delivery by the issuer to the holders of New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) is exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC (or any Alternative Service) book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services. The Confirmation Order shall provide that DTC (or any Alternative Service) shall be required to accept and conclusively rely upon the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of a legal opinion regarding whether the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) is exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC (or any Alternative Service) book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Debtors may elect to use any other book entry delivery, settlement and depositary service in lieu of DTC as it deems efficient and appropriate (an "Alternative Service"), provided, that delivery of the New Common Stock, New Preferred Stock, New LP Units, or the Warrants (including the Warrant Equity issuable upon exercise thereof) through Alternative Service shall not be mandatory.

# 6.15 <u>Setoffs and Recoupments.</u>

Each Reorganized Debtor, or such entity's designee as instructed by such Reorganized Debtor, may, pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law, set off or recoup against any Allowed Claim, other than a Senior Unsecured Notes Claim or Consenting Crossholder Claim, and the distributions to be made pursuant to the Plan on account of such Allowed Claim, any and all claims, rights, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever that a Reorganized Debtor or its successors may hold against the holder of such Allowed Claim after the Effective Date; <u>provided</u>, that neither the failure to effect a setoff or recoupment nor the allowance of any Claim hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by a Reorganized Debtor or its successor of any claims, rights, or Causes of Action that a Reorganized Debtor or its successor of such Claim.

# 6.16 <u>Rights and Powers of Disbursing Agent.</u>

The Disbursing Agent shall be empowered to (i) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties hereunder, (ii) make all applicable distributions or payments provided for under the Plan, (iii) employ professionals to represent it with respect to its responsibilities, and (iv) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Disbursing Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court (including any Final Order issued after the Effective Date) or pursuant to the Plan, or as deemed by the Disbursing Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions hereof.

# 6.17 <u>Expenses of Disbursing Agent.</u>

Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court and subject to the written agreement of the Reorganized Debtors, the amount of any reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Disbursing Agent on or after the Effective Date (including taxes) and any reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement Claims (including for reasonable attorneys' fees and other professional fees and expenses) made by the Disbursing Agent shall be paid in Cash by the Reorganized Debtors in the ordinary course of business.

### 6.18 <u>Withholding and Reporting Requirements.</u>

Withholding Rights. In connection with the Plan, any party issuing any (a) instrument or making any distribution described in the Plan shall comply with all applicable withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any federal, state, or local taxing authority, and all distributions pursuant to the Plan and all related agreements shall be subject to any such withholding or reporting requirements. In the case of a non-Cash distribution that is subject to withholding, the distributing party may withhold an appropriate portion of such distributed property and either (i) sell such withheld property to generate Cash necessary to pay over the withholding tax (or reimburse the distributing party for any advance payment of the withholding tax), or (ii) pay the withholding tax using its own funds and retain such withheld property. Any amounts withheld pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be deemed to have been distributed to and received by the applicable recipient for all purposes of the Plan; provided, that in the case of any payments with respect to the Senior Unsecured Notes Claims, the Reorganized Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the payment recipient with reasonable advance notice of any withholding that it, or its agents, intend to make on any such payment, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate, or direct it agents to cooperate, with such payment recipient to minimize any applicable withholding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each holder of an Allowed Claim or any other person that receives a distribution pursuant to the Plan shall have responsibility under applicable law for any taxes imposed by any governmental unit, including, without limitation, income, withholding, and other taxes, on account of such distribution. Any party issuing any instrument or making any distribution pursuant to the Plan has the right, but not the obligation, to not make a distribution until such holder has made arrangements reasonably satisfactory to such issuing or disbursing party for payment of any such tax obligations.

(b) **Forms**. Any party entitled to receive any property as an issuance or distribution under the Plan shall, upon request, deliver to the Disbursing Agent or such other person designated by the Reorganized Debtors (which person shall subsequently deliver to the Disbursing Agent any applicable IRS Form W-8 or Form W-9 received) an appropriate Form W-9 or (if the payee is a foreign person) applicable Form W-8. If such request is made by the Reorganized Debtors or Disbursing Agent and the holder fails to comply before the earlier of (i) the date that is one hundred and eighty (180) days after the request is made and (ii) the date that is one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of distribution, the amount of such distribution shall irrevocably revert to the applicable Reorganized Debtor and any Claim in respect of such distribution shall be discharged and forever barred from assertion against such Reorganized Debtor or its respective property.

# ARTICLE VII PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING CLAIMS.

# 7.1 <u>Allowance of Claims.</u>

Except as expressly provided in the Plan (including as provided in <u>sections 4.3</u> and <u>4.5</u> of the Plan) or in any order entered in the Chapter 11 Cases before the Effective Date (including

the Confirmation Order), no Claim shall become an Allowed Claim unless and until such Claim is deemed Allowed pursuant to the Plan or a Final Order, including the Confirmation Order (when it becomes a Final Order), Allowing such Claim. On and after the Effective Date, each of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have and retain any and all rights and defenses with respect to any Claim immediately before the Effective Date.

# 7.2 <u>Objections to Claims.</u>

(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan and notwithstanding any requirements that may be imposed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors, shall have the authority (i) to file, withdraw, or litigate to judgment objections to Claims; (ii) to settle or compromise any Disputed Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court; and (iii) to administer and adjust the Debtors' claims register to reflect any such settlements or compromises without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court.

(b) Any objections to a Claim shall be filed on or before the date that is the later of (i) one hundred eighty (180) days after the Effective Date and (ii) such later date as may be fixed by the Bankruptcy Court, after notice and a hearing, upon a motion by the Reorganized Debtors, as such deadline may be extended from time to time; <u>provided</u>, that the expiration of such period shall not limit or affect the Debtors' or the Reorganized Debtors' rights to dispute Claims asserted in the ordinary course of business other than through a proof of Claim.

# 7.3 <u>Estimation of Claims.</u>

Before or after the Effective Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may at any time request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate any Disputed Claim or Disputed Interest that is contingent or unliquidated pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code for any reason, regardless of whether any party previously has objected to such Claim or Interest or whether the Bankruptcy Court has ruled on any such objection, and the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction to estimate any such Claim or Interest, including during the litigation of any objection to any Claim or Interest or during the appeal relating to such objection. In the event that the Bankruptcy Court estimates any Disputed, contingent, or unliquidated Claim or Interest, that estimated amount shall constitute a maximum limitation on such Claim or Interest for all purposes under the Plan (including for purposes of distributions), and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may elect to pursue any supplemental proceedings to object to any ultimate distribution on such Claim or Interest. Notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, in no event shall any Holder of a Claim or Interest that has been estimated pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise be entitled to seek reconsideration of such estimation unless such Holder has filed a motion requesting the right to seek such reconsideration on or before twenty-one (21) calendar days after the date on which such Claim or Interest is estimated.

# 7.4 Adjustment to Claims Register Without Objection.

Any duplicate Claim or Interest or any Claim or Interest that has been paid or satisfied, or any Claim that has been amended or superseded, may be adjusted or expunged on the

Claims Register by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, upon agreement between the parties in interest without a Claims objection having to be filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

### 7.5 <u>Disallowance of Claims.</u>

Any Claims (other than any Claims that are expressly deemed Allowed Claims pursuant to the Plan) held by Entities from which property is recoverable pursuant to a Cause of Action under section 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or that is a transferee of a transfer avoidable pursuant to a Cause of Action under section 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed Disallowed pursuant to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Holders of such Claims may not receive any distributions on account of such Claims until such time as such Causes of Action against that Entity have been settled or a Bankruptcy Court order with respect thereto has been entered and all sums due, if any, to the Debtors by that Entity have been turned over or paid to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable.

# 7.6 <u>Claim Resolution Procedures Cumulative.</u>

All of the objection, estimation, and resolution procedures in the Plan are intended to be cumulative and not exclusive of one another. Claims may be estimated and subsequently settled, compromised, withdrawn, or resolved in accordance with the Plan without further notice or Bankruptcy Court approval.

# 7.7 <u>No Distributions Pending Allowance.</u>

If an objection, motion to estimate, or other challenge to a Claim is filed, no payment or distribution provided under the Plan shall be made on account of such Claim unless and until (and only to the extent that) such Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.

# 7.8 <u>Distributions after Allowance.</u>

To the extent that a Disputed Claim ultimately becomes an Allowed Claim, distributions (if any) shall be made to the holder of such Allowed Claim in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. As soon as practicable after the date on which the order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court allowing any Disputed Claim becomes a Final Order, the Disbursing Agent shall provide to the holder of such Claim the distribution (if any) to which such holder is entitled under the Plan as of the Effective Date, without any interest to be paid on account of such Claim unless required by the Bankruptcy Code.

# ARTICLE VIII EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES.

# 8.1 <u>General Treatment.</u>

(a) As of and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date and the payment of any applicable Cure Amount, all executory contracts and unexpired leases to which any of the Debtors are parties shall be deemed assumed, unless such contract or lease (i) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors, pursuant to Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, (ii) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto, (iii) is the subject of a motion to reject filed by the Debtors on or before the Confirmation Date, or (iv) is specifically designated as a contract or lease to be rejected on the Schedule of Rejected Contracts.

(b) Subject to (i) satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>section 8.1(a)</u> of the Plan, (ii) resolution of any disputes in accordance with <u>section 8.2</u> of the Plan with respect to the contracts or leases subject to such disputes, and (iii) the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of the assumptions or rejections provided for in the Plan pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Each executory contract and unexpired lease assumed pursuant to the Plan shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the applicable Reorganized Debtor in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan, any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and providing for its assumption, or applicable law.

(c) To the maximum extent permitted by law, to the extent any provision in any executory contract or unexpired lease assumed pursuant to the Plan restricts or prevents, or purports to restrict or prevent, or is breached or deemed breached by, the assumption of such executory contract or unexpired lease (including any "change of control" provision), then such provision shall be deemed modified such that the transactions contemplated by the Plan shall not entitle the non-Debtor party thereto to terminate such executory contract or unexpired lease or to exercise any other default-related rights with respect thereto.

(d) The Debtors reserve the right, subject to the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, on or before 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on the date that is seven (7) days before the Confirmation Hearing, or such other time as may be agreed in writing between the Debtors and the applicable counterparty, to amend the Schedule of Rejected Contracts to add or remove any executory contract or unexpired lease; provided that if the Confirmation Hearing is adjourned or continued, such amendment right shall be extended to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on the date that is seven (7) days before the rescheduled or continued Confirmation Hearing, and this proviso shall apply in the case of any and all subsequent adjournments and continuances of the Confirmation Hearing; provided, further that the Debtors may amend the Schedule of Rejected Contracts to add or delete any executory contracts or unexpired leases after such date to the extent agreed with the relevant counterparties and entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

# 8.2 Determination of Assumption and Cure Disputes; Deemed Consent.

(a) The Debtors shall file, as part of the Plan Supplement, the Schedule of Rejected Contracts. At least ten (10) days before the deadline to object to confirmation of the Plan, the Debtors shall serve a notice on parties to executory contracts or unexpired leases to be assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected reflecting the Debtors' intention to potentially assume, assume and assign, or reject the contract or lease in connection with the Plan and, where applicable, setting forth the proposed Cure Amount (if any). Any objection by a counterparty to an executory contract or unexpired lease to the proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, or related Cure Amount must be filed, served, and actually received by the Debtors within seven (7) days of the service of the assumption notice, or such shorter period

as agreed to by the parties or authorized by the Bankruptcy Court. Any counterparty to an executory contract or unexpired lease that does not timely object to the notice of the proposed assumption of such executory contract or unexpired lease shall be deemed to have assented to assumption of the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease notwithstanding any provision thereof that purports to (i) prohibit, restrict, or condition the transfer or assignment of such contract or lease; (ii) terminate or modify, or permit the termination or modification of, a contract or lease as a result of any direct or indirect transfer or assignment of the rights of any Debtor under such contract or lease or a change, if any, in the ownership or control to the extent contemplated by the Plan; (iii) increase, accelerate, or otherwise alter any obligations or liabilities of any Debtor or any Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, under such executory contract or unexpired lease; or (iv) create or impose a Lien upon any property or Asset of any Debtor or any Reorganized Debtor, as applicable. Each such provision shall be deemed to not apply to the assumption of such executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan and counterparties to assumed executory contracts or unexpired leases that fail to object to the proposed assumption in accordance with the terms set forth in this section 8.2(a), shall forever be barred and enjoined from objecting to the proposed assumption or to the validity of such assumption (including with respect to any Cure Amounts or the provision of adequate assurance of future performance), or taking actions prohibited by the foregoing or the Bankruptcy Code on account of transactions contemplated by the Plan.

(b) If there is an Assumption Dispute pertaining to assumption of an executory contract or unexpired lease (other than a dispute pertaining to a Cure Amount), such dispute shall be heard by the Bankruptcy Court prior to such assumption being effective, <u>provided</u>, that the Debtors (with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may settle any dispute regarding the Cure Amount or the nature thereof without any further notice to any party or any action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

(c) To the extent an Assumption Dispute relates solely to the Cure Amount, the Debtors may assume and/or assume and assign the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease prior to the resolution of the Assumption Dispute; <u>provided</u>, that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, reserve Cash in an amount sufficient to pay the full amount reasonably asserted as the required cure payment by the non-Debtor party to such executory contract or unexpired lease (or such smaller amount as may be fixed or estimated by the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise agreed to by such non-Debtor party and the applicable Reorganized Debtor).

(d) Subject to resolution of any dispute regarding any Cure Amount, all Cure Amounts shall be satisfied by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, upon assumption of the underlying contracts and unexpired leases. Assumption of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan, or otherwise, shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Claims or defaults, subject to satisfaction of the Cure Amount, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed executory contract or unexpired lease at any time before the effective date of the assumption. Any proofs of claim filed with respect to an executory contract or unexpired lease that has been assumed or assigned shall be deemed disallowed and expunged, without further notice to or action, order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, upon the deemed assumption of such contract or unexpired lease.

### 8.3 <u>Rejection Damages Claims.</u>

Unless otherwise provided by an order of the Bankruptcy Court, proofs of claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases, if any, must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by the later of thirty (30) days from (i) the date of entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving such rejection, (ii) the effective date of the rejection of such executory contract or unexpired lease, and (iii) the Effective Date. Any Claims arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease not filed within such time shall be Disallowed pursuant to the Confirmation Order or such other order of the Bankruptcy Court, as applicable, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Estates, the Reorganized Debtors, or property of the foregoing parties, without the need for any objection by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the executory contract or unexpired lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, notwithstanding anything in the Schedules, if any, or a proof of claim to the contrary. Claims arising from the rejection of the Debtors' executory contracts or unexpired leases shall be classified as General Unsecured Claims and may be objected to in accordance with the provisions of section 7.2 of the Plan and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules.

# 8.4 <u>Survival of the Debtors' Indemnification Obligations.</u>

(a) All Indemnification Obligations shall be deemed and treated as executory contracts to be assumed by the Debtors under the Plan and shall continue as obligations of the Reorganized Debtors on terms reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and Required Consenting Noteholders; <u>provided</u>, that the Indemnification Obligations assumed pursuant to the Plan shall be on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that no Indemnification Obligations shall be assumed under the Plan by any Debtor with respect to any Person appointed by the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent and/or the First Lien Credit Facility Lenders to exercise any voting proxy or otherwise to serve as a member, director, officer, manager or agent. Any claim based on the Debtors' Indemnification Obligations that are assumed under the Plan shall not be a Disputed Claim or subject to any objection in either case by reason of section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) In accordance with the foregoing, the Reorganized Debtors shall cooperate with current and former officers, directors, members, managers, agents, or employees in relation to the Indemnification Obligations assumed under the Plan, including responding to reasonable requests for information and providing access to attorneys, financial advisors, accountants and other professionals with knowledge of matters relevant to any such claim covered by an Indemnification Obligation assumed under the Plan, including any claim or Cause of Action arising under any state or federal securities laws.

### 8.5 <u>Employment Arrangements.</u>

(a) Except as otherwise determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders in their reasonable discretion, all Employment Arrangements shall be treated as executory contracts under the Plan and deemed assumed on the Effective Date pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code (which assumption shall include any modifications to such employments agreements, including, without limitation, modifications to the terms of any retention or incentive agreements for senior executives of the Debtors, as requested by the Required Consenting Noteholders). Any assumption of the Employment Arrangements hereunder shall not trigger any applicable change of control, immediate vesting, termination, or similar provisions therein. No participant shall have rights under the Benefit Plans and Employment Arrangements assumed pursuant to the Plan other than those existing immediately before such assumption.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors shall continue to honor all retiree benefits in accordance with section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the obligations thereunder shall be paid in accordance with the terms thereof.

#### 8.6 <u>Insurance Policies.</u>

(a) All insurance policies to which any Debtor is a party as of the Effective Date, including any D&O Policy, shall be deemed to be and treated as executory contracts and shall be assumed by the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter in accordance with their respective terms. All other insurance policies shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors.

(b) In addition, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall not terminate or otherwise reduce the coverage under any D&O Policy, and all members, managers, directors, and officers who served in such capacity at any time before the Effective Date shall be entitled to the full benefits of any such policy for the full term of such policy regardless of whether such members, managers, directors, and/or officers remain in such positions after the Effective Date, in each case, to the extent set forth in such policies.

# 8.7 <u>Tax Agreements.</u>

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan Documents, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any bar date notice or claim objection, and any other document related to any of the foregoing, any tax sharing agreements to which the Debtors are a party (of which the principal purpose is the allocation of taxes) in effect as of the date of the Confirmation Order shall be deemed and treated as executory contracts pursuant to the Plan and, to the extent the Debtors determine, with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) that such agreements are beneficial to the Debtors, shall be assumed by the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter in accordance with their respective terms, unless any such tax sharing agreement (of which the principal purpose is the allocation of taxes) otherwise is specifically rejected pursuant to a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court or is the subject of a separate rejection motion filed by the Debtors in accordance with section 8.1 of the Plan. Unless otherwise noted hereunder, all other tax sharing agreements to which the Debtors are a party (of which the principal purpose is the allocation of taxes) shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors may take all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to ensure such vesting as contemplated herein.

# 8.8 <u>Modifications, Amendments, Supplements, Restatements, or Other</u> <u>Agreements.</u>

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or by separate order of the Bankruptcy Court, each executory contract and unexpired lease that is assumed shall include any and all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements made directly or indirectly by any agreement, instrument, or other document that in any manner affects such executory contract or unexpired lease, without regard to whether such agreement, instruments, or other document is listed in any notices of assumed contracts.

# 8.9 <u>Reservation of Rights.</u>

(a) Neither the exclusion nor the inclusion by the Debtors of any contract or lease on any exhibit, schedule, or other annex to the Plan or in the Plan Supplement, nor anything contained in the Plan, shall constitute an admission by the Debtors that any such contract or lease is or is not an executory contract or unexpired lease or that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or their respective affiliates has any liability thereunder.

(b) Except as explicitly provided in the Plan, nothing in the Plan shall waive, excuse, limit, diminish, or otherwise alter any of the defenses, claims, Causes of Action, or other rights of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors under any executory or non-executory contract or unexpired or expired lease.

(c) Nothing in the Plan shall increase, augment, or add to any of the duties, obligations, responsibilities, or liabilities of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, under any executory or non-executory contract or unexpired or expired lease.

(d) If there is a dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or unexpired at the time of its assumption under the Plan, the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have thirty (30) days following entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute to alter their treatment of such contract or lease.

# ARTICLE IX CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OCCURRENCE OF EFFECTIVE DATE.

# 9.1 <u>Conditions Precedent to Effective Date.</u>

The Effective Date shall not occur unless all of the following conditions precedent have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the Plan:

(a) the Plan Supplement has been filed;

(b) the Bankruptcy Court has entered the Confirmation Order and such Confirmation Order has not been stayed, modified, or vacated;

(c) the Restructuring Support Agreement shall be in full force and effect and binding on all parties thereto and not be (i) identified on the Schedule of Rejected Contracts or (ii) subject of a pending motion to reject executory contracts, all conditions shall have been satisfied thereunder, and no default shall exist thereunder that has not otherwise been cured or waived;

(d) the conditions to the effectiveness of the Exit Credit Facility Documents have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms thereof, and the Exit Credit Facility Agreement is in full force and effect and binding on all of the respective parties thereto;

(e) the Debtors shall have implemented the Restructuring Transactions and all other transactions contemplated by the Plan and the Restructuring Support Agreement in a manner consistent in all material respects with the Plan and Restructuring Support Agreement and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders;

(f) all outstanding Restructuring Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred, through the Effective Date (or, with respect to necessary post-Effective Date activities, after the Effective Date), to the extent invoiced before the Effective Date, shall have been paid in full in Cash by the Debtors in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement;

(g) all governmental approvals, including Bankruptcy Court approval, necessary to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions shall have been obtained and all applicable waiting periods have expired;

(h) all actions, documents (including the Plan Documents), and agreements necessary to implement and consummate the Plan shall have been effected or executed and binding on all parties thereto, in form and substance consistent in all respects with the Restructuring Support Agreement and reasonably acceptable to the relevant parties under the Restructuring Support Agreement (other than the New Corporate Governance Documents, which shall be acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion as provided herein), and shall not have been modified in a manner inconsistent with the Restructuring Support Agreement; and

(i) the New Corporate Governance Documents, in form and substance acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders, shall have been adopted and (where required by applicable law) filed with the applicable authorities of the relevant jurisdictions of organization and shall have become effective in accordance with such jurisdiction's corporate, limited liability company, or alternative comparable laws, as applicable.

# 9.2 <u>Waiver of Conditions Precedent.</u>

(a) Each of the conditions precedent to the occurrence of the Effective Date may be waived in writing by the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders without leave of or order of the Bankruptcy Court. If any such condition precedent is waived pursuant to this section and the Effective Date occurs, each party agreeing to waive such condition precedent shall be estopped from withdrawing such waiver after the Effective Date or otherwise challenging the occurrence of the Effective Date on the basis that such condition was not satisfied, the waiver of such condition precedent shall benefit from the "equitable mootness" doctrine, and the occurrence of the Effective Date shall foreclose any ability to challenge the Plan in any court. If the Plan is confirmed for fewer than all of the Debtors, only the conditions applicable to the Debtor or Debtors for which the Plan is confirmed must be satisfied or waived for the Effective Date to occur.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, all actions required to be taken on the Effective Date shall take place and shall be deemed to have occurred simultaneously and no such action shall be deemed to have occurred prior to the taking of any other such action.

(c) The stay of the Confirmation Order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3020(e) shall be deemed waived by and upon the entry of the Confirmation Order, and the Confirmation Order shall take effect immediately upon its entry.

# 9.3 <u>Effect of Failure of a Condition.</u>

If the conditions listed in <u>section 9.1</u> of the Plan are not satisfied or waived in accordance with <u>section 9.2</u> of the Plan on or before the Effective Date, the Plan shall be null and void in all respects and nothing contained in the Plan or the Disclosure Statement shall (i) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against or any Interests in the Debtors, (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of any Person, or (iii) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking by the Debtors, any of the Consenting Noteholders, or any other Person.

# 9.4 <u>Substantial Consummation.</u>

"Substantial Consummation" of the Plan, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1101(2), shall be deemed to occur on the Effective Date.

# ARTICLE X EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION.

# 10.1 <u>Binding Effect.</u>

Except as otherwise provided in section 1141(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, on and after entry of the Confirmation Order, the provisions of the Plan shall bind every holder of a Claim against or Interest in any Debtor and inure to the benefit of and be binding on such holder's respective successors and assigns, regardless of whether the Claim or Interest of such holder is Impaired under the Plan and whether such holder has accepted the Plan.

# 10.2 <u>Vesting of Assets.</u>

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or any Plan Document, on and after the Effective Date, pursuant to sections 1141(b) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Code, all Assets of the Estates, including all claims, rights, and Causes of Action and any property acquired by the Debtors under or in connection with the Plan, shall vest in each respective Reorganized Debtor free and clear of all Claims, Liens, encumbrances, charges, and other interests. Subject to the terms of the Plan, on and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may operate their businesses and may use, acquire, and dispose of property and prosecute, compromise, or settle any Claims

(including any Administrative Expense Claims) and Causes of Action without supervision of or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free and clear of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules other than restrictions expressly imposed by the Plan or the Confirmation Order. Without limiting the foregoing, the Reorganized Debtors may pay the charges that they incur on or after the Effective Date for Professional Persons' fees, disbursements, expenses, or related support services without application to or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

# 10.3 Discharge of Claims Against and Interests in Debtors.

Upon the Effective Date and in consideration of the distributions to be made under the Plan, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, each holder (as well as any trustee or agents on behalf of each holder) of a Claim or Interest and any affiliate of such holder shall be deemed to have forever waived, released, and discharged the Debtors, to the fullest extent permitted by section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, of and from any and all Claims, Interests, rights, and liabilities that arose prior to the Effective Date. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, upon the Effective Date, all such holders of Claims and Interests and their affiliates shall be forever precluded and enjoined, pursuant to sections 105, 524, and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, from prosecuting or asserting any such discharged Claim against or terminated Interest in any Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, or any of their Assets or property, whether or not such holder has filed a proof of claim and whether or not the facts or legal bases therefor were known or existed prior to the Effective Date.

# 10.4 <u>Pre-Confirmation Injunctions and Stays.</u>

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, all injunctions and stays arising under or entered during the Chapter 11 Cases, whether under sections 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, and in existence on the date of entry of the Confirmation Order, shall remain in full force and effect until the later of the Effective Date and the date indicated in the order providing for such injunction or stay.

# 10.5 <u>Injunction against Interference with Plan.</u>

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all holders of Claims and Interests and all other parties in interest, along with their respective present and former affiliates, employees, agents, officers, directors, and principals, shall be enjoined from taking any action to interfere with the implementation or the occurrence of the Effective Date.

# 10.6 <u>Plan Injunction.</u>

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, as of the entry of the Confirmation Order but subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, all Persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against or Interests in any or all of the Debtors and other parties in interest, along with their respective present or former employees, agents, officers, directors, principals, and affiliates, are permanently enjoined after the entry of the Confirmation Order from (i) commencing, conducting, or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any suit, action, or other proceeding of any kind (including any proceeding in a judicial, arbitral, administrative, or other forum) against or affecting, directly or indirectly, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate or the property of any of the foregoing, or any direct or indirect transferee of any property of, or direct or indirect successor in interest to, any of the foregoing Persons mentioned in this subsection (i) or any property of any such transferee or successor, (ii) enforcing, levying, attaching (including any prejudgment attachment), collecting, or otherwise recovering in any manner or by any means, whether directly or indirectly, any judgment, award, decree, or order against a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate or its property, or any direct or indirect transferee of any property of, or direct or indirect successor in interest to, any of the foregoing Persons mentioned in this subsection (ii) or any property of any such transferee or successor, (iii) creating, perfecting, or otherwise enforcing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any encumbrance of any kind against a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate or any of its property, or any direct or indirect transferee of any property of, or successor in interest to, any of the foregoing Persons mentioned in this subsection (iii) or any property of any such transferee or successor, (iv) acting or proceeding in any manner, in any place whatsoever, that does not conform to or comply with the provisions of the Plan, and the Plan Documents, to the full extent permitted by applicable law, and (v) commencing or continuing, in any manner or in any place, any action that does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan and the Plan Documents.

(b) By accepting distributions pursuant to the Plan, each holder of an Allowed Claim or Interest shall be deemed to have affirmatively and specifically consented to be bound by the Plan, including the injunctions set forth in this section 10.6 of the Plan.

- 10.7 <u>Releases.</u>
- (a) **Releases by Debtors.**<sup>7</sup>

As of the Effective Date, except for the rights and remedies that remain in effect from and after the Effective Date to enforce the Plan and the obligations contemplated by the Plan Documents or as otherwise provided in any order of the Bankruptcy Court, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the service of the Released Parties to facilitate the reorganization of the Debtors and the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties shall be deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged, to the maximum extent permitted by law, by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives and any and all other Persons that may purport to assert any Cause of Action derivatively, by or through the foregoing Persons, from any and all claims and Causes of Action (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Estates), whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, by statute, violations of federal or state securities laws or otherwise that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Restructuring

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This Section 10.7(a) is subject to completion and outcome of Special Committee investigation.

Transactions, the Restructuring, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the restructuring of Claims and Interests before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation, formulation, preparation, or consummation of the Plan, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Plan Documents or related agreements, instruments, or other documents relating thereto, or the solicitation of votes with respect to the Plan, in all cases based upon any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date; <u>provided</u>, that nothing herein shall be construed to release any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission of a Released Party that is a criminal act or constitutes intentional fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a Final Order.

Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases in <u>section 10.7(a)</u> of the Plan (the "<u>Debtor Releases</u>"), which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions under the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Releases are: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (ii) a good faith settlement and compromise of the released Claims released by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates, as applicable, (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, and all holders of Claims and Interests, (iv) fair, equitable and reasonable, (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and (vi) a bar to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates, as applicable, asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Releases.

#### (b) **Releases by Holders of Claims or Interests.**

As of the Effective Date, except for the rights that remain in effect from and after the Effective Date to enforce the Plan and the Plan Documents and the obligations contemplated by the Restructuring Transactions, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the service and contribution of the Released Parties to facilitate the reorganization of the Debtors and the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties shall be deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged, to the maximum extent permitted by law, by the Releasing Parties, in each case from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates), whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or hereinafter arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement or otherwise, that such holders or their estates, affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or their Estates, the Chapter 11 Cases, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interactions between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Restructuring Transactions, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan Documents, and related agreements, instruments, and other documents, and the negotiation, formulation, preparation, or implementation thereof, the solicitation of votes with respect to the Plan, or any other act or omission; <u>provided</u>, that nothing herein shall be construed to release any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission of a Released Party that is a criminal act or constitutes intentional fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a Final Order.

Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases in <u>section</u> <u>10.7(b)</u> of the Plan (the "<u>Third-Party Releases</u>"), which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions under the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Releases are: (i) consensual, (ii) essential to the confirmation of the Plan, (iii) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (iv) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Third-Party Releases, (v) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates, (vi) fair, equitable and reasonable, (vii) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and (viii) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Releases.

#### 10.8 Exculpation.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Claim, Interest, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, debt, right, Cause of Action, loss, remedy, or liability for any claim in connection with or arising out of the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases; the negotiation and pursuit of the Exit Credit Facility, the Warrants, the New Preferred Stock, the New Common Stock, the New LP Units, the Management Incentive Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Restructuring Transactions, and the Plan (including the Plan Documents), or the solicitation of votes for, or confirmation of, the Plan; the funding of the Plan; the occurrence of the Effective Date; the administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan; the issuance of securities under or in connection with the Plan; the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors; or the transactions in furtherance of any of the foregoing; other than Claims or Causes of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission of an Exculpated Party that is a criminal act or constitutes intentional fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct as determined by a Final Order, but in all respects the Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance

with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan, including the issuance of securities thereunder. This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

#### 10.9 Injunction Related to Releases and Exculpation.

The Confirmation Order shall permanently enjoin the commencement or prosecution by any Person, whether directly, derivatively, or otherwise, of any Claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, demands, debts, rights, Causes of Action, losses, or liabilities released pursuant to the Plan, including the claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, demands, debts, rights, Causes of Action, and liabilities released or exculpated in the Plan or the Confirmation Order.

#### 10.10 Subordinated Claims.

The allowance, classification, and treatment of all Allowed Claims and Interests and the respective distributions and treatments thereof under the Plan take into account and conform to the relative priority and rights of the Claims and Interests in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal, and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, sections 510(a), 510(b), or 510(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise. Pursuant to section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors reserve the right to reclassify any Allowed Claim or Interest in accordance with any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination relating thereto.

# 10.11 <u>Retention of Causes of Action and Reservation of Rights.</u>

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, including <u>sections 10.6</u>, <u>10.7</u>, <u>10.8</u>, and <u>10.9</u> of the Plan, nothing contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order shall be deemed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any rights, claims, Causes of Action, rights of setoff or recoupment, or other legal or equitable defenses that the Debtors had immediately prior to the Effective Date on behalf of the Estates or of themselves in accordance with any provision of the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable nonbankruptcy law, including any affirmative Causes of Action against parties with a relationship with the Debtors. The Reorganized Debtors shall have, retain, reserve, and be entitled to assert all such claims, Causes of Action, rights of setoff or recoupment, and other legal or equitable defenses as fully as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced, and all of the Debtors' legal and equitable rights in respect of any Unimpaired Claim may be asserted after the Confirmation Date and Effective Date to the same extent as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced.

# 10.12 Ipso Facto and Similar Provisions Ineffective.

Any term of any prepetition policy, prepetition contract, or other prepetition obligation applicable to a Debtor shall be void and of no further force or effect with respect to any

Debtor to the extent that such policy, contract, or other obligation is conditioned on, creates an obligation of the Debtor as a result of, or gives rise to a right of any Entity based on (i) the insolvency or financial condition of a Debtor, (ii) the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, (iii) the confirmation or consummation of the Plan, including any change of control that shall occur as a result of such consummation, or (iv) the Restructuring Transactions.

# ARTICLE XI RETENTION OF JURISDICTION.

### 11.1 <u>Retention of Jurisdiction.</u>

On and after the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157, over all matters arising in or related to the Chapter 11 Cases for, among other things, the following purposes:

(a) to hear and determine motions and/or applications for the assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases and any disputes over Cure Amounts resulting therefrom;

(b) to determine any motion, adversary proceeding, application, contested matter, and other litigated matter pending on or commenced after the entry of the Confirmation Order;

(c) to hear and resolve any disputes arising from or related to (i) any orders of the Bankruptcy Court granting relief under Bankruptcy Code 2004 or (ii) any protective orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the foregoing;

(d) to ensure that distributions to holders of Allowed Claims are accomplished as provided in the Plan and the Confirmation Order and to adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan;

(e) to consider Claims or the allowance, classification, priority, compromise, estimation, or payment of any Claim;

(f) to enter, implement, or enforce such orders as may be appropriate in the event that the Confirmation Order is for any reason stayed, reversed, revoked, modified, or vacated;

(g) to issue and enforce injunctions, enter and implement other orders, and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference by any Person with the consummation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any other order of the Bankruptcy Court;

(h) to hear and determine any application to modify the Plan in accordance with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code to remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or any order of the Bankruptcy Court, including the Confirmation Order, in such a manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effects thereof;

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(i) to hear and determine all Fee Claims;

(j) to resolve disputes concerning any reserves with respect to Disputed Claims or the administration thereof;

(k) to hear and determine disputes arising in connection with the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any transactions or payments in furtherance of either, or any agreement, instrument, or other document governing or related to any of the foregoing;

(1) to take any action and issue such orders, including any such action or orders as may be necessary after entry of the Confirmation Order or the occurrence of the Effective Date, as may be necessary to construe, enforce, implement, execute, and consummate the Plan;

(m) to determine such other matters and for such other purposes as may be provided in the Confirmation Order;

(n) to hear and determine matters concerning state, local, and federal taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code (including any requests for expedited determinations under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code);

(o) to hear and determine any other matters related to the Chapter 11 Cases and not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or title 28 of the United States Code;

(p) to resolve any disputes concerning whether a Person had sufficient notice of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Disclosure Statement, any solicitation conducted in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, any bar date established in the Chapter 11 Cases, or any deadline for responding or objecting to a Cure Amount, in each case, for the purpose for determining whether a Claim or Interest is discharged hereunder or for any other purposes;

(q) to hear, adjudicate, decide, or resolve any and all matters related to <u>Article</u>  $\underline{X}$  of the Plan, including the releases, discharge, exculpations, and injunctions issued thereunder;

(r) to hear and determine any rights, Claims, or Causes of Action held by or accruing to the Debtors pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or pursuant to any federal statute or legal theory;

(s) to recover all Assets of the Debtors and property of the Estates, wherever located; and

(t) to enter a final decree closing each of the Chapter 11 Cases.

# ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

#### 12.1 <u>Exemption from Certain Transfer Taxes.</u>

Pursuant to section 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code, (i) the issuance, transfer or exchange of any securities, instruments or documents, (ii) the creation of any Lien, mortgage, deed

of trust or other security interest, (iii) all sale transactions consummated by the Debtors and approved by the Bankruptcy Court on and after the Confirmation Date through and including the Effective Date, including any transfers effectuated under the Plan, (iv) any assumption, assignment, or sale by the Debtors of their interests in unexpired leases of nonresidential real property or executory contracts pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, (v) the grant of Collateral under the Exit Credit Facility Agreement, and (vi) the issuance, renewal, modification, or securing of indebtedness by such means, and the making, delivery or recording of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with, the Plan, including the Confirmation Order, shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee or other similar tax, mortgage tax, real estate transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing or recording fee, regulatory filing or recording fee, sales tax, use tax or other similar tax or governmental assessment. Consistent with the foregoing, each recorder of deeds or similar official for any county, city or Governmental Unit in which any instrument hereunder is to be recorded shall, pursuant to the Confirmation Order, be ordered and directed to accept such instrument without requiring the payment of any filing fees, documentary stamp tax, deed stamps, stamp tax, transfer tax, intangible tax or similar tax.

# 12.2 <u>Request for Expedited Determination of Taxes.</u>

The Debtors shall have the right to request an expedited determination under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to tax returns filed, or to be filed, for any and all taxable periods ending after the Petition Date through the Effective Date.

# 12.3 Dates of Actions to Implement Plan.

In the event that any payment or act under the Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not a Business Day, then the making of such payment or the performance of such act may be completed on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the next succeeding Business Day but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date.

# 12.4 <u>Amendments.</u>

(a) **Plan Modifications**. The Plan may be amended, modified, or supplemented by the Debtors in accordance with the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement and with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, and in the manner provided for by section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code or as otherwise permitted by law, without additional disclosure pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. In addition, after the Confirmation Date, so long as such action does not materially and adversely affect the treatment of holders of Allowed Claims pursuant to the Plan, the Debtors, with consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, may remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan or the Confirmation Order with respect to such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of effects of the Plan, and any holder of a Claim or Interest that has accepted the Plan shall be deemed to have accepted the Plan as amended, modified, or supplemented.

(b) **Certain Technical Amendments**. Prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors may make appropriate technical adjustments and modifications to the Plan with consent of the

Required Consenting Noteholders, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, without further order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court; <u>provided</u>, that such technical adjustments and modifications do not adversely affect in a material way the treatment of holders of Claims or Interests under the Plan.

### 12.5 <u>Revocation or Withdrawal of Plan.</u>

Subject to the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Debtors reserve the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the Effective Date as to any or all of the Debtors. If, with respect to a Debtor, the Plan has been revoked or withdrawn prior to the Effective Date, or if confirmation or the occurrence of the Effective Date as to such Debtor does not occur on the Effective Date, then, with respect to such Debtor (i) the Plan shall be null and void in all respects, (ii) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount any Claim or Interest or Class of Claims or Interests), assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases affected by the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan shall be deemed null and void, and (iii) nothing contained in the Plan shall (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claim by or against, or any Interest in, such Debtor or any other Person, (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of such Debtor or any other Person, or (c) constitute an admission of any sort by any Debtor or any other Person.

#### 12.6 <u>Severability.</u>

If, prior to the entry of the Confirmation Order, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court, at the request of the Debtors, shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation by the Bankruptcy Court, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, Impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with this section, is (i) valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms, (ii) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the consent of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (as the case may be) and the Required Consenting Noteholders, and (iii) nonseverable and mutually dependent.

# 12.7 <u>Governing Law.</u>

Except to the extent that the Bankruptcy Code or other federal law is applicable or to the extent that a Plan Document provides otherwise, the rights, duties, and obligations arising under the Plan and the Plan Documents shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

#### 12.8 Immediate Binding Effect.

Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 3020(e), 6004(h), 7062, or otherwise, upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the terms of the Plan and the Plan Documents shall be immediately effective and enforceable and deemed binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the holders of Claims and Interests, the Released Parties, and each of their respective successors and assigns.

#### 12.9 Successors and Assigns.

The rights, benefits, and obligations of any Person named or referred to in the Plan shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of any heir, executor, administrator, successor, or permitted assign, if any, of each such Person.

#### 12.10 Entire Agreement.

On the Effective Date, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, and the Confirmation Order shall supersede all previous and contemporaneous negotiations, promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, and representations on such subjects, all of which have become merged and integrated into the Plan.

# 12.11 Computing Time.

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by the Plan, unless otherwise set forth in the Plan or determined by the Bankruptcy Court, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006 shall apply.

#### 12.12 Exhibits to Plan.

All exhibits, schedules, supplements, and appendices to the Plan (including the Plan Supplement) are incorporated into and are a part of the Plan as if set forth in full in the Plan.

# 12.13 <u>Notices.</u>

All notices, requests, and demands hereunder shall be in writing (including by facsimile transmission and/or by email) and, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made only when actually delivered or, in the case of notice by facsimile or email transmission, when received, addressed as follows:

(a) if to the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors:

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Attorneys for certain of the Consenting Noteholders that hold Consenting Crossholder Claims

After the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors have authority to send a notice to Entities that, to continue to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, such entities must file a renewed request to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002; <u>provided</u>, that the U.S. Trustee need not file such a renewed request and shall continue to receive documents without any further action being necessary. After the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors are authorized to limit the list of entities receiving documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 to those Entities that have filed such renewed requests.

#### 12.14 Dissolution of Committee.

On the Effective Date, any official committees appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, including the Creditors' Committee, shall dissolve; <u>provided</u>, that following the Effective Date, any such committees, including the Creditors' Committee, shall continue in existence solely for the purpose of filing and prosecuting applications for allowance of Fee Claims. Upon the dissolution of any official committees appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, including the Creditors' Committee, such committee members and their respective Professional Persons shall cease to have any duty, obligation, or role arising from or related to the Chapter 11 Cases.

# 12.15 <u>Reservation of Rights.</u>

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Plan shall be of no force or effect unless the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order. None of the filing of the Plan, any statement or provision of the Plan, or the taking of any action by the Debtors or any other person with respect to the Plan shall be or shall be deemed to be an admission or waiver of any rights of the Debtors or any other person with respect to any Claims or Interests prior to the Effective Date.

#### 12.16 Waiver or Estoppel.

Each holder of a Claim or an Interest shall be deemed to have waived any right to assert any argument, including the right to argue that its Claim or Interest should be Allowed in a certain amount, in a certain priority, Secured or not subordinated by virtue of an agreement made with the Debtors or their counsel, or any other Entity, if such agreement was not disclosed in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Restructuring Support Agreement, or papers filed with the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Confirmation Date.

Dated: December 29, 2020 Chattanooga, Tennessee

Respectfully submitted,

By:	/s/ Farzana Khaleel
Name:	Farzana Khaleel
Title:	Chief Financial Officer and Executive
	Vice President on behalf of the Debtors

# <u>Exhibit A</u>

**Restructuring Support Agreement** 

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# <u>Exhibit B</u>

### Warrant Term Sheet

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# <u>Exhibit C</u>

New Preferred Stock Term Sheet

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# <u>Exhibit D</u>

**Exit Credit Facility Term Sheet** 

#### **Terms of Exit Credit Facility**

Set forth below is a summary of certain key terms for the Exit Credit Facility Loans under the Exit Credit Facility (each as defined below) to be issued by the New Bank Claim Borrower (as defined below) to the New Bank Lenders (as defined below) that are First Lien Credit Facility Lenders under that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of January 30, 2019 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, the "First Lien Credit Agreement") by and among CBL & Associates Limited Partnership, as borrower (the "LP"), CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. (the "REIT"), the First Lien Credit Facility Administrative Agent" and, together with the First Lien Credit Facility Lenders, the "Prepetition Secured Parties")), U.S. Bank National Association, as yndication agent, and Citizens Bank, N.A., PNC Bank, National Association, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Regions Bank, each as documentation agent, pursuant to a proposed chapter 11 plan of reorganization (as the same may be amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time the "Plan"). This summary of proposed terms and conditions does not purport to summarize all the terms, conditions, representations and other provisions with respect to the transactions referred to herein, which will be set forth in the Exit Credit Facility Documents (as defined below). Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Plan.

Borrower:	A newly-formed wholly owned subsidiary of the LP, as reorganized pursuant to the Plan, that is the direct or indirect parent of each of the Bank Claim Subsidiaries (as defined below) (the " <u>New Bank Claim Borrower</u> ").
Guarantors:	The obligations of the New Bank Claim Borrower under the Exit Credit Facility would be guaranteed by the same former direct and indirect wholly owned domestic subsidiaries of the LP that are guarantors under the First Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, the " <u>Bank</u> <u>Claim Subsidiaries</u> "), which such Bank Claims Subsidiaries will be direct or indirect subsidiaries of the New Bank Claim Borrower as reorganized pursuant to the Plan. The New Bank Claim Borrower and the Bank Claim Subsidiaries are referred to herein as " <u>Loan Parties</u> " and each, a " <u>Loan Party</u> ."
Lenders:	The First Lien Credit Facility Lenders (other than any First Lien Credit Facility Lenders that are Consenting Noteholders) under the First Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, the " <u>New Bank Claim Lenders</u> ").
Amount:	\$[950.0] million (the "Exit Credit Facility Loan Amount").
Administrative / Collateral Agent:	A financial institution satisfactory to the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors (the " <u>New Bank Agent</u> " and, together with the New Bank Claim Lenders, the " <u>New Secured Parties</u> ").
New Loan Facility:	A senior secured U.S. dollar denominated term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Exit Credit Facility Loan Amount (the "Exit Credit Facility"; the loans made thereunder, the "Exit Credit Facility Loans") to be deemed issued in full and final satisfaction of the Bank Lender Secured Claims and the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, if any, of the New Bank Claim Lenders upon the effective date of the Plan (the "Effective Date"); provided, that, in the event the Bankruptcy Court determines that, in order for the Plan to be confirmed, the New Bank Claim Lenders must receive a greater or full recovery in satisfaction of their Bank Lender Deficiency Claims, if any, then the New Bank Claim Lenders shall also receive the Bank Lender Deficiency Claims Equity Distribution.
Maturity Date:	The Exit Credit Facility Loans would mature seven (7) years from the Effective Date. The full principal amount of the Exit Credit Facility Loans would be due at maturity, and would not be subject to amortization or mandatory prepayment.
Exit Credit Facility Documents:	The Exit Credit Facility would be documented in a credit and guarantee agreement (the " <u>Exit Credit Facility Agreement</u> ") and would be secured pursuant to customary security agreements. The documents referred to in the preceding sentence are referred to as the

	" <u>Exit Credit Facility Documents</u> ." The Exit Credit Facility Documents would be in form and substance satisfactory to the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors.
Fixed Interest Rate:	The Exit Credit Facility Loans will bear interest at the minimum rate required to satisfy section 1129(b)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code but, in any event at a rate no greater than LIBOR+300bps per annum (with a 50bps LIBOR floor), payable in cash quarterly.
Optional Prepayments:	There would be no restriction on optional prepayment, and the Exit Credit Facility Loans would be able to be prepaid at any time and from time to time without premium or penalty.
Mandatory Prepayment Requirements:	None.
Amortization:	None.
Prepayment / Make Whole Premium:	None.
Security:	The obligations of the Loan Parties under the Exit Credit Facility Loans would be secured by a collateral package substantially consistent with the collateral package described in the First Lien Credit Agreement; <u>provided</u> , that any existing equity pledges granted by the LP in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement shall be replaced by new equity pledges granted by the New Bank Claim Borrower pursuant to the Exit Credit Facility Agreement.
Conditions Precedent:	The Exit Credit Facility would become effective and the Exit Credit Facility Loans would be issued upon satisfaction of conditions precedent acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors including: (i) the issuance by the Bankruptcy Court of an order confirming a Plan on terms acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors (the " <u>Confirmation Order</u> "); (ii) the Confirmation Order being in full force and effect and not subject to stay; and (iii) the occurrence of the Effective Date.
Affirmative Covenants:	The Exit Credit Facility Agreement would have no affirmative covenants, except as may be agreed by the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors.
Negative Covenants:	The Exit Credit Facility Agreement would have no negative covenants, except as may be agreed by the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors.
Financial Covenants:	None.
Events of Default:	As agreed by the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors.
	With respect to any non-monetary default claimed or asserted by the New Bank Agent or any New Bank Claim Lender against any Loan Party, other than an event of default based on the fraud of a Loan Party, the Loan Parties shall first have been provided with a written notice of the claimed or alleged event of default and an opportunity to cure.
Required Lenders:	New Bank Lenders holding greater than [66.67]% of the outstanding commitments and/or other exposure under the Exit Credit Facility (the " <b>Required Lenders</b> "); provided, that the commitments and/or exposure of any defaulting New Bank Lender shall be disregarded in determining the Required Lenders at any time; provided further, that upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Required Lenders under the Exit Credit Facility shall have the right to enforce remedies with respect to the Exit Credit Facility, subject to certain exceptions.
Amendments:	Required Lenders, except for amendments customarily requiring approval by all lenders or all affected lenders.
Governing Law and Submission to Exclusive Jurisdiction:	State of New York.

# <u>Exhibit E</u>

List of Property-Level Borrowers

- 1. Alamance Crossing CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 2. Ambassador Infrastructure, L.L.C. (LA)\*
- 3. Ambassador Town Center JV, L.L.C. (LA)\*
- 4. Arbor Place II, LLC (DE)
- 5. Asheville Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 6. Atlanta Outlet Shoppes II, LLC (DE)\*
- 7. Atlanta Outlet Shoppes, LLC (DE)\*
- 8. Bluegrass Outlet Shoppes CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 9. Bluegrass Outlet Shoppes II, LLC (KY)\*
- 10. Brookfield Square Anchor S, LLC (WI)
- 11. Burnsville Center SPE, LLC (DE)
- 12. CBL-Friendly Center CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 13. CBL-Shops at Friendly II, LLC (NC)\*
- 14. CBL-Shops at Friendly, LLC (NC)\*
- 15. Coastal Grand CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 16. Coastal Grand Outparcel CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 17. Coastal Grand-DSG, LLC (SC)\*
- 18. Continental 425 Fund LLC (WI)\*
- 19. CoolSprings Mall, LLC (DE)\*
- 20. Cross Creek Mall SPE, L.P. (NC)
- 21. EastGate Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 22. EastGate Storage, LLC (OH)\*
- 23. El Paso Outlet Center CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 24. Fayette Mall SPE, LLC (DE)
- 25. Fremaux Town Center SPE, LLC (DE)\*

\*Entity is not 100% owned directly or indirectly by CBL & Associates Limited Partnership.

- 26. Gettysburg Outlet Center CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 27. Greenbrier Mall II, LLC (DE)
- 28. Hamilton Crossing CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 29. Hamilton Place CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 30. Hamilton Place Self Storage, LLC (TN)\*
- 31. Hickory Point, LLC (DE)
- 32. Jarnigan Road II, LLC (DE)\*
- 33. Jefferson Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 34. Laredo Outlet Shoppes, LLC (DE)\*
- 35. Louisville Outlet Shoppes, LLC (DE)\*
- 36. Northwoods Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 37. Oak Park Mall, LLC (DE)\*
- 38. Park Plaza Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 39. Parkdale Crossing CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 40. Parkdale Crossing CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 41. Parkdale Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 42. Parkdale Self Storage, LLC (TX)\*
- 43. Port Orange Town Center LLC (DE)\*
- 44. Self Storage at Mid Rivers, LLC (MO)\*
- 45. Shoppes at Eagle Point, LLC (TN)\*
- 46. SouthPark Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 47. Vision-CBL Hamilton Place, LLC (TN)\*
- 48. Volusia Mall, LLC (FL)
- 49. West County Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)\*
- 50. West Melbourne Holdings II, LLC (FL)\*

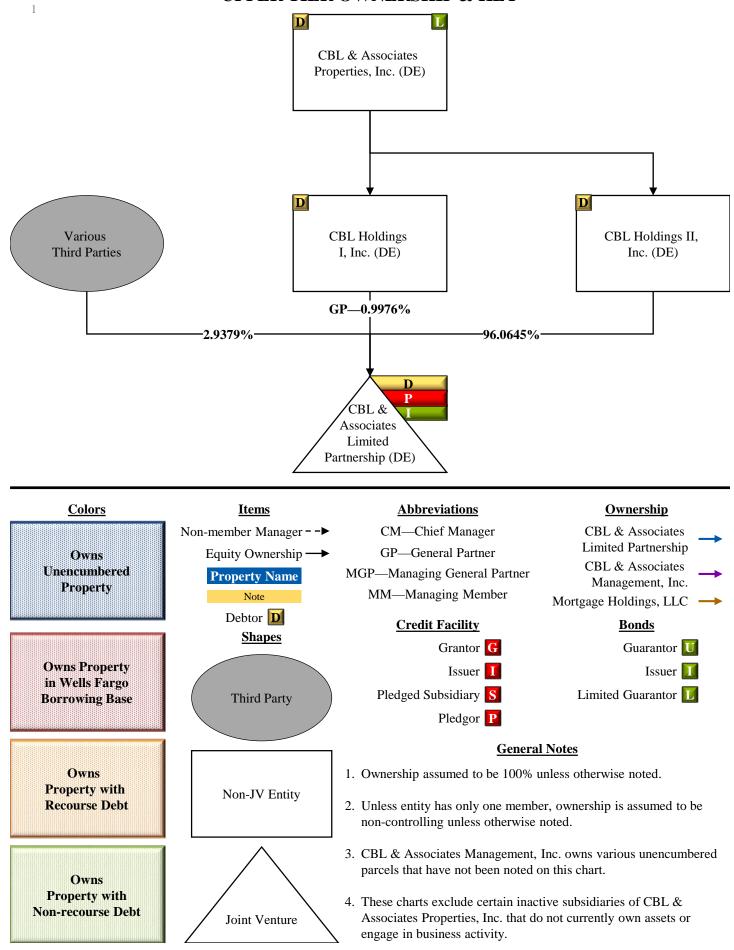
- 51. West Melbourne Town Center LLC (DE)\*
- 52. WestGate Mall CMBS, LLC (DE)
- 53. York Town Center Holding, LP (PA)\*
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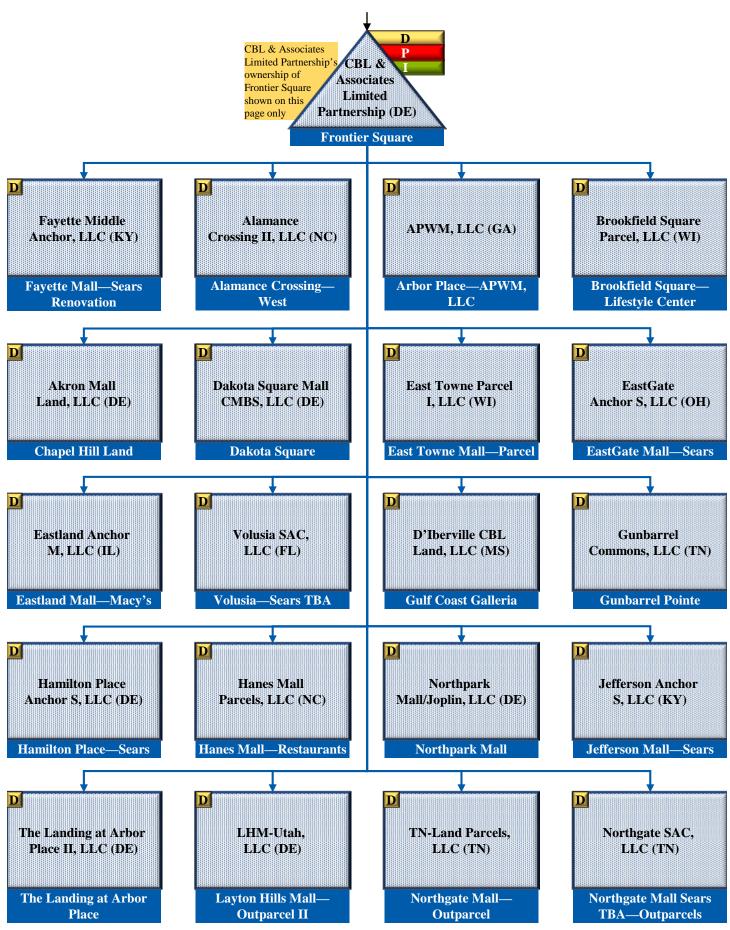
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### ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

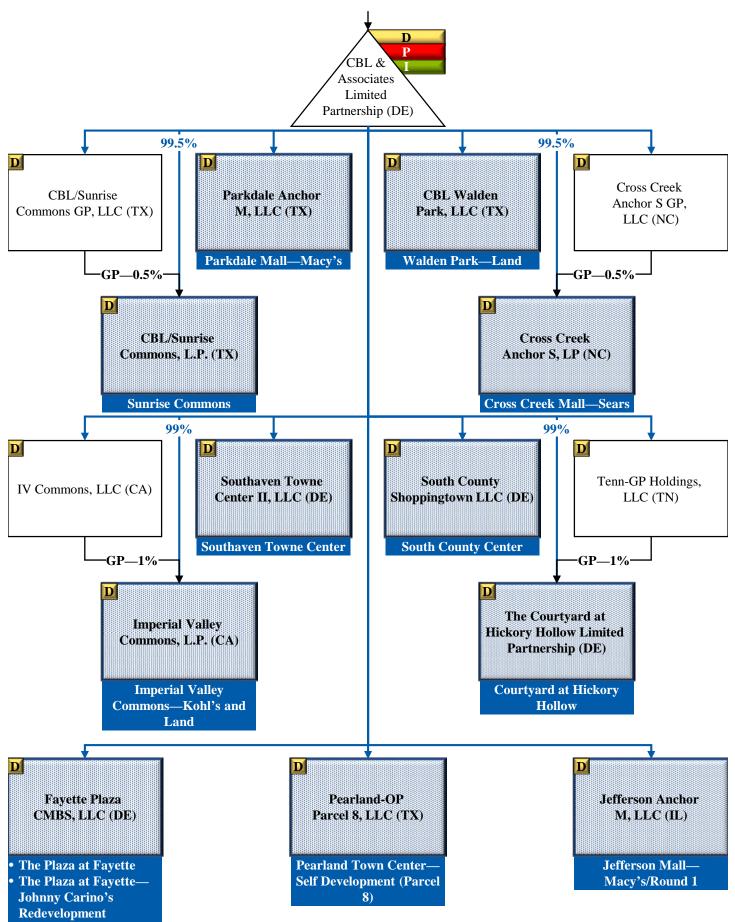
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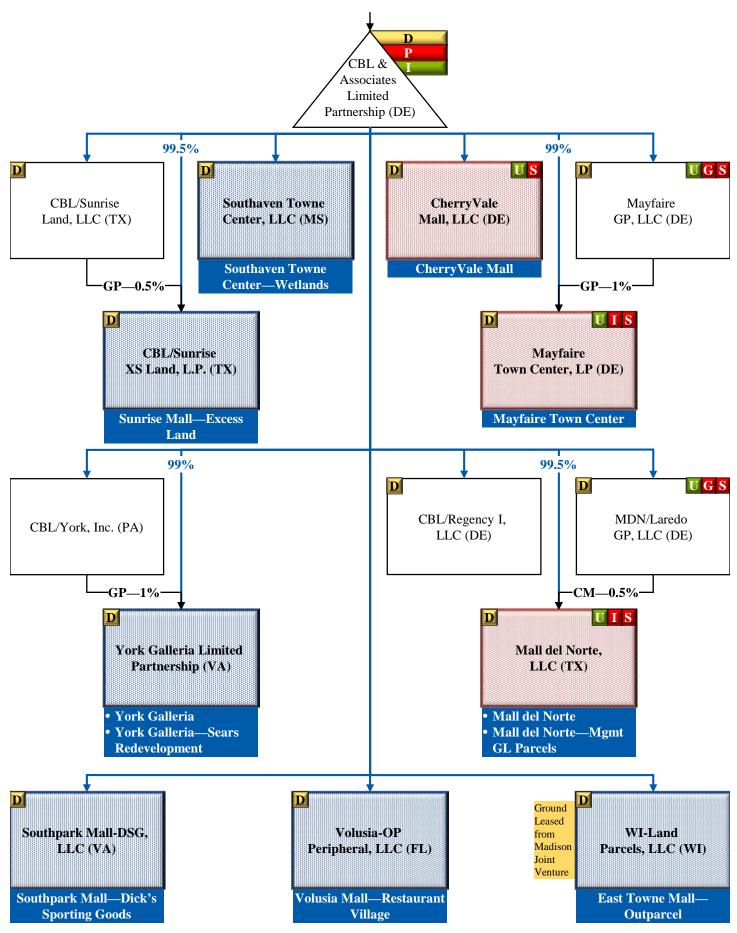




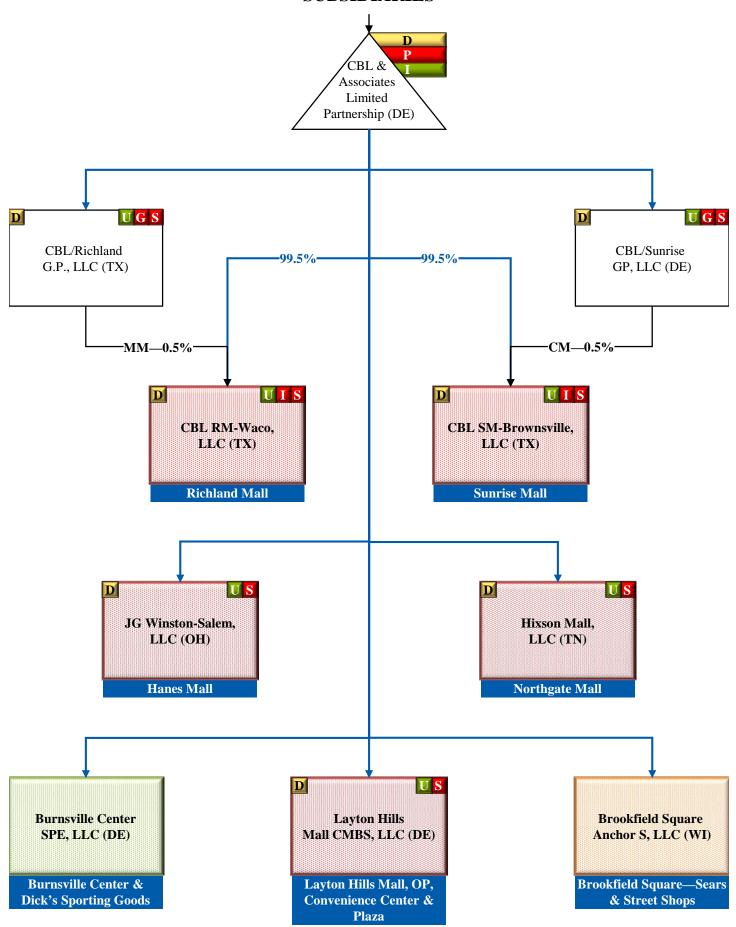




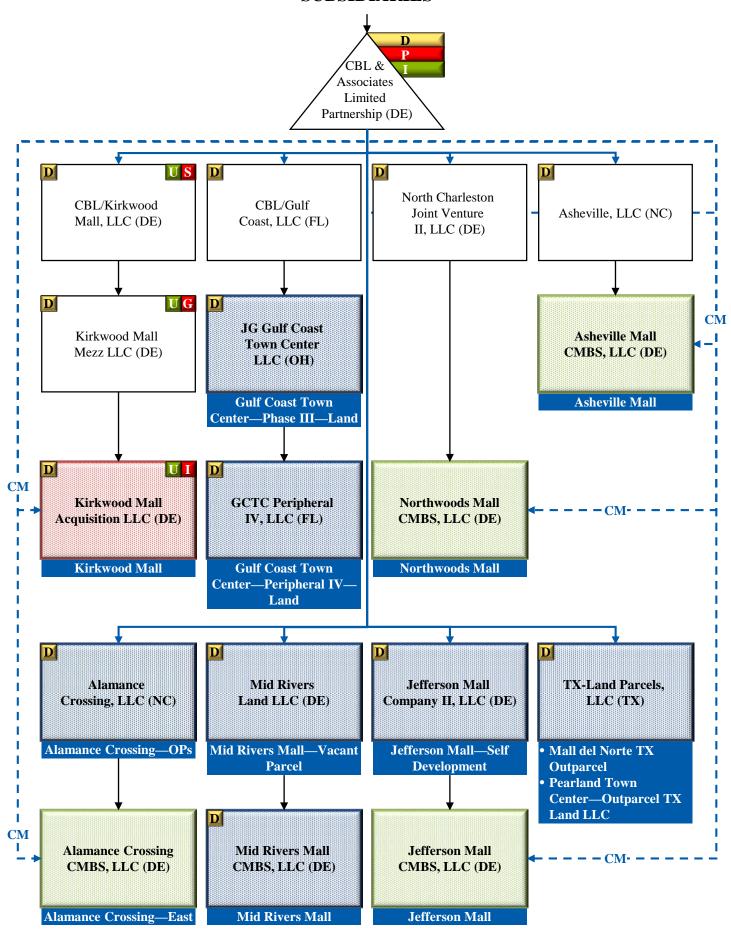


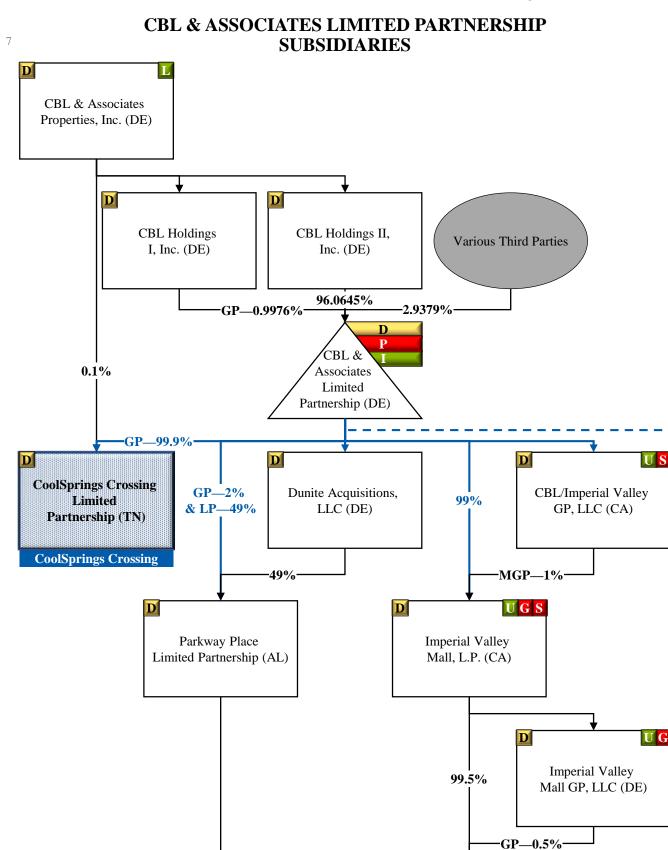


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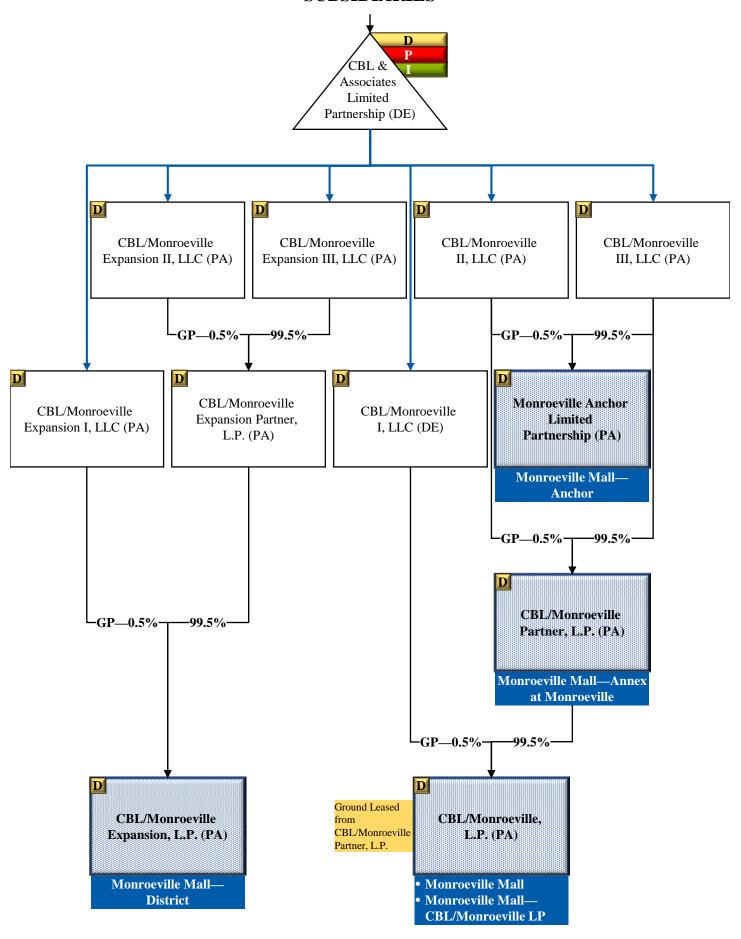
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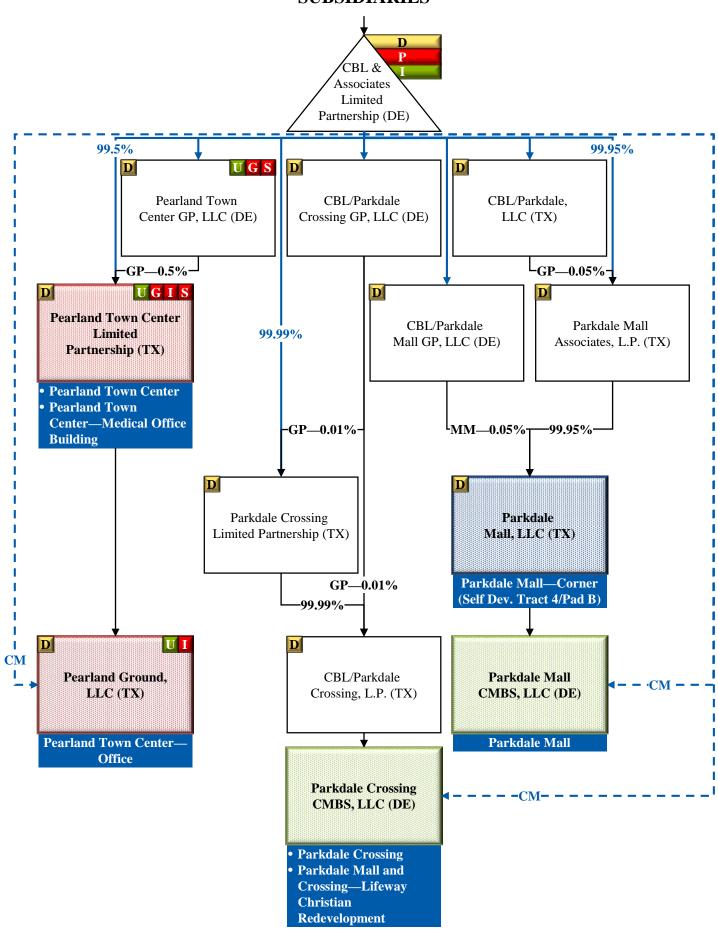
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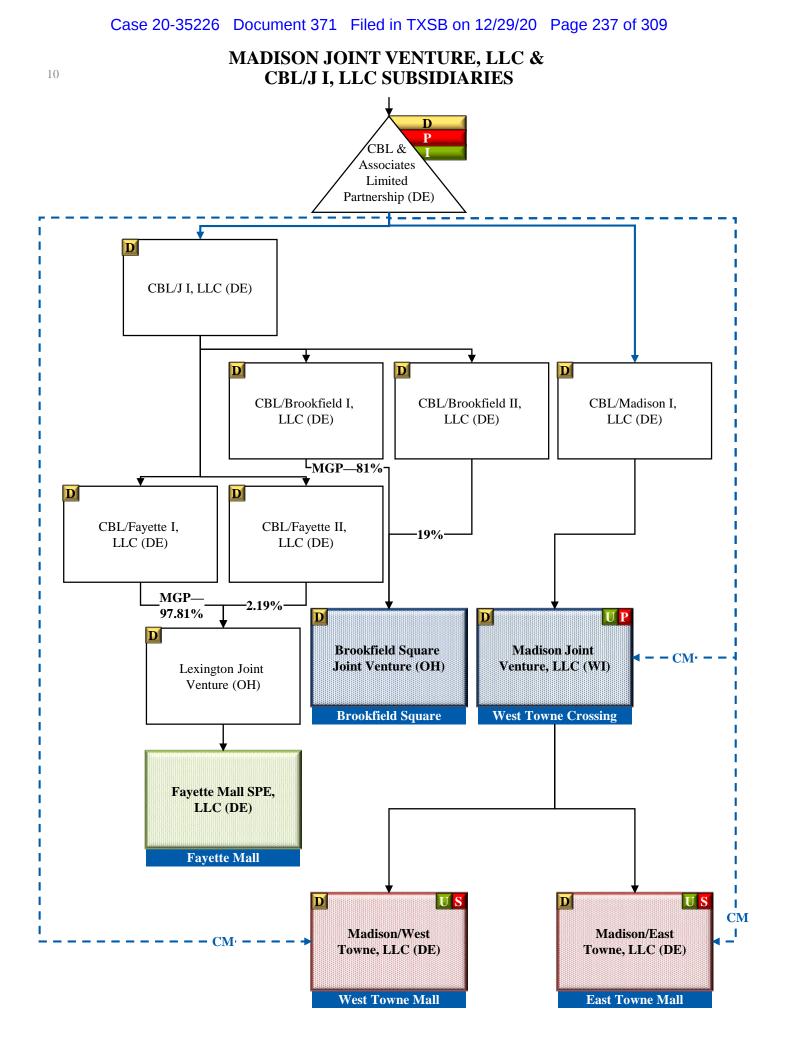
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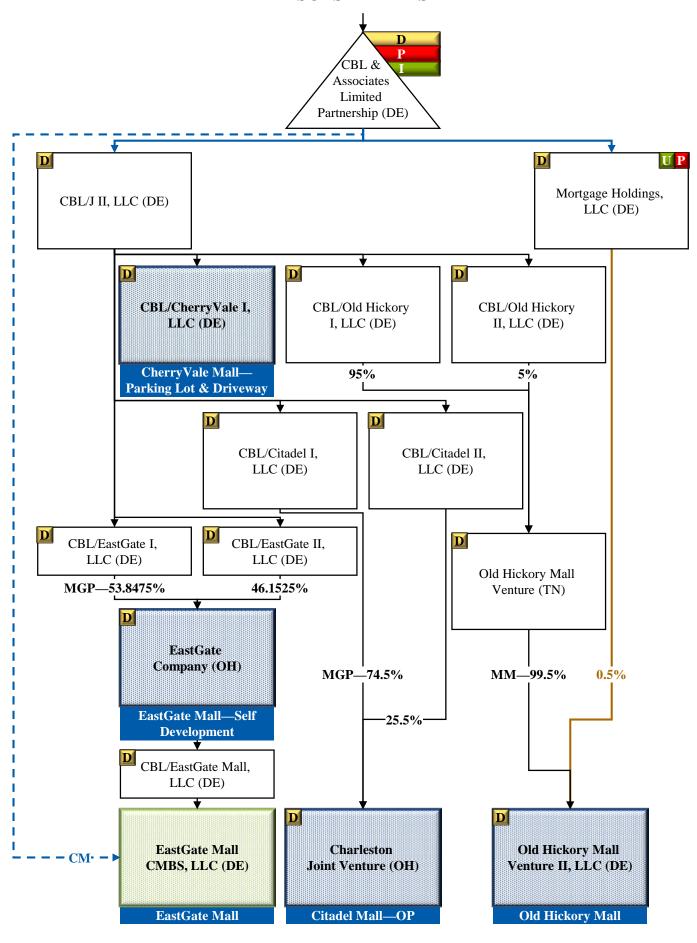




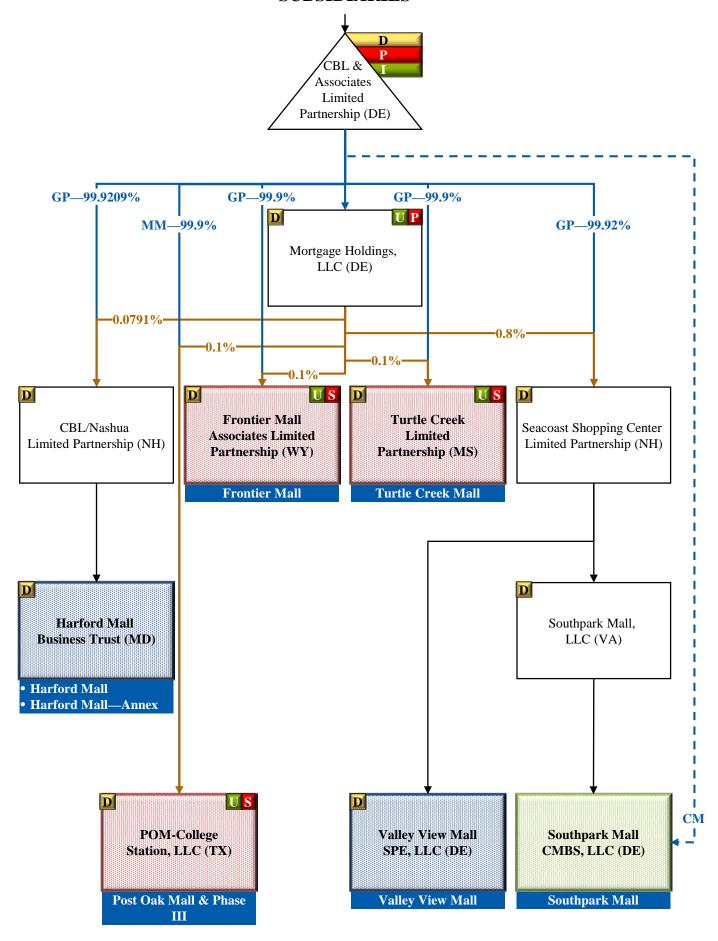


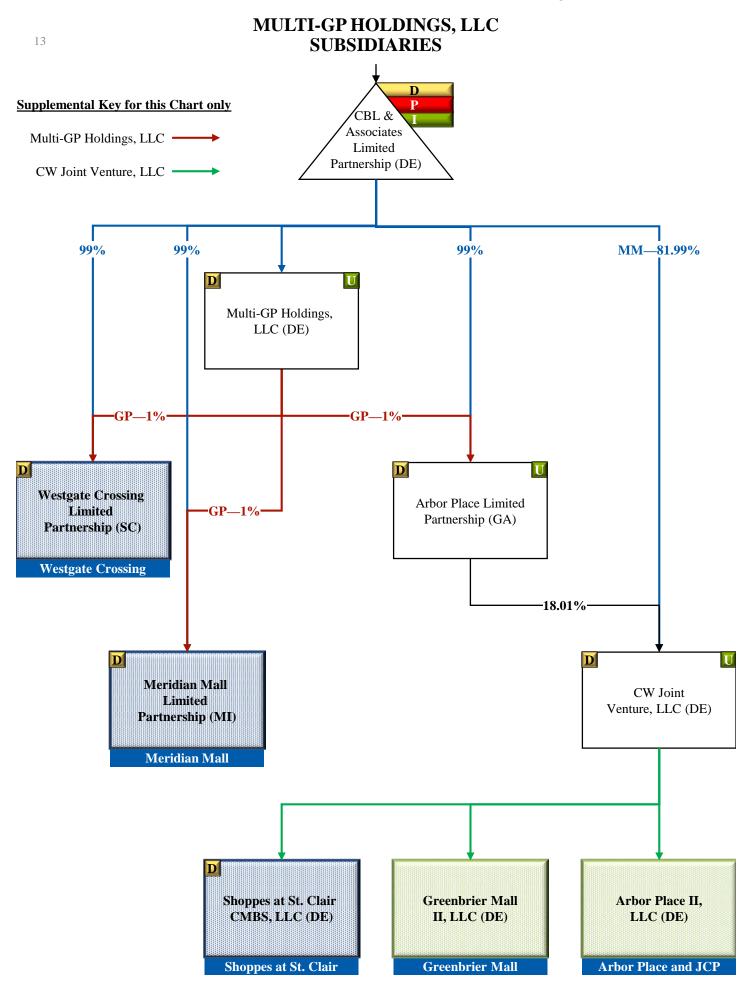


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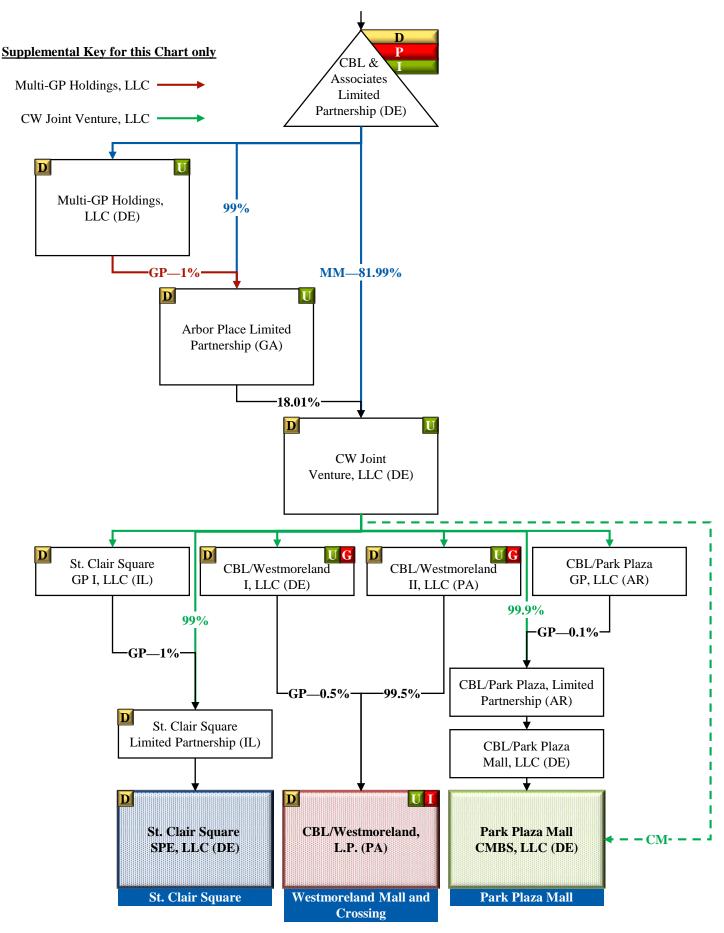


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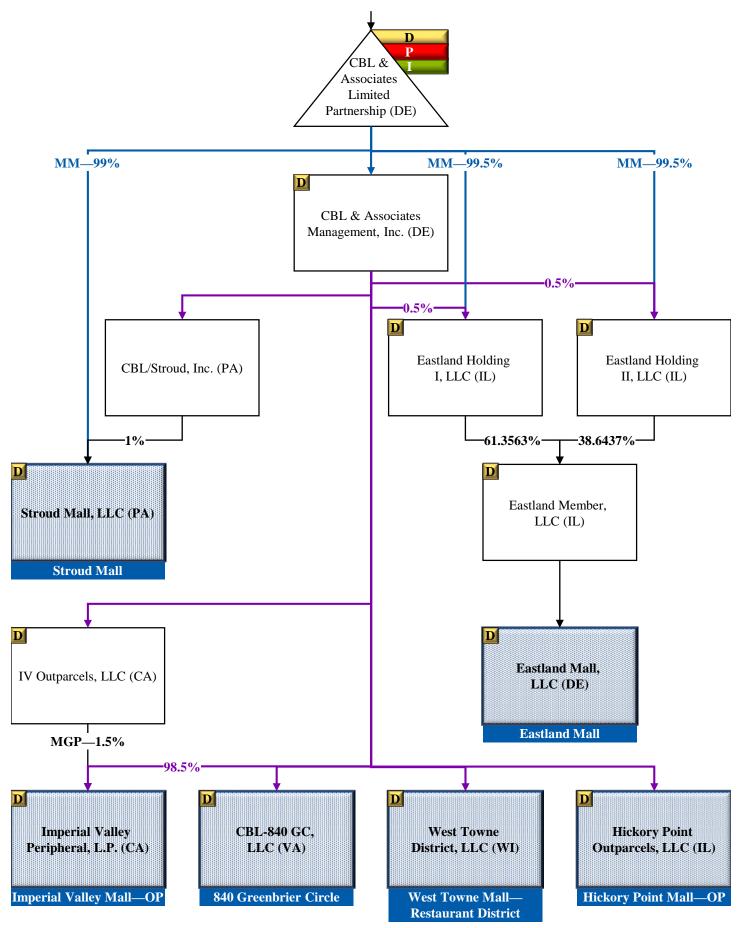






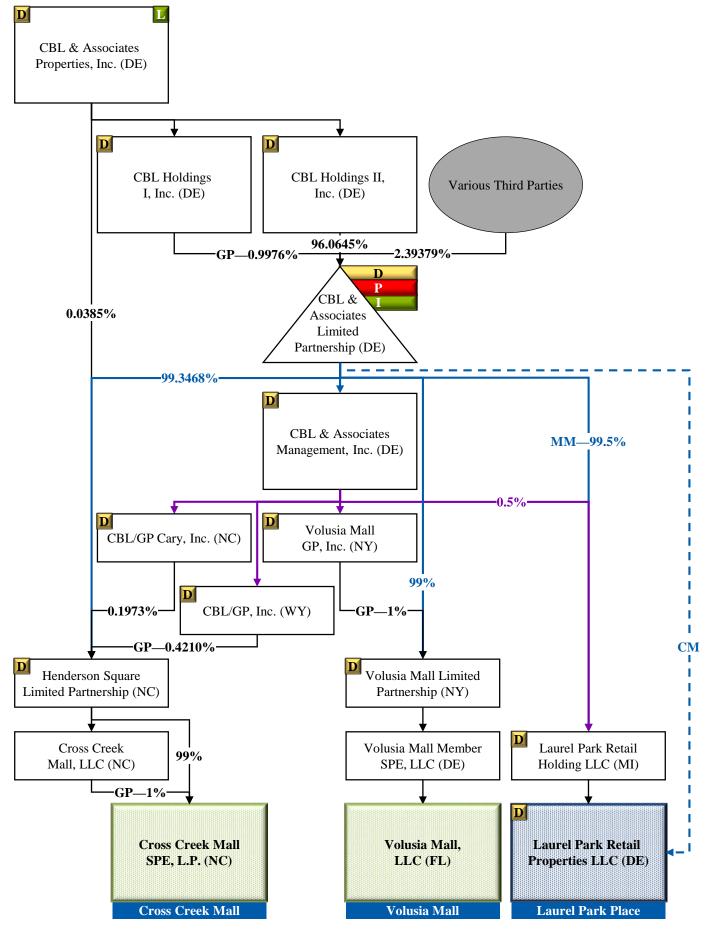




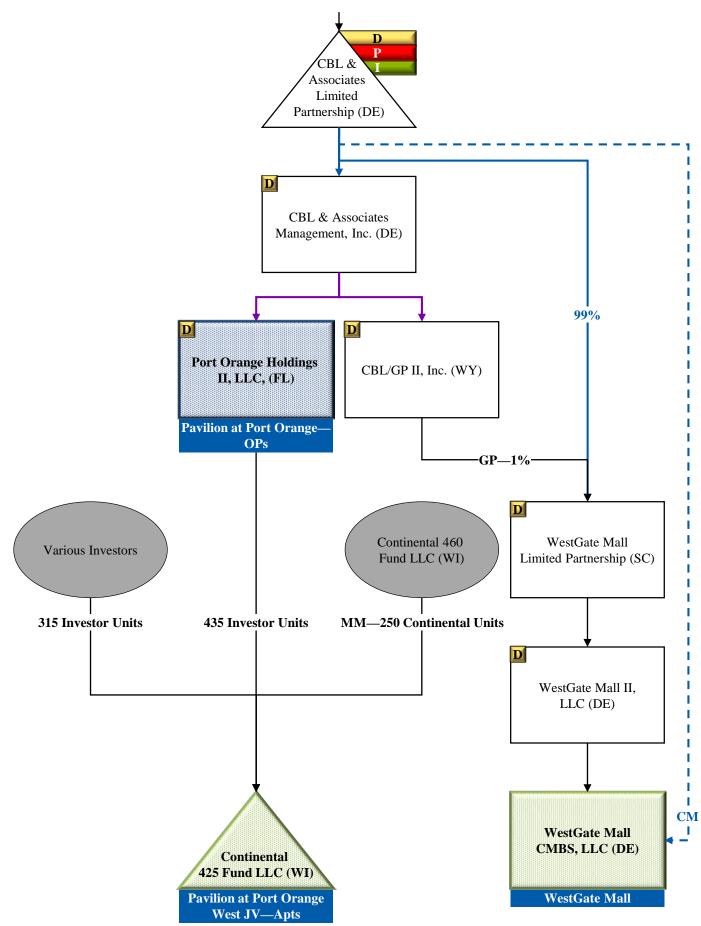






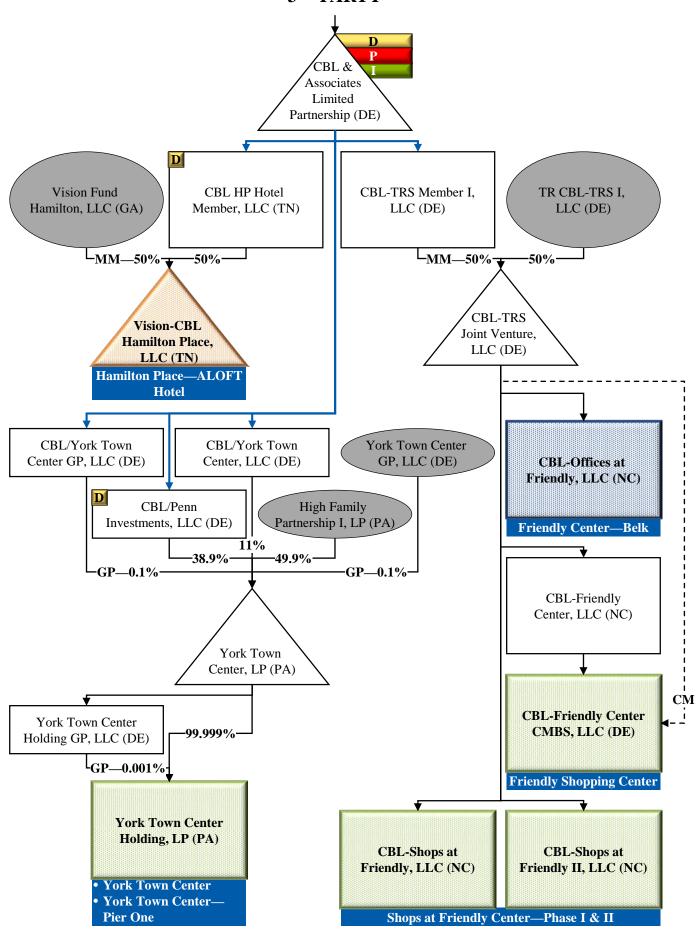


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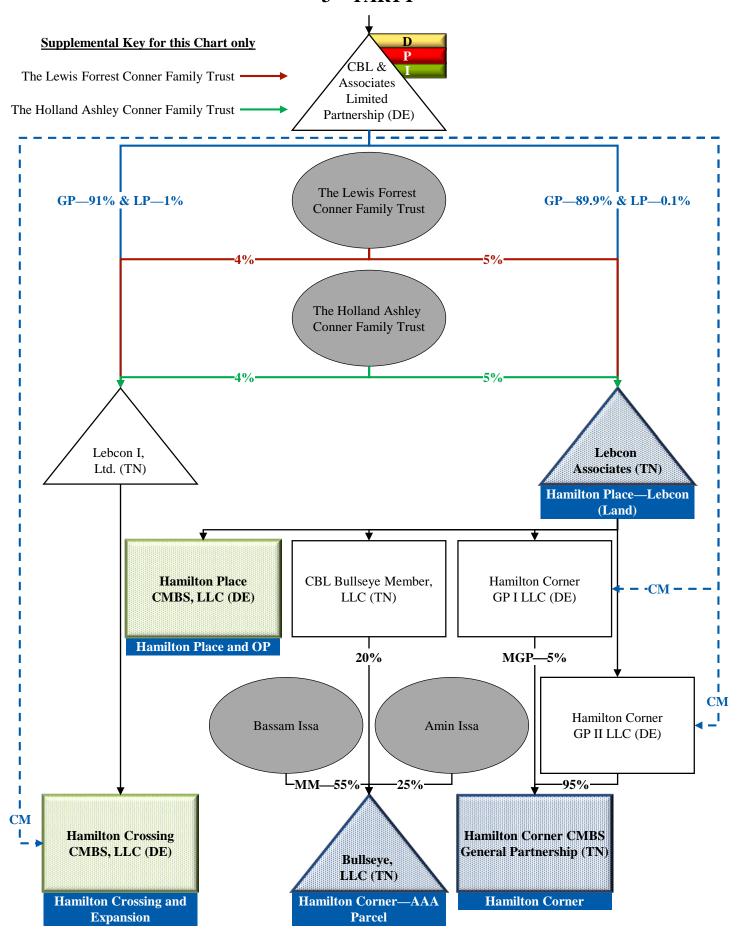




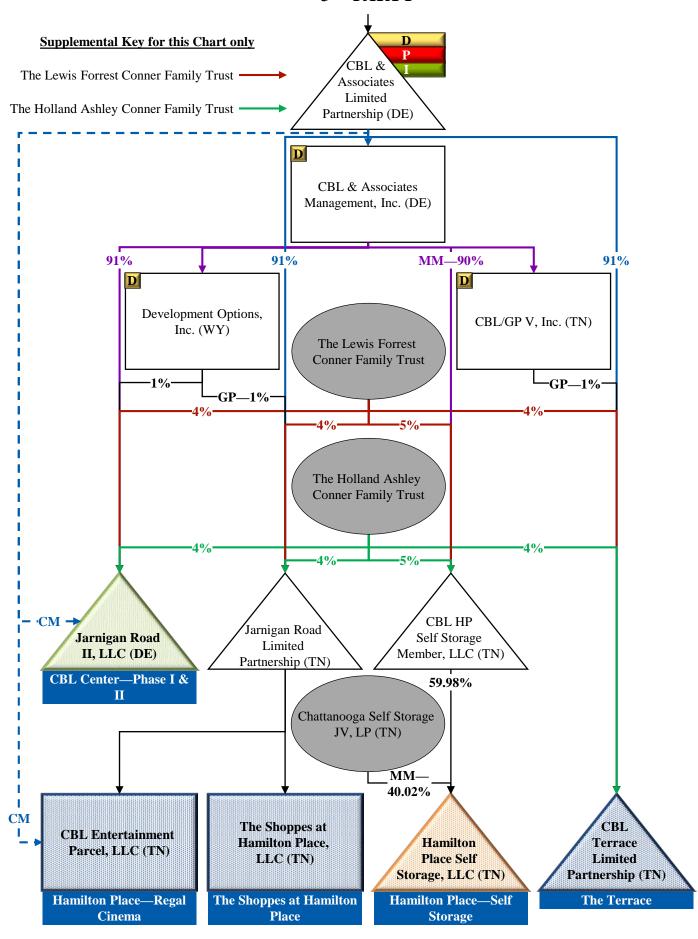




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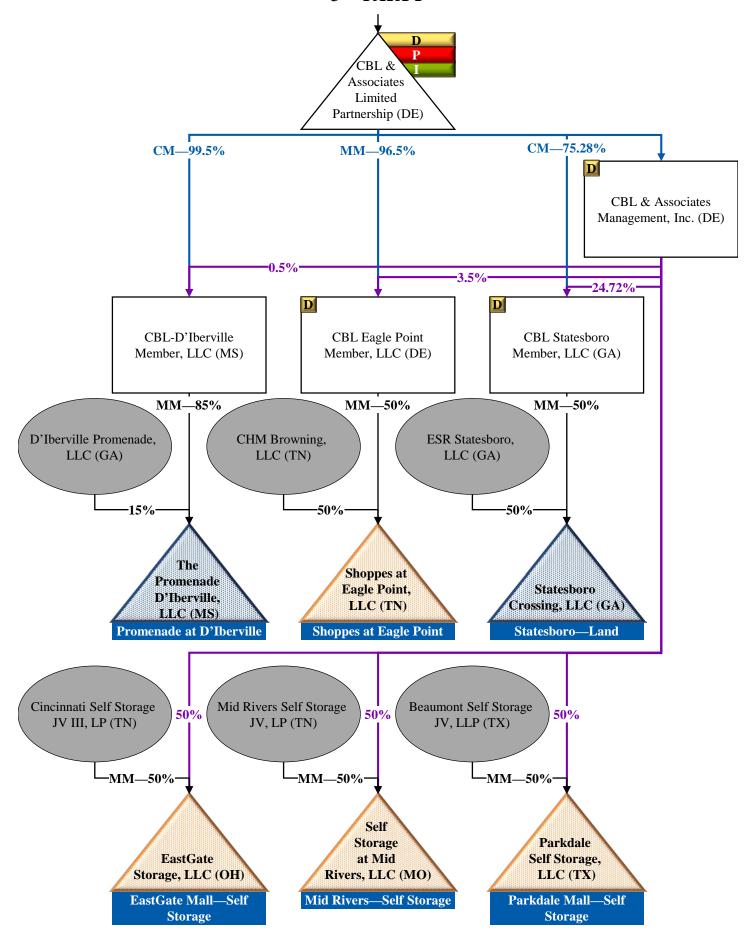


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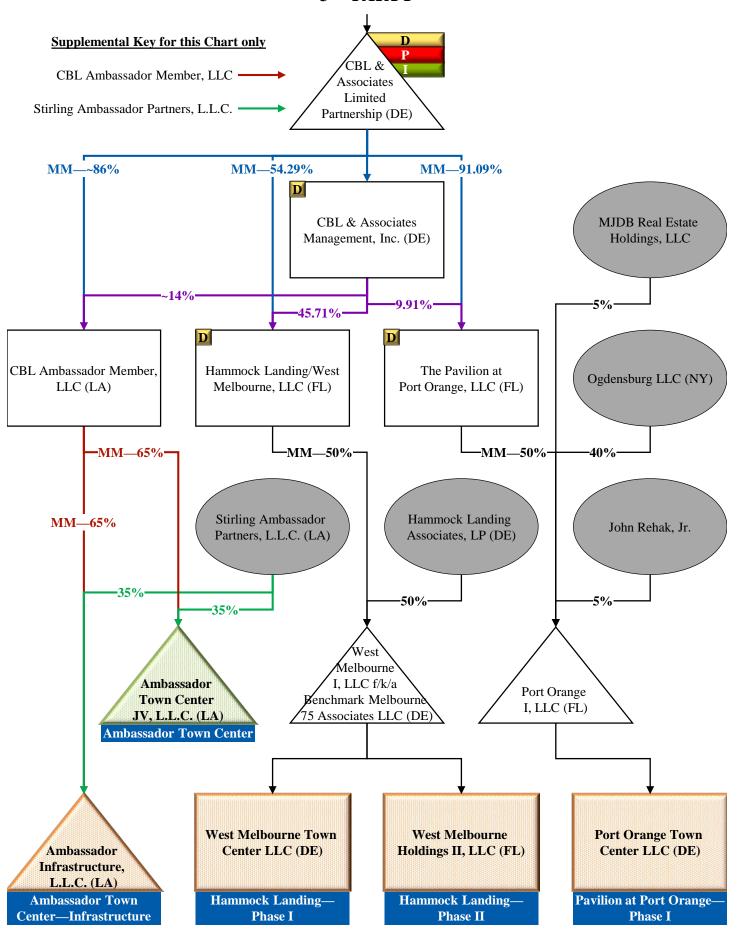


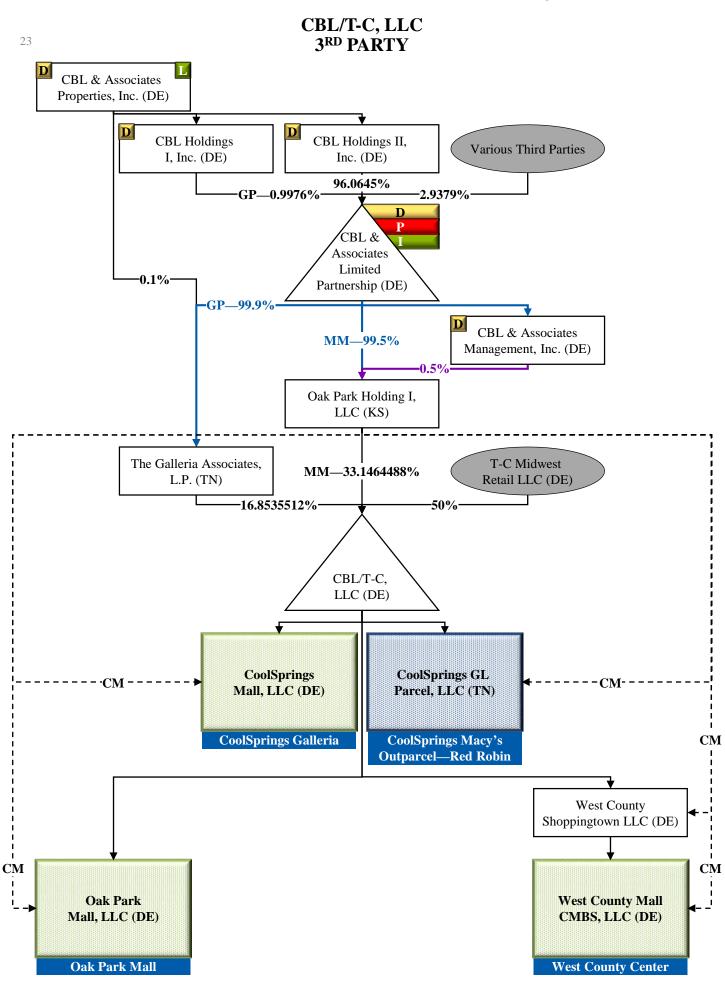


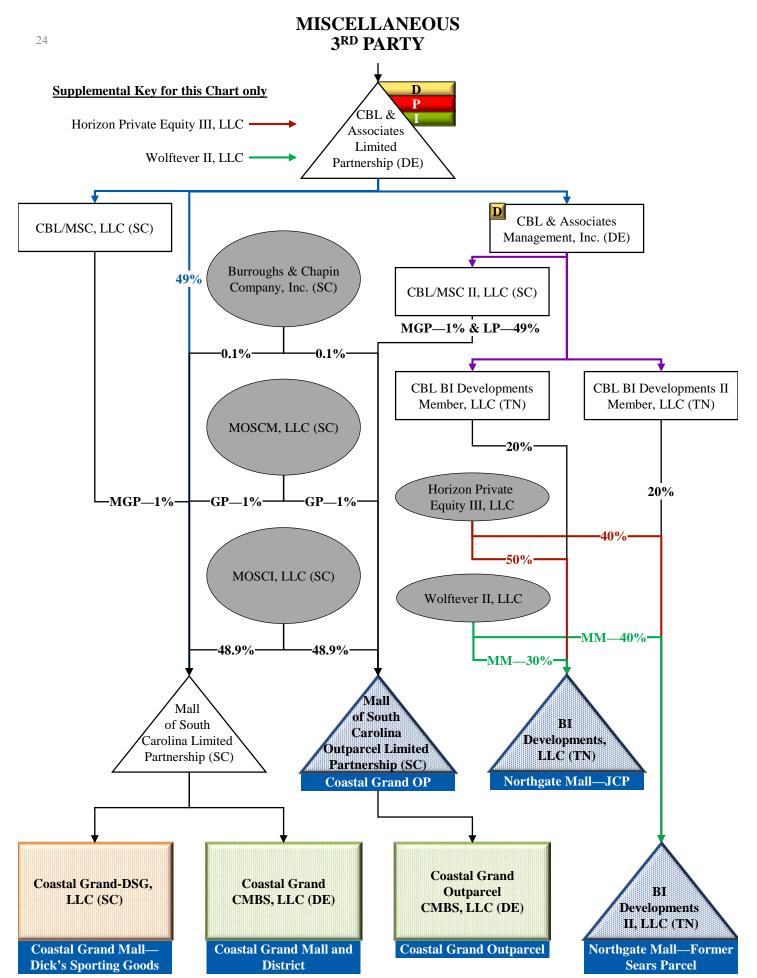


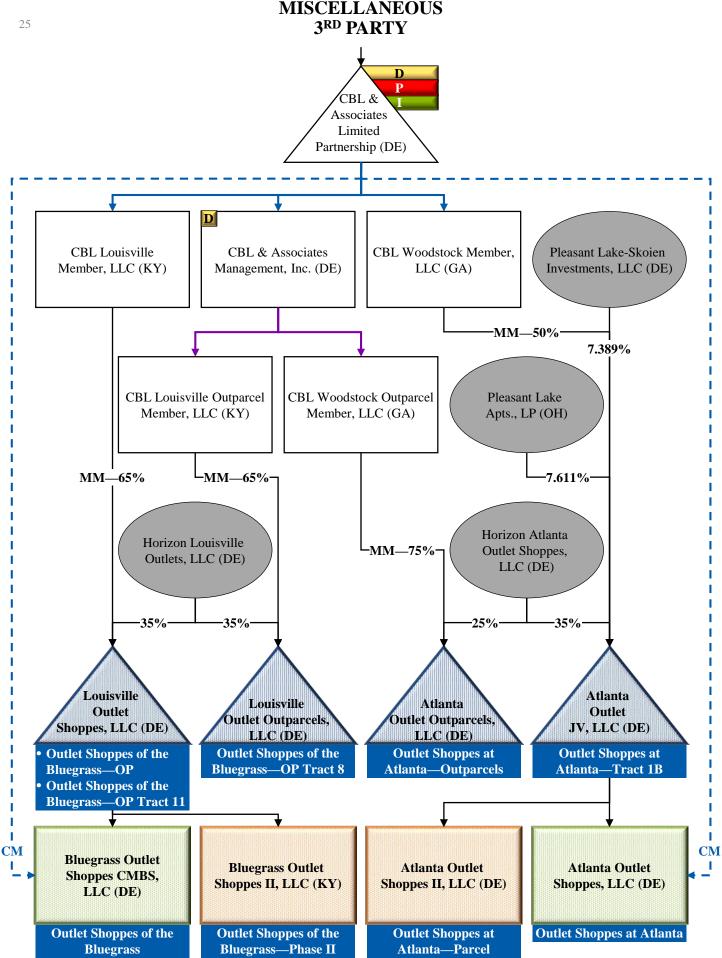


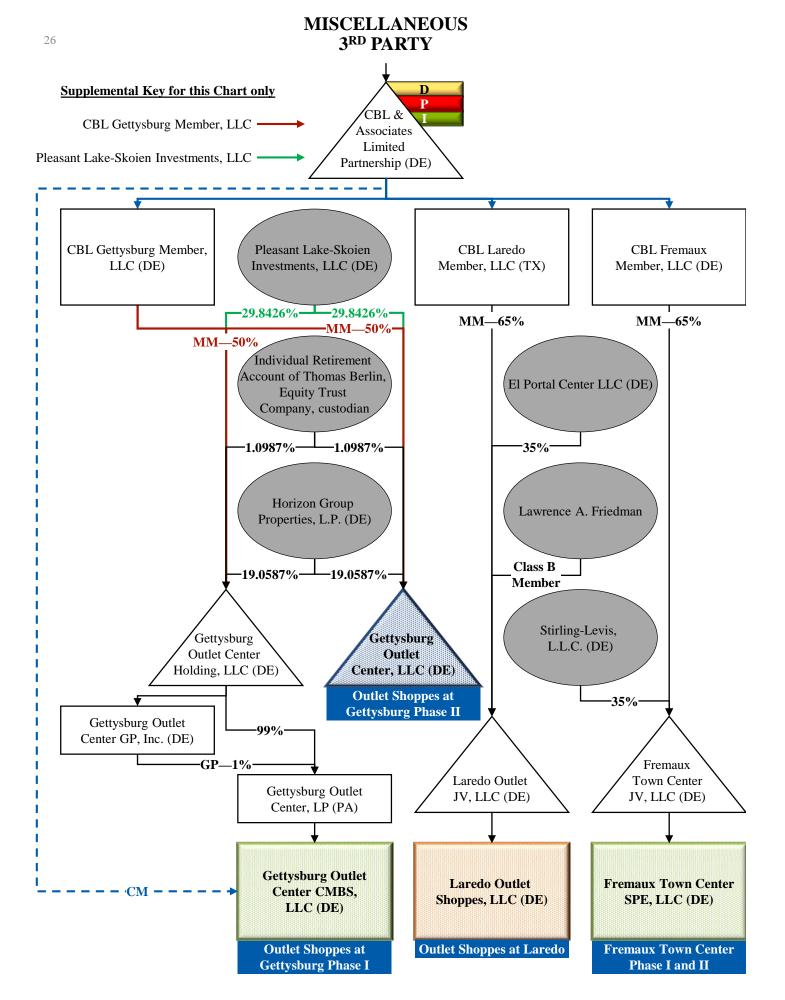
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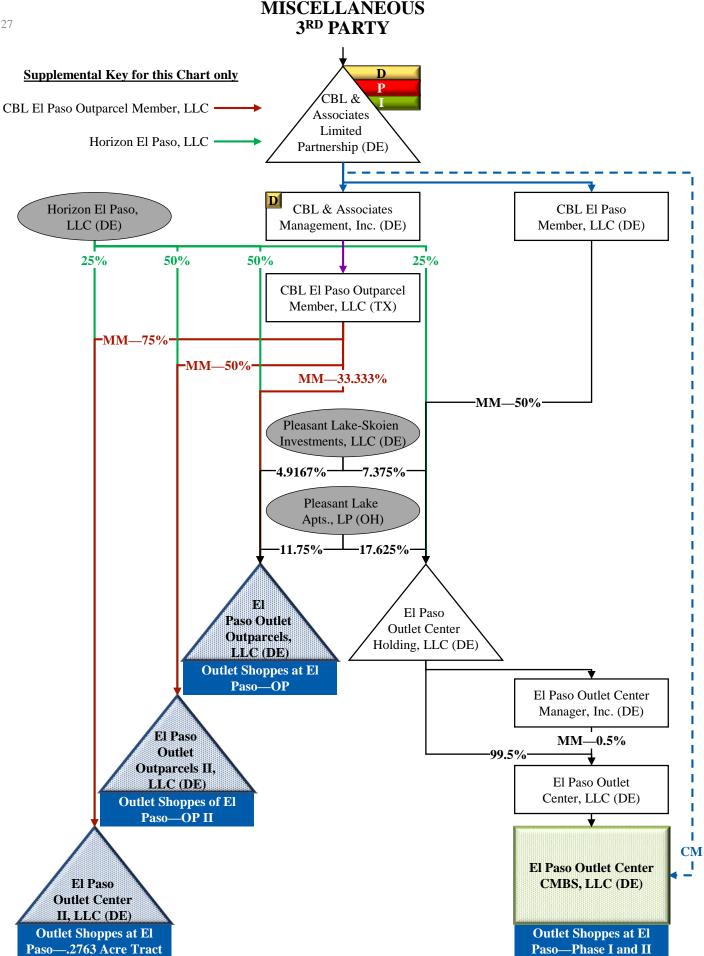


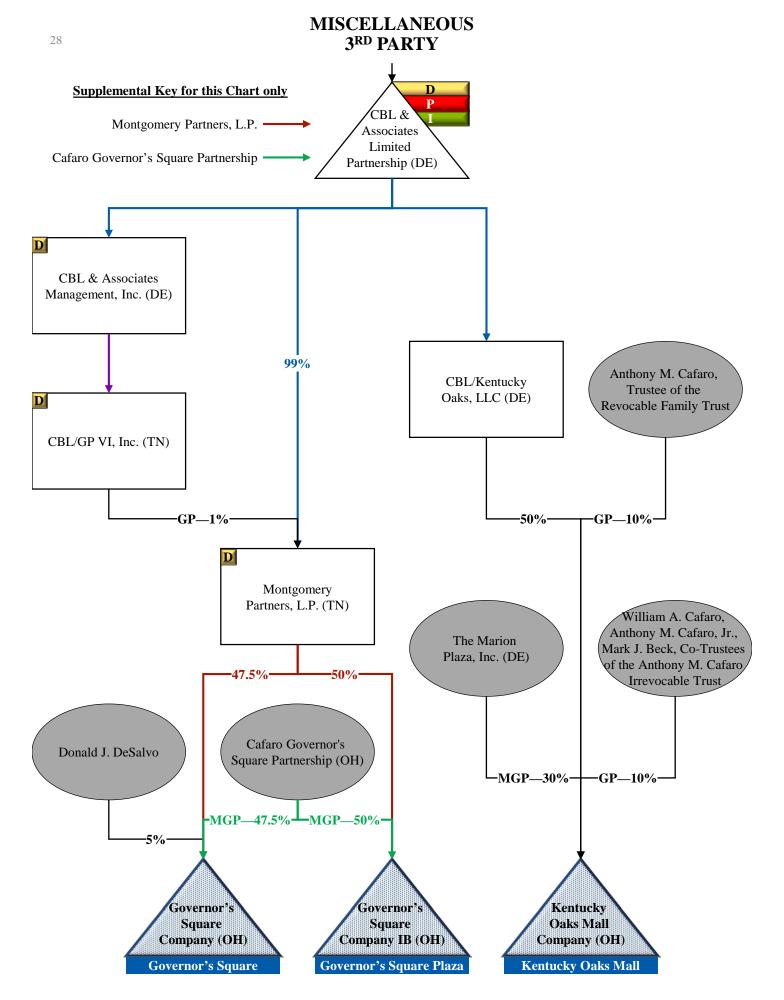






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# EXHIBIT C

## **RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT**

THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT IS NOT AN OFFER OR ACCEPTANCE WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES OR A SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OF A CHAPTER 11 PLAN WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. ANY SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION WILL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND/OR PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT SHALL BE AN ADMISSION OF FACT OR LIABILITY OR, UNTIL THE OCCURRENCE OF THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE ON THE TERMS DESCRIBED HEREIN, DEEMED BINDING ON ANY OF THE PARTIES HERETO.

THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT IS THE PRODUCT OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE PARTIES THERETO. ACCORDINGLY, THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT IS PROTECTED BY RULE 408 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE STATUTES OR DOCTRINES PROTECTING THE USE OR DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS.

THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT DOES NOT PURPORT TO SUMMARIZE ALL OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND OTHER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN, WHICH TRANSACTIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION INCORPORATING THE TERMS SET FORTH HEREIN AND THE CLOSING OF ANY TRANSACTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN SUCH DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION AND THE APPROVAL RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES SET FORTH HEREIN AND IN SUCH DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION.

## **RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT**

This RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT (including all exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto in accordance with <u>Section 13.02</u>, collectively, this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of August 18, 2020 (the "<u>Execution Date</u>"), by and among the following parties (each of the following described in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) of this preamble, collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>"):<sup>1</sup>

CBL & Associates Properties, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the Laws of Delaware (the "<u>Company</u>"), and each of its Affiliates listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Agreement that has executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to this Agreement to counsel to the Consenting Noteholders (collectively and together with the Company, the "<u>Company Parties</u>"); and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined in the preamble and recitals to this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 1.

ii. the undersigned beneficial owners and/or investment advisors or managers of discretionary funds, accounts, or other entities for the holders or beneficial owners of the Company Claims that have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to this Agreement, a Joinder, or a Transfer Agreement to counsel to the Company Parties (collectively, the "<u>Consenting Noteholders</u>").

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders have in good faith and at arm's length negotiated or been apprised of certain restructuring and recapitalization transactions with respect to the Company Parties' capital structure on the terms set forth in this Agreement and as specified in the term sheet attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto (the "<u>Restructuring Term Sheet</u>" and, such transactions as described in this Agreement and the Restructuring Term Sheet, collectively, the "<u>Restructuring Transactions</u>");

**WHEREAS**, the Company Parties will implement the Restructuring Transactions through the commencement by the Company Parties of voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court (the cases commenced, the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have agreed to take certain actions in support of the Restructuring Transactions on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Restructuring Term Sheet;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each of the Company Parties (jointly and severally) and each of the Consenting Noteholders (severally but not jointly), intending to be legally bound hereby, agrees as follows:

## AGREEMENT

## Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.

1.01. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement have the meanings given to such terms in the Restructuring Term Sheet attached hereto. Additionally, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

"2023 Missed Payment" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.02(b).

"<u>2023 Notes</u>" means CBL Limited Partnership's 5.25% Senior Notes due 2023, issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$450 million, pursuant to the Indenture.

"2026 Missed Payment" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.02(b).

"<u>2026 Notes</u>" means CBL Limited Partnership's 5.95% Senior Notes due 2026, issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$625 million, pursuant to the Indenture.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such Person as of the date on which, or at any time during the period for which, the determination of affiliation is being made (including any affiliated funds of such Person). For purposes of this definition, the term "control" (including the correlative meanings of the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to the Company Parties, Affiliates shall not include any of the Company Parties' joint venture partners.

"<u>Agreement</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Agreement Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.

"<u>Agreement Effective Period</u>" means, with respect to a Party, the period from the Agreement Effective Date to the Termination Date applicable to that Party.

"Akin Gump" means Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP.

"<u>Alternative Restructuring Proposal</u>" means any plan, inquiry, proposal, offer, bid, term sheet, discussion, or agreement with respect to a sale, disposition, new-money investment, restructuring, reorganization, merger, amalgamation, acquisition, consolidation, dissolution, debt investment, equity investment, liquidation, asset sale, share issuance, tender offer, recapitalization, plan of reorganization, share exchange, business combination, joint venture or similar transaction involving any one or more Company Parties, or any Affiliates of the Company Parties, or the debt, equity, or other interests in any one or more Company Parties or any Affiliates of the Company Parties, in each case other than the Restructuring Transactions.

"<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>" means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532, as amended.

"<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>" means the United States Bankruptcy Court administering the Chapter 11 Cases, in such jurisdiction as determined with the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Company Parties.

"<u>Business Day</u>" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a U.S. federal holiday as recognized by banking institutions in the City of New York.

"<u>Causes of Action</u>" means any action, Claim, cause of action, controversy, demand, right, action, lien, indemnity, existing equity interest, guaranty, suit, obligation, liability, damage, judgment, account, defense, offset, power, privilege, license, and franchise of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known, unknown, contingent or noncontingent, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, secured or

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unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, in contract or in tort, in law or in equity, or pursuant to any other theory of law.

"<u>CBL Limited Partnership</u>" means CBL & Associates Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership.

"Chapter 11 Cases" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"<u>Claim</u>" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

"<u>Common Equity Interests</u>" means the common stock of the Company and the common units, and all classes of special common units of the CBL Limited Partnership.

"<u>Company</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"<u>Company Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Company Party, including the Notes Claims.

"Company Interests" means any existing equity interest in the Company Parties.

"<u>Company Parties</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"<u>Confirmation Order</u>" means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan pursuant to Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, which Confirmation Order shall be in accordance with this Agreement and the Definitive Documentation.

"<u>Consenting Noteholders</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Definitive Documentation" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.

"<u>Disclosure Statement</u>" means the related disclosure statement with respect to the Plan, which Disclosure Statement shall be in accordance with this Agreement and the Definitive Documentation.

"Entity" has the meaning set forth in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.

"Execution Date" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"<u>Exchange Act</u>" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"<u>Final Order</u>" means an order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court (or any other court of competent jurisdiction) entered by the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (or such other court) on the docket in the Chapter 11 Cases (or the docket of such other court), which has not been modified, amended, reversed, vacated or stayed and as to which (A) the time to appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal, petition for certiorari or motion for new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall then be pending

or (B) if an appeal, writ of certiorari, new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing thereof has been sought, such order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court (or other court of competent jurisdiction) shall have been affirmed by the highest court to which such order was appealed, or certiorari shall have been denied, or a new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall have been denied or resulted in no modification of such order, and the time to take any further appeal, petition for certiorari or move for a new trial, stay, reargument or rehearing shall have expired, as a result of which such order shall have become final in accordance with Rule 8002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure; provided that the possibility that a motion under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, may be filed relating to such order, shall not cause an order not to be a Final Order.

"<u>First Day Pleadings</u>" means the first-day pleadings that the Company Parties determine, with the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, are necessary or desirable to file.

"<u>Governmental Entity</u>" means any U.S. or non-U.S. international, regional, federal, state, municipal or local governmental, judicial, administrative, legislative or regulatory authority, entity, instrumentality, agency, department, commission, court, or tribunal of competent jurisdiction (including any branch, department or official thereof).

"Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated as of November 26, 2013, among CBL Limited Partnership, as issuer, the Company, as limited guarantor, and the Indenture Trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented by that certain First Supplemental Indenture dated as of November 26, 2013 by and among the CBL Limited Partnership, the Company, and the Indenture Trustee, the Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 13, 2016 by and among the CBL Limited Partnership, the Company and the Indenture Trustee and the Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of January 30, 2019 by and among CBL Limited Partnership, the Company, the subsidiary guarantors of the Company party thereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors"), and the Indenture Trustee, pursuant to which the Notes are outstanding.

"<u>Indenture Trustee</u>" means Delaware Trust Company, as successor trustee under the Indenture.

"<u>Law</u>" means any law, constitution, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, judgment, order, decree, treaty, convention, governmental directive or other legally enforceable requirement, U.S. or non-U.S., of any Governmental Entity, including common law.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease having substantially the same.

"<u>New Equity Interests</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>New Organizational Documents</u>" means all organizational and governance documents for the reorganized Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

"Non-Consenting Noteholder" has the meaning set forth in Section 12(b).

"Notes" means, collectively, the 2023 Notes, the 2024 Notes and the 2026 Notes.

"<u>Notes Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Company Party arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Notes or the Indenture.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, firm, corporation (including any non-profit corporation), partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, Governmental Entity or other entity or organization.

"<u>Petition Date</u>" means the date on which the Company Parties commence the Chapter 11 Cases.

"<u>PJT Partners</u>" means PJT Partners LP, as financial advisor to the Consenting Noteholders.

"<u>Plan</u>" means the joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization filed by the Company Parties in the Chapter 11 Cases to implement the Restructuring Transactions in accordance with this Agreement and the Definitive Documentation.

"<u>Plan Effective Date</u>" means the date on which all conditions to consummation of the Plan have been satisfied in full or waived, in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and the Plan becomes effective.

"<u>Plan Supplement</u>" means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan that will be filed by the Company Parties with the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with this Agreement and the Definitive Documentation.

"<u>Preferred Equity Interests</u>" means the preferred stock of the Company and the preferred units of the CBL Limited Partnership.

"<u>Qualified Marketmaker</u>" means an entity that (a) holds itself out to the public or the applicable private markets as standing ready in the ordinary course of business to purchase from customers and sell to customers Company Claims (or enter with customers into long and short positions in Company Claims), in its capacity as a dealer or market maker in Company Claims and (b) is, in fact, regularly in the business of making a market in claims against issuers or borrowers (including debt securities or other debt).

"<u>Required Consenting Noteholders</u>" means, as of the relevant date, Consenting Noteholders that collectively hold at least 75% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes held by all such Consenting Noteholders.

"Restructuring Term Sheet" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Restructuring Transactions" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"<u>Section 16 Officer</u>" means any employee of the Company Parties who is subject to the disclosure requirements of Section 16(a) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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

"<u>Solicitation Materials</u>" means all solicitation materials in respect of the Plan together with the Disclosure Statement, which Solicitation Materials shall be in accordance with this Agreement and the Definitive Documentation.

"<u>Termination Date</u>" means the date on which termination of this Agreement as to a Party is effective in accordance with <u>Sections 11.01</u>, <u>11.02</u>, <u>11.03</u>, or <u>11.04</u>.

"<u>**Transfer**</u>" means to sell, resell, reallocate, use, pledge, assign, transfer, hypothecate, participate, donate or otherwise encumber or dispose of, directly or indirectly (including through derivatives, options, swaps, pledges, forward sales or other transactions).

1.02. <u>Interpretation</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:

(a) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender;

(b) capitalized terms defined only in the plural or singular form shall nonetheless have their defined meanings when used in the opposite form;

(c) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that such document shall be substantially in such form or substantially on such terms and conditions;

(d) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to an existing document, schedule, or exhibit shall mean such document, schedule, or exhibit, as it may have been or may be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time; <u>provided</u> that any capitalized terms herein which are defined with reference to another agreement, are defined with reference to such other agreement as of the date of this Agreement, without giving effect to any termination of such other agreement or amendments to such capitalized terms in any such other agreement following the date hereof;

(e) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to "Sections" are references to Sections of this Agreement;

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(f) the words "herein," "hereof," and "hereto" refer to this Agreement in its entirety rather than to any particular portion of this Agreement;

(g) captions and headings to Sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of this Agreement;

(h) references to "shareholders", "directors", and/or "officers" shall also include "members", "partners", and/or "managers", as applicable, as such terms are defined under the applicable limited liability company or partnership Laws;

(i) the use of "include" or "including" is without limitation, whether stated or not;

(j) the phrase "counsel to the Company Parties" refers in this Agreement to counsel specified in <u>Section 13.10(a)</u>;

(k) the phrase "counsel to the Consenting Noteholders" refers in this Agreement to counsel specified in <u>Section 13.10(b)</u>; and

(l) the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed herein.

**Section 2.** *Effectiveness of this Agreement.* This Agreement shall become effective and binding upon each of the Parties at 12:01 a.m., prevailing New York local time, on the date on which all of the following conditions have been satisfied or waived in accordance with this Agreement (the "<u>Agreement Effective Date</u>"):

(a) each of the Company Parties shall have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages of this Agreement to counsel to the Consenting Noteholders;

(b) each of the Consenting Noteholders, who hold in the aggregate at least 54% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Notes shall have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages of this Agreement to counsel to the Company Parties; and

(c) the Company Parties shall have timely paid all (i) invoiced and outstanding fees and expenses of Akin Gump, one local counsel, and PJT Partners (to the extent that such advisors are for the ad hoc group of Consenting Noteholders and not any individual Consenting Noteholder) and (ii) reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses of individual Consenting Noteholders (including fees and expenses of external counsel) not to exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate.

#### Section 3. *Definitive Documentation*.

3.01. The documents related to or otherwise utilized to implement or effectuate the Restructuring Transactions (collectively, the "<u>Definitive Documentation</u>") shall include, without limitation, the following: (A) the Plan and its exhibits, ballots, and solicitation procedures; (B) the Confirmation Order; (C) the Disclosure Statement; (D) the order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement and the other Solicitation Materials; (E) the First Day

Pleadings and all orders sought pursuant thereto; (F) the Plan Supplement; (G) the Warrants and any related documentation; (H) the documentation issuing and setting forth the rights, preferences and privileges of the New Equity Interests; (I) the Registration Rights Agreement; (J) the New Organizational Documents; (K) the New Notes indenture and any related documentation; and (L) such other agreements and documentation reasonably desired or necessary to consummate and document the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Restructuring Term Sheet, and the Plan.

3.02. Upon completion, the Definitive Documentation and every other document, deed, agreement, filing, notification, letter or instrument related to the Restructuring Transactions shall contain terms, conditions, representations, warranties, and covenants consistent with the terms of this Agreement, as they may be modified, amended, or supplemented in accordance with <u>Section 12</u>. Further, the Definitive Documentation not executed or in a form attached to this Agreement as of the Execution Date shall otherwise be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and, the Required Consenting Noteholders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the New Organizational Documents shall be acceptable only to the Required Consenting Noteholders; <u>provided</u>, further, <u>however</u>, that the Required Consenting Noteholders will consult with the Company Parties regarding such New Organizational Documents, <u>provided</u>, that nothing in the New Organizational Documents shall adversely impact the economic recovery of the holders of Common Equity Interests as set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

## Section 4. Commitments of the Consenting Noteholders.

## 4.01. General Commitments, Forbearances, and Waivers.

(a) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder severally, and not jointly, agrees to:

(i) support the Restructuring Transactions and vote and exercise any powers or rights available to it (including in any shareholders', or creditors' meeting or in any process requiring voting or approval to which they are legally entitled to participate) in each case in favor of any matter requiring approval to the extent reasonably necessary to implement the Restructuring Transactions, including, but not limited to, supporting any request by the Company Parties for further interest rate forbearance periods in advance of the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases;

(ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to give, subject to applicable Laws, any notice, order, instruction, or direction to the Indenture Trustee necessary to give effect to the Restructuring Transactions; and

(iii) negotiate in good faith and use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and implement the Definitive Documentation that are consistent with this Agreement to which it is required to be a party;

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(b) During the Agreement Effective Period, subject to applicable Laws and as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, each Consenting Noteholder severally, and not jointly, agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly:

(i) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with acceptance, implementation, or consummation of the Restructuring Transactions;

(ii) propose, file, support, or vote for any Alternative Restructuring Proposal;

(iii) file any motion, pleading, or other document with the Bankruptcy Court or any other court (including any modifications or amendments thereof) that, in whole or in part, is not materially consistent with this Agreement or the Plan;

(iv) initiate, or have initiated on its behalf, any litigation or proceeding which would materially or unreasonably delay, impede, or interfere with the implementation or consummation of the Restructuring Transactions, other than to enforce this Agreement or any Definitive Documentation or as otherwise permitted under this Agreement; or

(v) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with the Company Parties' or their Affiliates' ownership and possession of their assets, wherever located, or interfere with the automatic stay arising under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u> that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of any Party to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement, the Confirmation Order, or any Definitive Documentation.

4.02. <u>Commitments with Respect to Chapter 11 Cases</u>.

(a) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder that is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan pursuant to its terms agrees that it shall, subject to receipt by such Consenting Noteholder, whether before or after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, of the Solicitation Materials:

(i) vote each of its Company Claims to accept the Plan by delivering its duly executed and completed ballot accepting the Plan on a timely basis following the commencement of the solicitation of the Plan and its actual receipt of the Solicitation Materials and the ballot that meet the requirements of Sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code; provided, however, that the consent or votes of the Consenting Noteholders shall be immediately revoked and deemed null and void *ab initio* upon the occurrence of the Termination Date (other than a Termination Date as a result of the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date);

(ii) to the extent it is permitted to elect whether to opt out of the releases set forth in the Plan, elect not to opt out of the releases set forth in the Plan by timely delivering its duly executed and completed ballot(s) indicating such election; and

(iii) not change, withdraw, amend, or revoke (or cause to be changed, withdrawn, amended, or revoked) any vote or election referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) above; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing in this Agreement shall prevent any Party from withholding,

amending or revoking (or causing the same) its timely consent or vote with respect to the Plan if this Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms with respect to such Party (other than a Termination Date as a result of the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date).

(b) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder, in respect of each of its Company Claims, will not directly or indirectly object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with any motion or other pleading or document filed by a Company Party in the Bankruptcy Court that is contemplated by and in accordance with this Agreement.

4.03. Waiver of Prior Events of Default. The Consenting Noteholders acknowledge and agree that each of the Events of Default (as such term is defined under the Indenture) under the Indenture resulting from the failure by the Company to make each of the payments of (i) the interest payment originally due and payable on June 1, 2020 for the 2023 Notes (the "2023 Missed Payment") and (ii) the interest payment originally due and payable on June 15, 2020 for the 2026 Notes (the "2026 Missed Payment") are no longer continuing under the Indenture as a result of the Company making each of the 2023 Missed Payment and the 2026 Missed Payment in full on August 5, 2020. Further, in the event that either the Indenture Trustee or other holders of the 2023 Notes or 2026 Notes, as applicable, take any action to declare either or both of the 2023 Notes or the 2026 Notes immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 502 under the Indenture, solely due to either or both of Events of Default (as such term is defined under the Indenture) under the Indenture resulting from the 2023 Missed Payment or 2026 Missed Payment, the Consenting Noteholders agree (solely to the extent permitted under the Indenture) to rescind and cancel any such acceleration(s); provided, however, that in no event shall the Consenting Noteholders be required to provide an indemnity or bear responsibility for any out of pocket costs related to any such rescission and cancellation.

4.04. <u>No Liabilities</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, including this <u>Section 4</u>, nothing in this Agreement shall require any Consenting Noteholder to incur any expenses, liabilities or other obligations, or agree to any commitments, undertakings, concessions, indemnities or other arrangements that could result in expenses, liabilities or other obligations to any Consenting Noteholder. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, nothing in this <u>Section 4.04</u> shall serve to limit, alter or modify any Consenting Noteholder's express obligations under the terms of this Agreement.

**Section 5.** *Additional Provisions Regarding the Consenting Noteholders' Commitments.* Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall: (a) subject to any confidentiality obligations set forth in the Indenture, this Agreement or in any confidentiality agreement entered into by a Company Party and the Consenting Noteholders, or the advisors to the Consenting Noteholders, affect the ability of any Consenting Noteholder to consult with any other Consenting Noteholder, the Company Parties, or any other party in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases (including any official committee and the United States Trustee); (b) impair or waive the rights of any Consenting Noteholder to assert or raise any objection permitted under this Agreement in connection with the Restructuring Transactions; (c) prevent any Consenting Noteholder from enforcing this Agreement; (d) other than as may be required by

a court of competent jurisdiction, including the Bankruptcy Court, require any Consenting Noteholder to provide any information that it determines, in its sole discretion, to be sensitive or confidential; (e) obligate a Consenting Noteholder to deliver a vote to support the Plan or prohibit a Consenting Noteholder from withdrawing such vote, in each case from and after the Termination Date (other than a Termination Date as a result of the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date); provided, however, that upon the withdrawal of any such vote after the Termination Date (other than a Termination Date as a result of the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date), such vote shall be deemed null and void *ab initio* and such Consenting Noteholder shall have the opportunity to change its vote; (f) (i) prevent any Consenting Noteholder to take any action which is prohibited by applicable Law or to waive or forego the benefit of any applicable legal/professional privilege; (g) prevent any Consenting Noteholder by reason of this Agreement or the Restructuring Transactions from making, seeking, or receiving any regulatory filings, notifications, consents, determinations, authorizations, permits, approvals, licenses, or the like; or (h) prohibit any Consenting Noteholder from taking any action that is not inconsistent with this Agreement.

## Section 6. Commitments of the Company Parties.

6.01. <u>Affirmative Commitments</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Section 7</u>, during the Agreement Effective Period, the Company Parties agree to:

(a) support and take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to consummate the Restructuring Transactions in accordance with this Agreement, including the applicable milestones set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet (the "<u>Milestones</u>"), provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be deemed an approval by the Company to commence the Chapter 11 Cases, for which separate board approval shall be required;

(b) support and take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to facilitate solicitation of the Plan in accordance with this Agreement and the Milestones;

(c) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain entry of the Confirmation Order and to cause the Confirmation Order to become a Final Order;

(d) to the extent any legal or structural impediment arises that would prevent, hinder, or delay the consummation of the Plan or the Restructuring Transactions contemplated herein, use commercially reasonable efforts to negotiate in good faith with the Required Consenting Noteholders in an effort to agree to appropriate additional or alternative provisions or alternative implementation mechanics to address any such impediment;

(e) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any and all required regulatory (including self-regulatory) and/or third-party approvals for the Restructuring Transactions;

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(f) negotiate in good faith and use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and deliver the Definitive Documentation and any other required agreements to effectuate and consummate the Restructuring Transactions as contemplated by this Agreement;

(g) to the extent the Company Parties receive any Joinders or Transfer Agreements, notify the Consenting Noteholders of such Joinders and Transfer Agreements as soon as practicable after receiving such Joinders or Transfer Agreements;

(h) provide draft copies of all substantive motions, documents, and other pleadings to be filed in the Chapter 11 Cases to counsel to the Consenting Noteholders if reasonably practicable at least two (2) Business Days prior to the date when the Company Parties intend to file such documents, and, without limiting any approval rights set forth in this Agreement, consult in good faith with counsel to the Consenting Noteholders regarding the form and substance of any such proposed filing; notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that not less than two (2) Business Days' notice is not reasonably practicable under the circumstances, the Company Parties shall provide draft copies of any such motions, documents, or other pleadings to counsel to the applicable Consenting Noteholders as soon as otherwise reasonably practicable before the date when the Company intends to file any such motion, documents, or other pleading;

(i) subject to any confidentiality agreements between the Company and the Consenting Noteholders and their advisors, provide, and direct their employees, officers, advisors, and other representatives to provide, to each of the Consenting Noteholders, and each of their respective legal and financial advisors, (i) reasonable access to the management and advisors of the Company Parties on reasonable advance notice to such persons and without disruption to the operation of the Company Parties' business, and (ii) such other information as reasonably requested by the Consenting Noteholders or their respective legal and financial advisors;

(j) timely file a formal objection to any motion filed with the Bankruptcy Court by a third party seeking the entry of an order, (i) directing the appointment of a trustee or examiner (with expanded powers beyond those set forth in sections 1106(a)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code), (ii) converting the Chapter 11 Cases to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) dismissing the Chapter 11 Cases;

(k) inform counsel to the Consenting Noteholders as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of: (i) any notice of any commencement of any involuntary insolvency proceedings, legal suit for payment of debt or securement of security from or by any person in respect of any Company Party; (ii) a breach of this Agreement (including a breach by any Company Party); and (iii) any representation or statement made or deemed to be made by them under this Agreement which is or proves to have been materially incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed to be made;

(l) upon request of the Required Consenting Noteholders, inform Akin Gump and PJT Partners as to: (i) the material business and financial performance of the Company Parties and each of its and their direct and indirect subsidiaries, (ii) the status and progress of the Restructuring Transactions, including progress in relation to negotiations of the Definitive Documents and the

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status of any negotiations with other stakeholders, and (iii) the status of obtaining any necessary or desirable authorizations (including any consents) from any stakeholder or joint venture partner, any competent judicial body, governmental authority, banking, taxation, supervisory, or regulatory or self-regulatory) body or any stock exchange;

(m) use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain the good standing of all Company Parties and any joint ventures or other entity in which any Company Party has an equity interest in under the Laws of the state or other jurisdiction in which they are incorporated or organized, provided, however, that the Company Parties' obligations pursuant to this section 6.01(l) shall only apply if, and to the extent, a Company Party has authority to maintain such status per the terms of the joint venture or entity agreement;

(n) timely pay all fees and expenses as set forth in <u>Section 13.23</u> of this Agreement; provided that the Company Parties shall not be responsible for any fees incurred after the termination of this Agreement (other than with respect to fees and expenses incurred after the termination of this Agreement due to the consummation of the Plan on the Plan Effective Date); and

(o) timely file a formal objection to any motion filed with the Bankruptcy Court by a third party seeking the entry of an order modifying or terminating the Company Parties' exclusive right to file and/or solicit acceptances of a plan of reorganization, as applicable.

6.02. <u>Negative Commitments</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Section 7</u>, during the Agreement Effective Period, each of the Company Parties shall not directly or indirectly:

(a) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with acceptance, implementation, or consummation of the Restructuring Transactions;

(b) take any action (i) that is inconsistent in any material respect with the Restructuring Transactions described in this Agreement or the Plan, (ii) is intended to frustrate or impede approval, implementation and consummation of the Restructuring Transactions described in this Agreement or the Plan, or (iii) would have the effect of frustrating or impeding approval, implementation and consummation of the Restructuring Transactions described in this Agreement or the Plan, or (iii) would have the effect of frustrating or impeding approval, implementation and consummation of the Restructuring Transactions described in this Agreement or the Plan;

(c) modify the Plan, in whole or in part, in a manner that is not consistent with this Agreement in all material respects;

(d) file any motion, pleading, or Definitive Documentation with the Bankruptcy Court or any other court (including any modifications or amendments thereof) that, in whole or in part, is not materially consistent with this Agreement (including the consent rights of the Required Consenting Noteholders set forth herein as to the form and substance of such motion, pleading or Definitive Document) or the Plan; or

(e) seek or solicit any Alternative Restructuring Proposal.

#### Section 7. Additional Provisions Regarding Company Parties' Commitments.

7.01. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall require a Company Party or the board of directors, board of managers, or similar governing body of a Company Party, upon advice of external counsel, to continue performing under this Agreement, to take any action or to refrain from taking any action with respect to the Restructuring Transactions to the extent taking or failing to take such action would cause such Company Party or the board of directors, board of managers or similar governing body of a Company Party to violate applicable Law or its fiduciary obligations under applicable Law, and any such action or inaction pursuant to this <u>Section 7.01</u> shall not be deemed to constitute a breach of this Agreement. At all times prior to the date on which the Company Parties enter into any definitive agreement in respect of an Alternative Restructuring Proposal that a majority of the board of directors, board of managers or similar governing body of a Company Party determines in good faith consistent with its fiduciary duties, after receiving advice from external counsel, is a proposal that represents a higher or otherwise better recovery to the Company's stakeholders than the Restructuring Transactions contemplated herein and in the Restructuring Term Sheet, the Company Parties shall (x) provide to Akin Gump and PJT Partners a copy of any written offer or proposal (and notice and a description of any oral offer or proposal) for such Alternative Restructuring Proposal, in each case, identifying the Person making such Alternative Restructuring Proposal and specifying in detail the material terms and conditions of such Alternative Restructuring Proposal within two (2) Business Day of the Company Parties' or their advisors' receipt of such offer or proposal and (y) provide such information to Akin Gump and PJT Partners regarding such discussions (including copies of any materials provided to such parties hereunder) as necessary to keep Akin Gump and PJT Partners contemporaneously informed as to the status and substance of such discussions. The Company Parties shall have first exercised their right in accordance with Section 11.02(c) of this Agreement to declare a termination event prior to the date on which the Company Parties enter into a definitive agreement in respect of such an Alternative Restructuring Proposal or make a public announcement regarding their intention to do so. Upon any determination by any Company Party to exercise a fiduciary out, the other Parties to this Agreement shall be immediately and automatically relieved of any obligation to comply with their respective covenants and agreements herein in accordance with Section 11.05 hereof.

7.02. Nothing in this Agreement shall: (a) impair or waive the rights of any Company Party to assert or raise any objection permitted under this Agreement in connection with the Restructuring Transactions; or (b) prevent any Company Party from enforcing this Agreement or contesting whether any matter, fact, or thing is a breach of, or is inconsistent with, this Agreement.

#### Section 8. Transfer of Interests and Securities.

8.01. During the Agreement Effective Period, no Consenting Noteholder shall Transfer any ownership (including any beneficial ownership as defined in the Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) in any Company Claims, in whole or in part, to any affiliated or unaffiliated party, including any party in which it may hold a direct or indirect beneficial interest, unless: either (i) the transferee executes and delivers to counsel to the Company Parties, at or before the time of the proposed Transfer, either (x) a transfer agreement in the form attached here to as Exhibit C (each, a "<u>**Transfer Agreement**</u>") or (y) a joinder in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D (each, a "<u>Joinder</u>") or (ii) the transferee is a Consenting Noteholder or an affiliate thereof and the transferee provides notice of such Transfer (including the amount and type of Company Claim Transferred) to counsel to the Consenting Noteholders by the close of business on the second Business Day following such Transfer.

8.02. Upon compliance with the requirements of <u>Section 8.01</u>, the transferor shall be deemed to relinquish its rights (and be released from its obligations) under this Agreement to the extent of the rights and obligations in respect of such transferred Company Claims. With respect to Company Claims held by the relevant transferee upon consummation of a Transfer, such transferee is deemed to make all of the representations and warranties of a Consenting Noteholder and undertake all obligations relevant to such transferor (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the commitments made in <u>Section 4.02</u>) set forth in this Agreement. Any Transfer in violation of <u>Section 8.01</u> shall be null and void *ab initio*.

8.03. This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude any Consenting Noteholders from acquiring additional Company Claims; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (a) such additional Company Claims shall automatically and immediately upon acquisition by a Consenting Noteholder be deemed subject to the terms of this Agreement (regardless of when or whether notice of such acquisition is given to counsel to the Company Parties or to each of counsel to the Consenting Noteholders) and (b) such Consenting Noteholder must provide notice of such acquisition (including the amount and type of Company Claim acquired) to counsel to the Company Parties within three (3) Business Days of such acquisition.

8.04. This <u>Section 8</u> shall not impose any obligation on any Company Party to issue any "cleansing letter" or otherwise publicly disclose information for the purpose of enabling a Consenting Noteholder to Transfer any of its Company Claims. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent a Company Party and another Party have entered into a Confidentiality Agreement, the terms of such Confidentiality Agreement shall continue to apply and remain in full force and effect according to its terms, and this Agreement does not supersede any rights or obligations otherwise arising under such Confidentiality Agreements.

8.05. Notwithstanding <u>Section 8.01</u>, (a) a Consenting Noteholder may Transfer any Company Claims to an Entity that is an Affiliate, affiliated fund, or affiliated entity with a common investment advisor, which Entity shall automatically be bound by this Agreement upon the Transfer of such Company Claims and (b) a Qualified Marketmaker that acquires any Company Claims with the purpose and intent of acting as a Qualified Marketmaker for such Company Claims shall not be required to execute and deliver a Transfer Agreement in respect of such Company Claims if such Qualified Marketmaker subsequently Transfers such Company Claims (by purchase, sale assignment, participation, or otherwise) to a transferee that is a Consenting Noteholder or a transferee who executes and delivers to counsel to the Company Parties, at or before the time of the proposed Transfer, a Transfer Agreement, provided that the original Consenting Noteholder shall remain bound by the terms of this Agreement until such time as the Qualified Marketmaker transfers the Company Claims to a transferee that delivers a Transfer Agreement.

8.06. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 8</u>, the restrictions on Transfer set forth in this <u>Section 8</u> shall not apply to the grant of any Liens or encumbrances on any Company Claims in favor of a bank or broker-dealer holding custody of such Company Claims in the ordinary course of business and which Lien or encumbrance is released upon the Transfer of such Company Claims.

**Section 9.** *Representations and Warranties of Consenting Noteholders.* Each Consenting Noteholder severally, and not jointly, represents and warrants that, as of the date such Consenting Noteholder executes and delivers this Agreement:

(a) it beneficially holds, or advises or manages for a beneficial holder, the face amount of the Company Claims reflected in such Consenting Noteholder's signature page to this Agreement, a Joinder or a Transfer Agreement, as applicable (as may be updated pursuant to <u>Section 8</u>);

(b) it has the full power and authority to act on behalf of, vote and consent to matters concerning, such Company Claims;

(c) such Company Claims are free and clear of any pledge, Lien, security interest, charge, claim, equity, option, proxy, voting restriction, right of first refusal, or other limitation on disposition, transfer, or encumbrances of any kind, that would materially and adversely affect such Consenting Noteholder's ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement at the time such obligations are required to be performed;

(d) it is (i) a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act, (ii) not a "U.S." person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act, or (iii) an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act, in each case with sufficient knowledge and experience to evaluate properly the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to consult with its legal and financial advisors with respect to its investment decision to execute this Agreement, and it has made its own analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement;

(e) it has reviewed, or has had the opportunity to review, with the assistance of professional and legal advisors of its choosing, all information it deems necessary and appropriate for it to evaluate the financial risks inherent in the Restructuring Transactions and the terms of the Plan; and

(f) it has all necessary power and authority to vote, approve changes to, and Transfer all of its Company Claims referable to it as contemplated by this Agreement subject to applicable Law.

**Section 10.** *Mutual Representations, Warranties, and Covenants*. Each of the Parties, severally, and not jointly, represents, warrants, and covenants to each other Party, as of the date such Party executed and delivers this Agreement:

(a) it is validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the state of its organization, and this Agreement is a legal, valid, and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable Laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability;

(b) except as expressly provided in this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bankruptcy Code, no consent or approval is required by any other Entity in order for it to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement;

(c) the entry into and performance by it of, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement do not, and will not, conflict in any material respect with any Law or regulation applicable to it or with any of its articles of association, memorandum of association or other constitutional documents;

(d) except as expressly provided in this Agreement, it has (or will have, at the relevant time) all requisite corporate or other power and authority to enter into, execute, and deliver this Agreement and to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement; and

(e) except as expressly provided by this Agreement, it is not party to any restructuring or similar agreements or arrangements with the other Parties to this Agreement that have not been disclosed to all Parties to this Agreement.

## Section 11. Termination Events.

11.01. <u>Consenting Noteholder Termination Events</u>. This Agreement may be terminated by the Required Consenting Noteholders by the delivery to the Company Parties of a written notice in accordance with <u>Section 13.10</u> hereof upon the occurrence of the following events:

(a) (x) any Company Party shall have breached (other than an immaterial breach) its obligations under this Agreement, which breach (to the extent curable) is not cured within five (5) Business Days after the giving of written notice of such breach in accordance with <u>Section 13.10</u> hereof, or (y) a Company Party files, publicly announces, or informs counsel to the Consenting Noteholders of its intention to file a chapter 11 plan that contains terms and conditions that: (i) do not provide the Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, with the economic recovery set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet or (ii) are not otherwise consistent in all material respects with this Agreement and the Restructuring Term Sheet;

(b) any Company Party shall have breached (other than an immaterial breach) any representation, warranty, or covenant of such Company Party set forth in this Agreement that (to the extent curable) remains uncured for a period of five (5) Business Days after written notice and a description of such breach is provided to the Company Parties;

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(c) the issuance by any Governmental Entity of any final, non-appealable ruling or order that (i) would reasonably be expected to prevent the consummation of a material portion of the Restructuring Transactions and (ii) remains in effect for ten (10) Business Days after the Required Consenting Noteholders transmit a written notice in accordance with <u>Section 13.10</u> hereof detailing any such issuance;

(d) the entry of an order by the Bankruptcy Court, or the filing of a motion or application by any Company Party seeking an order (without the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders), (i) converting one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) appointing an examiner with expanded powers beyond those set forth in sections 1106(a)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code or a trustee in one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party, or (iii) rejecting this Agreement;

(e) the Bankruptcy Court enters an order denying confirmation of the Plan;

(f) any Company Party files with the Bankruptcy Court any motion or application seeking authority to sell any material assets outside the ordinary course of business without the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), provided that the Consenting Noteholder Termination Event in this section shall not apply if the aggregate purchase price of such assets is less than \$15 million, provided that the Company Parties shall segregate the proceeds from such sales for the benefit of the Consenting Noteholders;

(g) the occurrence of any one of the following events:

(i) the Company Parties or any Affiliate of the Company Parties files a motion, application, adversary proceeding, or Cause of Action challenging the validity, enforceability or priority of, or seeking avoidance or subordination of the Notes Claims; or

(ii) the Company Parties or any Affiliate of the Company Parties support any application, adversary proceeding, or Cause of Action referred to in the immediately preceding clause (i) filed by a third party, or consents to the standing of any such third party to bring such application, adversary proceeding, or Cause of Action;

(h) the modification in any material respect of the employment terms of any member of the Section 16 Officers without the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders;

(i) the failure to comply with or achieve any one of the Milestones, unless such Milestone is extended with the express prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), which consent may be provided via email from counsel to the Required Consenting Noteholders;

(j) any Company Party (i) files, amends, or modifies, or files a pleading seeking approval of, any Definitive Document or authority to amend or modify any Definitive Document,

in a manner that is inconsistent with, or constitutes a breach of, this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, (ii) withdraws the Plan without the prior consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, or (iii) publicly announces its intention to take any such acts listed in the foregoing clause (i) or (ii), in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i) through (ii), which remains uncured (to the extent curable) for five (5) Business Days after such terminating Consenting Noteholders transmit a written notice in accordance with <u>Section 13.10</u> detailing any such breach;

(k) upon delivery of notice by a Company Party pursuant to <u>Section 7.01</u>; or

(1) any Company Party fails to pay the fees and expenses set forth in <u>Section 13.23</u> as and when required; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Plan Effective Date shall not occur until and unless the fees and expenses set forth in Section 13.23 shall have been paid in full.

11.02. <u>Company Party Termination Events</u>. Any Company Party may terminate this Agreement as to all Parties upon prior written notice to all Parties in accordance with <u>Section 13.10</u> hereof upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) the breach in any material respect by Consenting Noteholders holding an amount of Notes that would result in non-breaching Consenting Noteholders holding less than two-thirds (66.67%) of the aggregate principal amount of Notes held by all of the Consenting Noteholders of any provision set forth in this Agreement that remains uncured for a period of three (3) Business Days after the receipt by such Consenting Noteholders of notice of such breach;

(b) the issuance by any Governmental Entity of any final, non-appealable ruling or order that (i) would reasonably be expected to prevent the consummation of a material portion of the Restructuring Transactions and (ii) remains in effect for ten (10) Business Days after such terminating Company Party transmits a written notice in accordance with <u>Section 13.10</u> hereof detailing any such issuance; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this termination right shall not apply to or be exercised by any Company Party if any Company Party sought or requested such ruling or order in contravention of any obligation or restriction set out in this Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit the rights of the Company Parties as set forth in <u>Section 7.01</u>;

(c) the board of directors, board of managers, or similar governing body of a Company Party determines, after receiving written advice from external counsel, that, based on such advice, continued performance under this Agreement would violate applicable Law or would be inconsistent with the exercise of its fiduciary duties under applicable Law; or

(d) the entry of an order by the Bankruptcy Court (i) converting one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) appointing an examiner with expanded powers beyond those set forth in sections 1106(a)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code or a trustee in one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this termination right shall not apply to or be exercised by any Company Party if any Company Party sought or requested such order or appointment in

contravention of any obligation or restriction set out in this Agreement or otherwise violated Section Error! Reference source not found.

11.03. <u>Mutual Termination</u>. This Agreement, and the obligations of all Parties hereunder, may be terminated by mutual written agreement among all of the following: (a) the Required Consenting Noteholders and (b) each Company Party.

11.04. <u>Automatic Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate automatically without any further required action or notice immediately upon the Plan Effective Date.

11.05. Effect of Termination. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Date as to a Party, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect as to such Party and each Party subject to such termination shall be released from its commitments, undertakings, and agreements under or related to this Agreement and shall have the rights and remedies that it would have had, had it not entered into this Agreement, and shall be entitled to take all actions, whether with respect to the Restructuring Transactions or otherwise, that it would have been entitled to take had it not entered into this Agreement, including with respect to any and all Claims or Causes of Action. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Date prior to the Confirmation Order being entered by a Bankruptcy Court, any and all consents or ballots tendered by the Parties subject to such termination before a Termination Date shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be null and void *ab initio* from the first instance and shall not be considered or otherwise used in any manner by the Parties in connection with the Restructuring Transactions and this Agreement or otherwise. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting a Company Party or any of the Consenting Noteholders from contesting whether any such termination is in accordance with its terms or to seek enforcement of any rights under this Agreement that arose or existed before a Termination Date. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, nothing herein is intended to, or does, in any manner waive, limit, impair, or restrict (a) any right of any Company Party or the ability of any Company Party to protect and reserve its rights (including rights under this Agreement), remedies, and interests, including any Causes of Action against any Consenting Noteholder, and (b) any right of any Consenting Noteholder, or the ability of any Consenting Noteholder, to protect and preserve its rights (including rights under this Agreement), remedies, and interests, including its claims against any Company Party or Consenting Noteholder. No purported termination of this Agreement shall be effective under this Section 11 or otherwise if the Party seeking to terminate this Agreement is in material breach of this Agreement. Nothing in this Section 11.05 shall restrict any Company Party's right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 11.02(c).

### Section 12. Amendments and Waivers.

(a) This Agreement may not be modified, amended, or supplemented, and no condition or requirement of this Agreement may be waived, in any manner except in accordance with this <u>Section 12</u>.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement may not be modified, amended, amended and restated or supplemented without the express prior written consent of the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders (in each case, in their sole discretion);

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if the proposed modification, amendment or supplement has a material, disproportionate (as compared to the other Consenting Noteholders) and adverse effect on any of the Consenting Noteholders, then the consent of each such affected Consenting Noteholder shall also be required to effectuate such modification, amendment or supplement. In the event that an adversely affected Consenting Noteholder ("<u>Non-Consenting Noteholder</u>") does not consent to a modification, amendment and restatement or supplement to this Agreement, but such modification, amendment and restatement or supplement receives the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been terminated only as to such Non-Consenting Noteholder, but this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect in respect of all other Consenting Noteholders who have so consented.

(c) Any proposed modification, amendment, waiver or supplement that does not comply with this <u>Section 12</u> shall be ineffective and null and void *ab initio*.

(d) The waiver by any Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a further or continuing waiver of such breach or as a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. No failure on the part of any Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy or any provision of this Agreement, nor shall any single or partial exercise of such right, power or remedy by such Party preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or remedy or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. All remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by Law.

## Section 13. Miscellaneous.

13.01. <u>Acknowledgement</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to be an offer with respect to any securities or solicitation of votes for the acceptance of a plan of reorganization for purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. Any such offer or solicitation will be made only in compliance with all applicable securities Laws, provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and/or other applicable Law.

13.02. <u>Exhibits Incorporated by Reference; Conflicts</u>. Each of the exhibits, annexes, signatures pages, and schedules attached hereto is expressly incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement, and all references to this Agreement shall include such exhibits, annexes, and schedules. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement (without reference to the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto) and the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto, this Agreement (without reference to the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto) shall govern.

13.03. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Subject to the other terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate or necessary, or as may be required by order of the Bankruptcy Court, from time to time, to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions, as applicable; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this <u>Section 13.03</u> shall not limit the right of any party hereto

to exercise any right or remedy provided for in this Agreement (including the approval rights set forth in <u>Section 3.02</u>).

13.04. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise explicitly provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, among the Parties with respect thereto, other than any Confidentiality Agreement.

13.05. <u>GOVERNING LAW; SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION; SELECTION OF</u> <u>FORUM</u>. THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONFLICT OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. Notwithstanding the foregoing consent to jurisdiction in either a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York, Borough of Manhattan, upon the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, each of the Parties hereby agrees that, if the Chapter 11 Cases are pending, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. Each Party hereto agrees that it shall bring any action or proceeding in respect of any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, to the extent possible, in the Bankruptcy Court, and solely in connection with claims arising under this Agreement: (a) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) waives any objection to laying venue in any such action or proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court; and (c) waives any objection that the Bankruptcy Court is an inconvenient forum or does not have jurisdiction over any Party hereto.

13.06. <u>TRIAL BY JURY WAIVER</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

13.07. Execution of Agreement. This Agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts and by way of electronic signature and delivery, each such counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party.

13.08. <u>Rules of Construction</u>. This Agreement is the product of negotiations among the Company Parties and each of the Consenting Noteholders, and in the enforcement or interpretation hereof, is to be interpreted in a neutral manner, and any presumption with regard to interpretation for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted or caused to be drafted this Agreement, or any portion hereof, shall not be effective in regard to the interpretation hereof. The Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders were each represented by counsel during the negotiations and drafting of this Agreement and continue to be represented by counsel.

13.09. <u>Successors and Assigns; Third Parties</u>. This Agreement is intended to bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, as applicable. There are no third party beneficiaries under this Agreement, and the rights or obligations of any Party under this Agreement may not be assigned, delegated, or transferred to any other Entity except as expressly permitted hereby.

13.10. <u>Notices</u>. All notices hereunder shall be deemed given if in writing and delivered, by electronic mail, courier, or registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), to the following addresses (or at such other addresses as shall be specified by like notice):

(a) if to a Company Party, to:

CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. 2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Suite 500 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421-6000 Attention: Stephen Lebovitz, Chief Executive Officer Jeff Curry, Chief Legal Officer

E-mail addresses: Stephen.Lebovitz@cblproperties.com Jeff.Curry@cblproperties.com

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

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10153 Attention: Ray C. Schrock, P.C. Moshe A. Fink

E-mail addresses: ray.schrock@weil.com moshe.fink@weil.com

(b) if to a Consenting Noteholder, as set forth on the signature page for such Consenting Noteholder to this Agreement, a Transfer Agreement or a Joinder, as applicable, with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP One Bryant Park Bank of America Tower New York, NY 10036-6745 Attention: Michael S. Stamer Meredith A. Lahaie Daniel G. Walsh Email addresses: mstamer@akingump.com mlahaie@akingump.com dwalsh@akingump.com

Any notice given by delivery, mail, or courier shall be effective when received.

13.11. <u>Enforceability of Agreement</u>. Each of the Parties to the extent enforceable waives any right to assert that the exercise of termination rights under this Agreement is subject to the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and expressly stipulates and consents hereunder to the prospective modification of the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code for purposes of exercising termination rights under this Agreement, to the extent the Bankruptcy Court determines that such relief is required.

13.12. <u>Waiver</u>. If the Restructuring Transactions are not consummated, or if this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the Parties fully reserve any and all of their rights and nothing herein shall constitute or be deemed to constitute such Party's consent or approval of any chapter 11 plan of reorganization for the Company Parties or any waiver of any rights such Party may have under any subordination agreement. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any other applicable rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating hereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding to enforce its terms or the payment of damages to which a Party may be entitled under this Agreement.

13.13. <u>Specific Performance</u>. It is understood and agreed by the Parties that money damages would be an insufficient remedy for any breach of this Agreement by any Party, and each non-breaching Party shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief (without the posting of any bond and without proof of actual damages) as a remedy of any such breach, including an order of the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction requiring any Party to comply promptly with any of its obligations hereunder.

13.14. <u>Several, Not Joint, Claims</u>. Except where otherwise specified, the agreements, representations, warranties, and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement are, in all respects, several and not joint.

13.15. <u>Severability and Construction</u>. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect if essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each Party remain valid, binding, and enforceable

13.16. <u>Survival</u>. Notwithstanding (a) any Transfer of any Company Claims in accordance with <u>Section 8</u> or (b) the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, the agreements and obligations of the Parties in <u>Section 11.05</u>, <u>Section 13</u> (except for <u>Section 13.23</u> with respect to fees and expenses incurred after the termination of this Agreement (other than with respect to fees and expenses incurred after the termination of this Agreement due to the consummation of the Plan on the Plan Effective Date)), and the Confidentiality Agreements shall

survive such Transfer and/or termination and shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Parties in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof.

13.17. <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All rights, powers, and remedies provided under this Agreement or otherwise available in respect hereof at Law or in equity shall be cumulative and not alternative, and the exercise of any right, power, or remedy thereof by any Party shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise of any other such right, power, or remedy by such Party.

13.18. <u>Capacities of Consenting Noteholders</u>. Each Consenting Noteholder has entered into this Agreement on account of all Company Claims that it holds (directly or through discretionary accounts that it manages or advises) and, except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, shall take or refrain from taking all actions that it is obligated to take or refrain from taking under this Agreement with respect to all such Company Claims; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the foregoing shall not include any Company Claims held by any such Consenting Noteholder as of the Agreement Effective Date other than Notes Claims; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that any Person (other than any Consenting Noteholder as of the Agreement Effective Date agrees that it shall cause its Affiliates that hold Company Claims (directly or through discretionary accounts that it manages or advises) to comply with the provisions of this Agreement as if such Affiliate was a Consenting Noteholder.

### 13.19. Relationship Among Consenting Noteholders.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the duties and obligations of the (a) Consenting Noteholders under this Agreement shall be several, not joint, with respect to each Consenting Noteholder. None of the Consenting Noteholders shall have any fiduciary duty, any duty of trust or confidence in any form, or other duties or responsibilities in any kind or form to each other, any Consenting Noteholder, any Company Party, or any of the Company Party's respective creditors or other stakeholders, and there are no commitments among or between the Consenting Noteholders as a result of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein or in the Restructuring Term Sheet, in each case except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. No Party shall have any responsibility by virtue of this Agreement for any trading by any other entity, and it is hereby expressly acknowledged by the Consenting Noteholders, on the one hand, and the Company Parties, on the other, that they are in privity with each other and that no Consenting Noteholder is in privity with any other Consenting Noteholder in connection with this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby. The Consenting Noteholders represent and warrant that as of the date hereof and for so long as this Agreement remains in effect, the Consenting Noteholders have no agreement, arrangement, or understanding with respect to acting together for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting, or disposing of any equity securities of the Company Parties. No prior history, pattern, or practice of sharing confidences among or between the Parties shall in any way affect or negate this Agreement, and each Consenting Noteholder shall be entitled to independently protect and enforce its rights, including the rights arising out of this Agreement, and it shall not be necessary for any other Consenting Noteholder to be joined as an additional party in any proceeding for such purpose. Nothing contained in this Agreement, and no action taken by any Consenting Noteholder pursuant hereto is intended to constitute the

Consenting Noteholders as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that any Consenting Noteholder is in any way acting in concert or as a member of a "group" with any other Consenting Noteholder or Consenting Noteholders within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act. For the avoidance of doubt: (1) each Consenting Noteholder is entering into this Agreement directly with the Company and not with any other Consenting Noteholder, (2) no other Consenting Noteholder shall have any right to bring any action against any other Consenting Noteholder shall, nor shall any action taken by a Consenting Noteholder pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be acting in concert or as any group with any other Consenting Noteholder with respect to the obligations under this Agreement nor shall this Agreement create a presumption that the Consenting Noteholders are in any way acting as a group. All rights under this Agreement are separately granted to each Consenting Noteholder by the Company and vice versa, and the use of a single document is for the convenience of the Company. The decision to commit to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement has been made independently.

(b) The Company Parties understand that the Consenting Noteholders are engaged in a wide range of financial services and businesses, and, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Company Parties acknowledge and agree that the obligations set forth in this Agreement shall only apply to the trading desk(s) and/or business group(s) of the Consenting Noteholders that principally manage and/or supervise the Consenting Noteholder's investment in the Company Parties, and shall not apply to any other trading desk or business group of the Consenting Noteholder so long as they are not acting at the direction or for the benefit of such Consenting Noteholder.

13.20. <u>Email Consents</u>. Where a written consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver is required pursuant to or contemplated by this Agreement, pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, <u>Section 12</u>, or otherwise, including a written approval by the Company Parties or the Required Consenting Noteholders, such written consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver shall be deemed to have occurred if, by agreement between counsel to the Parties submitting and receiving such consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver, it is conveyed in writing (including electronic mail) between each such counsel without representations or warranties of any kind on behalf of such counsel.

13.21. <u>Settlement Discussions</u>. This Agreement is part of a proposed settlement of matters that could otherwise be the subject of litigation among the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission of any kind. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408, any applicable state rules of evidence and any other applicable law, foreign or domestic, this Agreement, and all negotiations relating thereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than to prove the existence of this Agreement or in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

13.22. <u>Good Faith Cooperation</u>. The Parties shall cooperate with each other in good faith and shall coordinate their activities (to the extent reasonably practicable) in respect of all matters concerning the implementation and consummation of the Restructuring.

13.23. <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. Regardless of whether the Restructuring Transactions are consummated, the Company Parties shall within three (3) Business Days of receipt of an invoice,

pay in cash or reimburse all reasonable and documented fees and out-of-pocket expenses (regardless of whether such fees and expenses were incurred before or after the Petition Date) of any advisors, whether retained directly or indirectly, of the Consenting Noteholders, including: (i) Akin Gump, as legal counsel to the Consenting Noteholders; (ii) PJT Partners, as the financial advisor retained on behalf of the Consenting Noteholders; (iii) one local counsel to the Consenting Noteholders; (iv) any other professionals or advisors retained by the Consenting Noteholders with the consent of the Company (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); and (v) reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses of individual Consenting Noteholders (including fees and expenses of external counsel) in amount not to exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate (collectively, the "**Consenting Noteholder Fees and Expenses**"); provided, however, that all outstanding invoices of such professionals and advisors shall be paid in full by the Petition Date.

13.24. <u>Public Disclosure; Confidential Information</u>. Under no circumstances may any Party make any public disclosure of any kind that would disclose either: (i) the holdings of any Consenting Noteholders (including the signature pages hereto, which shall not be publicly disclosed or filed) or (ii) the identity of any Consenting Noteholder without the prior written consent of such Consenting Noteholder or the order of a Bankruptcy Court or other court with competent jurisdiction, or as may otherwise be required by law. Any obligations the Company may have under or in connection with this Agreement to furnish Confidential Information to a Consenting Noteholder shall be subject to such any confidentiality agreement in place between the Company and such Consenting Noteholder.

13.25. <u>Withholding</u>. The Company Parties shall each be entitled to deduct and withhold (or cause to be deducted or withheld) from amounts otherwise payable and deliverable to any Person hereunder such amounts as it is required to deduct and withhold with respect to the making of the relevant payment under applicable law. The Company Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the payment recipient with reasonable advance notice of any withholding that it intends to make pursuant to this provision, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with such payment recipient to minimize any applicable withholding. To the extent that amounts are deducted and withheld, such amounts shall be paid to the appropriate Governmental Authority and treated for all purposes as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made. The Parties agree not to treat the Notes as a "United States real property interest" within the meaning of section 897(c)(1) of title 26 of the United States Code and no Party shall take any position (whether in audits, tax returns, or otherwise) that is inconsistent with the foregoing treatment unless required to do so by applicable law.

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# EXHIBIT A

# **Company Parties**

CBL & Associates Limited Partnership.

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# EXHIBIT B

**Restructuring Term Sheet** 

### CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. Restructuring Term Sheet

#### August 18, 2020

THIS TERM SHEET IS NOT AN OFFER WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES OR A SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF A CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. ANY SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION WILL BE MADE ONLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND, IF APPLICABLE, PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. THIS TERM SHEET IS BEING PROVIDED IN FURTHERANCE OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND IS ENTITLED TO PROTECTION PURSUANT TO RULE 408 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE AND ANY SIMILAR FEDERAL OR STATE RULE OF EVIDENCE. THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS TERM SHEET ARE SUBJECT IN ALL RESPECTS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION AND SATISFACTION OR WAIVER OF THE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT SET FORTH THEREIN.

NOTHING IN THIS TERM SHEET SHALL CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACT OR LIABILITY, A STIPULATION OR A WAIVER, AND EACH STATEMENT CONTAINED HEREIN IS MADE WITHOUT PREJUDICE, WITH A FULL RESERVATION OF ALL RIGHTS, REMEDIES, CLAIMS AND DEFENSES OF THE COMPANY PARTIES AND ANY CREDITOR PARTY. THIS TERM SHEET DOES NOT INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF ALL OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS THAT ARE TO BE CONTAINED IN THE DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION, WHICH REMAIN SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION, NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THE RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT, THIS TERM SHEET, AND THE TERMS CONTAINED HEREIN, ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

#### SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL TERMS OF PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTIONS

This term sheet (the "<u>Term Sheet</u>") sets forth certain key terms of a proposed restructuring transaction (the "<u>Transaction</u>") with respect to the existing debt and other obligations of CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. and certain of its affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Company Parties</u>" or the "<u>Company</u>"). This Term Sheet is the "Restructuring Term Sheet" referenced as Exhibit B in that certain Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2020 (as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented, the "<u>RSA</u>"), by and among the Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders party thereto. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Term Sheet shall have the meanings given to such terms in the RSA. This Term Sheet supersedes any proposed summary of terms or conditions regarding the subject matter hereof and dated prior to the date hereof. Subject to the RSA, the Transaction will be implemented through pre-packaged or pre-negotiated Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to the Plan.

#### TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

The below summarizes the treatment to be received on or as soon as practicable after the Plan Effective Date (as defined below) by holders of claims against, and interests in, the Company pursuant to the Transaction.

Administrative, Priority, and Tax Claims	Allowed administrative, priority, and tax claims will be satisfied in full, in cash, or otherwise receive treatment reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders and consistent with the provisions of section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.
Bank Claims	On the Plan Effective Date, each holder of an allowed Claim (each a " <u>Bank</u> <u>Claim</u> ") under that certain Credit Agreement, dated January 30, 2019 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time) (the " <u>Credit Agreement</u> "), by and among the CBL Limited Partnership, as borrower, the Company Parties thereto, the lenders from time to time

Other Secured Claims	party thereto (the " <b>Bank Lenders</b> "), and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent (" <u>Administrative Agent</u> ") for itself and for the benefit of the Bank Lenders shall receive either: (a) treatment as is acceptable to the Company and the Required Consenting Noteholders in a manner consistent with the Bankruptcy Code, including, but not limited to, section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; or (b) such treatment as determined by the Bankruptcy Court. Secured Claims (other than Bank Claims) shall be reinstated, unimpaired, or receive treatment reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Notes Claims	On the Plan Effective Date, each holder of an allowed Notes Claim shall receive its <i>pro rata</i> share of (a) \$49.6 million of Cash consideration (such Cash consideration to be reduced by the amount of any interest payments made by the Company Parties, if any, during the Agreement Effective Period); (b) \$500 million of 10% first-priority secured notes due June 2028 having the terms set forth on Exhibit 1 hereto (the "New Notes"); and (c) 90% of the common equity in the reorganized Company (the "New Equity Interests"), subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan (each as defined below) and subsequent issuances of common equity (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the Company from time to time after the Plan Effective Date, as set forth herein. To the extent the holders of Bank Claims do not vote to accept the Plan as class, the treatment of Notes Claims may be modified on terms acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders and consistent with the Bankruptcy Code.
Property Level Debt and Guarantee Claims	To the extent that a debtor in the Chapter 11 Cases is a borrower or guarantor on property level debt, such property level debt and guarantee claims shall be reinstated, unimpaired, or receive treatment acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Company Parties. <sup>1</sup>
General Unsecured Claims	Unsecured Claims other than Notes Claims shall receive treatment reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Intercompany Claims and Company Interests	Intercompany claims and Company Interests shall be reinstated, unimpaired, compromised, or cancelled, at the election of the Company and the Required Consenting Noteholders such that intercompany claims and Company Interests are treated in a tax-efficient manner.
Preferred Equity Interests	If holders of Preferred Equity Interests vote to accept the Plan as a class, each holder of an allowed Preferred Equity Interest shall receive its <i>pro rata</i> share of [TBD] <sup>2</sup> % of the New Equity Interests and [TBD]% of the Warrants (as defined below), which New Equity Interests shall be subject to dilution by the Warrants, the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common stock (including securities or instruments convertible into common equity) by the Company from time to time after the Plan Effective Date, as set forth herein. If holders of Preferred Equity Interests vote to reject the Plan as a class, holders of Preferred Equity Interests shall receive no recovery under the Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The entities to be debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and Required Consenting Noteholders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Percentage of New Equity Interests for existing preferred and common shareholders to total 10%. Company to determine equity splits in consultation with the Required Consenting Noteholders.

	Cash out option for preferred shares in the amount of \$5 million and on terms reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and Required Consenting Noteholders.
Common Equity Interests and Special Common Units	If holders of Common Equity Interests and limited partnership units of CBL & Associates Limited Partnership designated as special common units (the " <u>Special</u> <u>Common Units</u> ") vote to accept the Plan as a class, each holder of existing Common Equity Interests and Special Common Units shall receive its <i>pro rata</i> share of [TBD] % of the New Equity Interests and [TBD]% of the Warrants (as defined below) on terms and conditions consistent with the term sheet attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u> (the " <u>Warrants</u> "), which New Equity Interests shall be subject to dilution by the Warrants and the Management Incentive Plan and subsequent issuances of common stock (including securities or instruments convertible into common stock) by the Company from time to time after the Plan Effective Date. If holders of Common Equity Interests and Special Common Units vote to reject the Plan as a class, holders of Common Equity Interests and Special Common Units shall receive no recovery under the Plan.
Modifications to Treatment of Claims	To the extent that any Claims or Interests are required or permitted to share in the consideration provided to the holders of Notes Claims as set forth in this Term Sheet, the treatment of Notes Claims and other Claims and Interests may be modified on terms acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders and consistent with the Bankruptcy Code.

### **OTHER TERMS OF THE TRANSACTION**

Corporate Governance	The terms and conditions of the new corporate governance documents of the reorganized Company (including the bylaws and certificates of incorporation or similar documents, among other governance documents of each of the Company Parties, collectively, the "Corporate Governance Documents"), as well as the structure and other governance matters, shall be acceptable to and determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion; provided that the Required Consenting Noteholders will consult with the Company Parties regarding such Corporate Governance Documents, provided further that nothing in the Corporate Governance Documents shall adversely impact the economic recovery of the holders of Preferred Equity Interests, Common Equity Interests, or Special Common Units as set forth in this Term Sheet.
Board of Directors	The initial board or other governing body of the reorganized Company (the " <u>New</u> <u>Board</u> ") shall consist of seven (7) members in total, which shall include the current Chief Executive Officer, five (5) members selected by the Required Consenting Noteholders and one (1) member selected by the Company Parties and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders (it being understood that Charles Lebovitz is acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders). The Required Consenting Noteholders agree to consult with the Company Parties regarding the selection of the five (5) members with the understanding that the selection of such members shall be in the sole discretion of the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Management Incentive Plan	On or after the Plan Effective Date, the reorganized Company shall adopt a management incentive plan (the " <u>Management Incentive Plan</u> ") which shall provide for the grant of up to 10% of the New Equity Interests (or warrants or options to purchase New Equity Interests or other equity-linked interests) on a fully diluted basis to certain members of management of the reorganized Company. The

	form, allocation and any limitations on the Management Incentive Plan shall be determined by the New Board (or a committee thereof).
Releases & Exculpation	determined by the New Board (or a committee thereof). To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, the Plan and the Confirmation Order will contain customary mutual releases and other exculpatory provisions in favor of the Company, the Consenting Noteholders, the indenture trustees for the Notes, the holders of existing Preferred Equity Interests that provide a release, the holders of existing Common Equity Interests and Special Common Units that provide a release, and each of their respective current and former affiliates, subsidiaries, members, professionals, advisors, employees, directors, and officers, in their respective capacities as such. Such release and exculpation shall include, without limitation, any and all claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, causes of action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, including any derivative claims and avoidance actions, of the Company, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Company would have been legally entitled to assert in its own right (whether individually or collectively), or on behalf of the holder of any claim or equity interest (whether individually or collectively) or other entity, based in whole or in part upon any act or omission, transaction, or other occurrence or circumstances existing or taking place at any time prior to or on the Plan Effective Date arising from or related in any way in whole or in part to the Company, the Notes, the Chapter 11 Cases, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Company, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any claim or equity interest that is affected by the Transaction or treated in the Plan, or the negotiation, formulation, or preparation of the Definitive Documentation or related agreements, instruments, or other documents, in each case o
	extent permitted by applicable law, any such releases shall bind holders of Notes Claims, all parties whose Claims are unimpaired under the Plan, all parties who affirmatively agree or vote to accept the Plan, those parties who abstain from voting on the Plan if they fail to opt-out of the releases, and those parties that vote to reject the Plan unless they opt-out of the releases.
Injunction & Discharge	The Plan and Confirmation Order will contain customary injunction and discharge provisions.
Cancellation of Instruments, Certificates, and Other Documents	On the Plan Effective Date and immediately prior to or concurrent with the distributions contemplated in this Term Sheet, except to the extent otherwise provided herein or in the Definitive Documentation, all instruments, certificates, and other documents evidencing debt of or equity interests in the Company shall be cancelled, and the obligations of the Company thereunder, or in any way related thereto, shall be discharged.
Assumption and Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases	The executory contracts and unexpired leases that shall be assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected in the Chapter 11 Cases shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, provided that the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders shall work in good faith following the execution of the RSA and prior to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases to determine which employment agreements (and any modification to such employment agreements, including, without limitation, modifications to the terms of any retention or incentive arrangements for senior executives of the Company as

	requested by the Required Consenting Noteholders) shall be assumed pursuant to the Plan.
Employee Compensation and Benefit Programs	All employment agreements and severance policies, and all employment, compensation and benefit plans, policies, and programs of the Company applicable to any of its employees and retirees, including, without limitation, all workers' compensation programs, savings plans, retirement plans, deferred compensation plans, SERP plans, healthcare plans, disability plans, severance benefit plans, incentive plans, life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance plans, shall be treated under the Plan in a manner acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders, provided that the assumption of the Company's key employee retention program for "Tier 2" non-executive employees in an amount not to exceed \$5 million in the aggregate shall be deemed acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Tax Issues	As reasonably determined by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, upon emergence from the Chapter 11 Cases, the Reorganized Debtor may be structured as a real estate investment trust (" <b>REIT</b> ") and the Transaction shall, subject to the terms and conditions of the RSA, be structured to achieve a tax-efficient structure, in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Exemption from SEC Registration	The issuance of all securities in connection with the Plan, including the New Notes, the New Equity Interests, and the Warrants (including any securities issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants), will be exempt from registration with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code.
Registration Rights	The Company shall enter into a registration rights agreement with each of the Consenting Noteholders (unless such Consenting Noteholder opts out) relating to the registration of the resale of the New Equity Interests, and to the extent the reorganized Company is not public post-emergence, shall be post-IPO registration rights. The registration rights agreement shall contain customary terms and conditions, including provisions with respect to demand rights, piggyback rights, shelf rights (including as to minimum ownership requirements), and blackout periods and shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company and Required Consenting Noteholders. Other registration rights and terms to be determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders, which shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company.
SEC Reporting and Stock Exchange Listing	As reasonably determined by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, upon emergence from the Chapter 11 Cases, the New Equity Interests and the Warrants to be issued by the Company on the Plan Effective Date may be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, (" <u>NYSE</u> "), or NASDAQ, either by retaining or succeeding to the Company's existing NYSE listing or otherwise, so long as the Company is able to satisfy the initial listing requirements of the NYSE or NASDAQ, or such alternative exchange as the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders reasonably determine if the Company is not able to satisfy the initial listing requirements of the NYSE or NASDAQ.

D&O Liability Insurance Policies, Tail Policies, and Indemnification	The Company shall purchase a tail policy providing for coverage for current or former directors, managers, and officers of the Company prior to the Petition Date on market terms with coverage in the amount of up to \$70 million. The Company shall implement a new D&O insurance policy for directors, managers, and officers of the reorganized Company from and after the Plan Effective Date on terms and conditions acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders. Any indemnification obligations (whether in by-laws, certificate of formation or incorporation, board resolutions, employment contracts, or otherwise) to be assumed pursuant to the Plan shall be on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders.	
Plan Effective Date	The date on which the Transaction shall be fully consummated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Definitive Documentation, which shall be the effective date of the Plan (the " <u>Plan Effective Date</u> ").	
Conditions to the Plan Effective Date	The Plan Effective Date shall be subject to the following conditions precedent, some of which may be waived in writing by agreement of the Company and the Required Consenting Noteholders, subject to the consent rights provided for in the RSA:	
	<ul> <li>(i) the Definitive Documentation (as applicable) shall be in form and substance consistent with this Term Sheet and the RSA and such documents shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders unless this Term Sheet or the RSA provide otherwise;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>(ii) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order confirming the Plan in form and substance consistent with this Term Sheet and the RSA, such order shall otherwise be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, and such order shall be a Final Order;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>(iii) all of the schedules, documents, supplements, and exhibits to the Plan and Disclosure Statement shall be in form and substance consistent with this Term Sheet and the RSA and such documents shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders unless this Term Sheet or the RSA provide otherwise;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>(iv) all fees and expenses of the professionals and advisors to the ad hoc group of Consenting Noteholders (and out of pocket expenses of individual Consenting Noteholders up to the cap set forth herein) shall be paid in full;</li> </ul>	
	(v) the RSA shall be in full force and effect; and	
	(vi) all governmental approvals and consents that are legally required for the consummation of the Transaction shall have been obtained, not be subject to unfulfilled conditions, and be in full force and effect	
Fees and Expenses of the Consenting Noteholders	As a condition to the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date, the Company shall pay or reimburse all reasonable and documented fees and out-of-pocket expenses (regardless of whether such fees and expenses were incurred before or after the Petition Date) of the Consenting Noteholders, which shall include the following: (a) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, as counsel to the ad hoc group of Consenting Noteholders; (b) one local counsel to the ad hoc group of Consenting	

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	Noteholders; (c) PJT Partners LP, as the financial advisor retained by the Consenting Noteholders; (d) any other professionals or advisors retained by the Consenting Noteholders with the consent of the Company (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); and (e) reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses of individual Consenting Noteholders (including fees and expenses of external counsel) in amount not to exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate; provided, however, that all outstanding invoices of the Consenting Noteholders professionals and advisors shall be paid in full immediately prior to the Petition Date.	
Milestones	(a) No later than October 1, 2020, the Company Parties shall commence the Chapter 11 Cases.	
	(b) No later than 3 Business days after the Petition Date, the Company Parties shall have filed the Plan and a motion seeking approval of the Disclosure Statement.	
	(c) No later than 3 Business days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an interim order approving use of cash collateral.	
	(d) No later than 60 days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered a final order approving use of cash collateral.	
	(e) No later than 85 days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order approving the Disclosure Statement.	
	(f) No later than 165 days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order.	
	(g) No later than 195 days after the Petition Date, the Plan Effective Date shall have occurred.	

#### <u>Exhibit 1</u>

#### Terms of New Notes

- Interest rate of 10% per annum payable in cash
- Maturity of June 2028
- Liens on unencumbered properties, priority guarantees from certain entities (including to-be-formed intermediate holdcos of entities holding encumbered properties and joint ventures of the Company), and equity pledges of certain entities (including to-be-formed intermediate holdcos of entities holding encumbered properties and joint ventures of the Company) as set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u>.
  - Baskets to remove collateral TBD, and based upon release prices to be negotiated
- Asset sale provision allowing for 102% paydown
- Except for pledges of equity interests not otherwise listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the extent such equity pledges would be prohibited by any non-recourse loan document, CMBS loan document, construction loan document, joint venture document or other document related to the foregoing (collectively, the "<u>Restrictive Documents</u>", which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include the Credit Agreement or related documents), in each case, remaining in effect post Plan Effective Date, liens on all other unencumbered assets not otherwise identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> except as consented to by the Required Consenting Noteholders, provided that the Company Parties shall not transfer unencumbered assets to or from entities that are party to a Restrictive Document outside the ordinary course of business.
- Except, solely in the case of direct or indirect subsidiaries of CBL & Associates Limited Partnership that are directly party to Restrictive Documents remaining in effect post Plan Effective Date, to the extent otherwise prohibited by such Restrictive Document remaining in effect post Plan Effective Date, liens on cash, cash equivalents, and treasuries except as consented to by the Required Consenting Noteholders, provided that the Company Parties shall not transfer cash, cash equivalents, or treasuries to or from entities that are party to a Restrictive Document outside the ordinary course of business.
- Full parent guaranty
- Incurrence test for Total Debt/Total Assets (excludes outparcels)
- Ability to form joint ventures with contributed land from collateral so long as joint ventures remain as credit support
- 105% call protection for the first 18 months, no call for the next 3 years, 105% for the next year, and 102.5% for the next year
- Bankruptcy make-whole
- Other terms (including covenants) to be agreed between the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Company

## Exhibit 2

#### Warrant Term Sheet

Shares Represented	Three series of Warrants exercisable for 20% (in the aggregate calculated as of the Plan Effective Date and including any shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrants) of the New Equity Interests exercisable solely for cash, subject to dilution on account of the Management Incentive Plan and future issuances of New Equity Interests by the Company from time to time after the Plan Effective Date.
Strike Price (cash only)	Series A: Total equity value that implies 80% recovery of outstanding principal to holders of the Notes Claims plus accrued interest through July 31, 2020.
	Series B: Total equity value that implies 95% recovery of outstanding principal to holders of the Notes Claims plus accrued interest through July 31, 2020.
	Series C: Total equity value that implies 110% recovery of outstanding principal to holders of the Notes Claims plus accrued interest through July 31, 2020.
Scheduled Maturity Date	Series A: Three (3) years from the Plan Effective Date
	Series B: Four (4) years from the Plan Effective Date
	Series C: Five (5) years from the Plan Effective Date
Springing Maturity Date	Warrants, if unexercised, will automatically terminate on the 15th day after the applicable series of Warrants has traded at a 35% premium to their strike price for 90 consecutive days. On the day after such a price is achieved (the " <b>Warrant Trigger Date</b> ," which may be a different Warrant Trigger Date with respect to each series of Warrants), the Company shall publicly disclose the occurrence of such event, along with the stated Springing Maturity Date for any unexercised Warrants.
Other Terms	Other terms to be agreed between the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Company.

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### Schedule 1

Collateral and Credit Support for New Notes

## Schedule 1

## **Collateral and Credit Support for New Notes**

1. The New Notes will be secured by a first priority lien on the following properties, which shall be evidenced by mortgages recorded in the applicable recording offices, and a pledge of the equity of the entity that owns the following properties:

### Certain Mall Assets

- Alamance Crossing West
- Brookfield Square
- Dakota Square
- Eastland Mall
- Harford Mall
- Laurel Park Place
- Meridian Mall
- Mid Rivers Mall
- Monroeville Mall
- Monroeville Mall Anchor
- Monroeville Mall CBL/Monroeville LP
- Monroeville Mall District
- Northpark Mall
- Old Hickory Mall
- Parkway Place
- South County Center
- Southaven Towne Center
- Southaven Towne Center Self Development
- St. Clair Square
- Stroud Mall
- Valley View Mall
- York Galleria
- York Galleria Sears Redevelopment

## Certain Associated Centers & Other Properties

- 840 Greenbrier Circle
- Coolsprings Crossing
- Courtyard at Hickory Hollow
- Frontier Square
- Gunbarrel Point
- Harford Mall Annex
- Monroeville Mall Annex @ Monroeville
- Pearland Town Center Residences

- Shoppes @ St. Clair
- Sunrise Commons
- West Town Crossing
- WestGate Crossing
- 2. The New Notes will have a priority guaranty from the CBL member in the joint venture that owns the following properties and will be secured by a pledge of the CBL member's interest in such joint venture. To the extent CBL Limited Partnership is a direct member of the joint venture, the Company will use reasonable efforts to seek consent to place an intermediate holding company as the new CBL member in the joint venture, which will give a priority guaranty and use reasonable efforts to seek consent to pledge the CBL interest in the joint venture.

#### Joint Venture Properties

- CBL Center Phase I and II
- Hamilton Corner
- Hamilton Corner AAA Parcel
- Hamilton Place ALOFT Hotel<sup>1</sup>
- Hamilton Place and OP
- Hamilton Place Regal Cinema
- Governor's Square Plaza
- Governor's Square
- The Shoppes at Hamilton Place
- The Terrace
- 3. The New Notes will (i) include a restriction on mortgaging the following properties to the extent such property is wholly owned directly or indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership, except (a) in connection with a refinancing of an existing mortgage loan currently encumbering an applicable property as of the date hereof in an amount no greater than the loan being refinanced (plus customary interest and refinancing costs) and (b) if the Company reinvests the proceeds of a financing or pays down the New Notes as set forth below, (ii) have a priority guarantee (1) to the extent such property is owned by a joint venture, from an intermediate holding company that directly owns the entity that holds the interest in the joint venture entity that directly or indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership, from an intermediate holding company that directly owns the following properties, or (2) to the extent such property is wholly owned indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership, from an intermediate holding company that directly owns the entity that owns the following properties (except to the extent an existing intermediate holding company cannot give a priority guaranty, an intermediate holding company will be inserted as close as possible above the property-owning entity as may

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notwithstanding the introductory paragraph to this section 2, the Company shall only be required to use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain consent from the joint venture partner for a pledge of the equity by CBL Limited Partnership of the property owning entity. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company shall not be required to seek consent from the lender to obtain a guaranty from an intermediate holding company.

be permitted and such entity will give a priority guarantee), and (iii) will be secured by a pledge of the equity of such intermediate holding company:

- Kentucky Oaks Mall
- Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass OP Tract 8
- Pavilion at Port Orange West JV Apts

<u>Outparcels</u> (The Company shall be allowed to reinvest proceeds from the sale or financing of such properties into the properties set forth herein which are mortgaged (other than section 5 below) or whose equity is pledged as collateral for the New Notes, or to use such proceeds to pay down the New Notes, subject to customary terms to be agreed by the Required Consenting Noteholders.)

- Brookfield Square Lifestyle Center
- Coolsprings Crossing (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Cross Creek Sears (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Dakota Square (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Dakota Square Mgmt GL Parcels
- East Towne Mall Outparcel
- East Towne Mall Parcel
- EastGate Mall Self Development
- EastGate Mall Shops at Eastgate
- Eastland Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Hamilton Place Sears (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Hanes Mall Restaurants
- Jefferson Mall -Self Development
- Kirkwood Mall Mgmt GL
- Parcels Laurel Park Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Layton Hills Mall Mgmt GL Parcels
- Layton Hills Mall Outparcel II
- Mall Del Norte Mgmt GL Parcels
- Mall Del Norte TX Outparcel
- Mayfaire Town Center Mgmt GL Parcels
- Meridian Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Mid Rivers Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Monroeville Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Northgate Mall Outparcel
- Northgate Mall Sears TBA- Outparcels
- Northpark Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Northpark Mall Mgmt GL Parcels
- Parkdale Mall Corner (Self Dev. Tract 4/Pad B)
- Parkdale Mall Mgmt GL Parcels
- Pearland Town Center Mgmt GL Parcels
- Pearland Town Center Outparcel TX Land LLC

- Pearland Town Center Self Development (Parcel 8)
- Post Oak Mall Mgmt GL Parcels
- South County Center (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- South County Center Mgmt GL Parcels
- Southaven Towne Center (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Southpark Mall Dick's Sporting Good
- St. Clair Square (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- The Landing at Arbor Place (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- The Plaza at Fayette (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Valley View Mall (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- Volusia Mall Restaurant Village
- West Towne Crossing (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- West Towne Mall Restaurant District
- York Galleria (Parcel(s) in Main Project)
- 4. The New Notes will (i) include a restriction on mortgaging the following properties to the extent such property is wholly owned directly or indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership, except in connection with a refinancing of an existing mortgage loan currently encumbering an applicable property as of the date hereof in an amount no greater than the loan being refinanced (plus customary interest and refinancing costs), and (ii) will have a priority guarantee (1) to the extent such property is owned by a joint venture, from an intermediate holding company that directly owns the entity that holds the interest in the joint venture entity that directly or indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership, from an intermediate holding company that directly owns the following properties, or (2) to the extent such property is wholly owned indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership, from an intermediate holding company that directly owns the interest is the following properties. To the extent an existing intermediate holding company cannot give a priority guaranty, an intermediate holding company will be inserted as close as possible above the property-owning entity as may be permitted and such entity will give a priority guarantee:

## Joint Venture Properties

Malls

- Coastal Grand Mall and District
- Coastal Grand Mall Dick's Sporting Goods
- Coastal Grand OP
- CoolSprings Galleria
- Coolsprings Macy's Outparcel Red Robin
- Friendly Center Belk
- Friendly Shopping Center
- Northgate Mall JCP
- Oak Park Mall
- Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta
- Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta Outparcels

- Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta Parcel
- Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta Tract 1B
- Outlet Shoppes at El Paso OP
- Outlet Shoppes at El Paso OP II
- Outlet Shoppes at El Paso .2763 Acre Tract
- Outlet Shoppes at EL Paso Phase I and II
- Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg Phase I
- Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg Phase II
- Outlet Shoppes at Laredo
- Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass
- Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass OP
- Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass Phase II
- Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass OP Tract 11
- Shops at Friendly Center Phase I and II
- West County Center

#### Associated Centers

- Coastal Grand Outparcel
- Hamilton Crossing and Expansion<sup>2</sup>
- York Town Center
- York Town Center Pier One

Community Centers

- Ambassador Town Center
- Fremaux Town Center Phase I and II
- Hammock Landing Phase I
- Hammock Landing Phase II
- Pavilion @ Port Orange Phase I
- Promenade at D'lberville
- Shoppes at Eagle Point

#### Storage

- Eastgate Mall Self-Storage
- Hamilton Place Self Storage
- Mid Rivers Self Storage
- Parkdale Mall Self Storage

#### Other Encumbered Properties

#### Malls

• Alamance Crossing - East

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain consent to place an intermediate holding company as the new CBL member in the joint venture, which will give a priority guaranty.

- Asheville Mall
- Brookfield Square Sears and Street Shops
- Burnsville Center & Dick's Sporting Goods
- Cross Creek Mall
- Eastgate Mall
- Fayette Mall
- Jefferson Mall
- Northwoods Mall
- Parkdale Mall and Crossing
- Parkdale Mall and Crossing Lifeway Christian Redevelopment
- Southpark Mall
- Volusia Mall
- WestGate Mall
- 5. The New Notes will be secured by a first priority lien on the following properties, which shall be evidenced by mortgages recorded in the applicable recording offices (unless otherwise consented to by the Required Consenting Noteholders in their reasonable discretion, in which case the New Notes will include a restriction on mortgaging the following properties to the extent such property is wholly owned directly or indirectly by CBL Limited Partnership) and a pledge of the equity of the entity that owns the following properties, provided that the following properties will be released at the request of the New Board, subject to certain customary conditions (and there shall not be any release prices).

## Malls

- Cross Creek Mall Sears
- EastGate Mall Sears
- Eastland Mall Macy's
- Fayette Mall Sears Renovation
- Hamilton Place Sears
- Jefferson Mall Macy's / Round 1
- Jefferson Mall Sears
- Parkdale Mall Macy's
- Volusia Sears TBA

Associated Centers

- The Landing at Arbor Place
- The Plaza at Fayette
- The Plaza at Fayette Johnny Carino's Redevelopment

## Land

- Alamance Crossing OP
- Alamance Crossing Utility Mgmt

- Arbor Place APWM, LLC
- Arbor Place OP
- Chapel Hill Land
- Citadel Mall OP
- Gulf Coast Galleria
- Gulf Coast Town Center Peripheral IV Land
- Gulf Coast Town Center Phase III Land
- Hamilton Place Lebcon (Land)<sup>3</sup>
- Hickory Point Mall OP
- Imperial Valley Commons Kohl's and Land
- Imperial Valley Mall OP
- Jacksonville Regal Cinema Mgt
- Meridian Mall Land E. Lansing
- Meridian Mall Township Property
- Statesboro Land<sup>4</sup>
- Sunrise Mall Excess Land
- The Landing at Arbor Place OP
- Walden Park Land

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain consent from the joint venture partner to grant a pledge of the equity, but shall not be required to provide a first priority lien on the property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain consent from the joint venture partner to grant a pledge of the equity, but shall not be required to provide a first priority lien on the property.

## Exhibit C

#### Form of Transfer Agreement

The undersigned (the "**Transferee**") hereby acknowledges that it has read and understands the Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Agreement**"),<sup>1</sup> by and among CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries bound thereto and the Consenting Noteholders, including the transferor to the Transferee of any Company Claims (each such transferor, a "**Transferor**"), and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof to the extent the Transferor was thereby bound, and shall be deemed a "Consenting Noteholder" under the terms of the Agreement.

The Transferee specifically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and makes all representations and warranties contained therein as of the date of this transfer agreement, including the agreement to be bound by the vote of the Transferor if such vote was cast before the effectiveness of the Transfer discussed herein.

Date Executed:

Name: Title: Address: E-mail address(es):

Aggregate Amounts Beneficially Owned or Managed on Account of:	
2023 Notes	
2024 Notes	
2026 Notes	
Bank Claims	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall having the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

## <u>Exhibit D</u>

### Form of Joinder Agreement

The undersigned (the "**Joining Noteholder**") hereby acknowledges that it has read and understands the Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Agreement**"),<sup>2</sup> by and among CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries bound thereto and the Consenting Noteholders, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof, and shall be deemed a "Consenting Noteholder" under the terms of the Agreement.

The Joining Noteholder specifically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and makes all representations and warranties contained therein as of the date of this joinder.

Date Executed:

Name: Title: Address: E-mail address(es):

Aggregate Amounts Beneficially Owned or Managed on Account of:	
2023 Notes	
2024 Notes	
2026 Notes	
Bank Claims	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall having the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

# EXHIBIT D

# LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS

[To Come]

# EXHIBIT E

## FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

[To Come]

# EXHIBIT F

## VALUATION ANALYSIS

[To Come]