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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 000-23593

VERISIGN, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

**12061 Bluemont Way,
Reston, Virginia**
(Address of principal executive offices)

94-3221585
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

20190
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 948-3200
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	VRSN	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (\$232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

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

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of June 30, 2021, was \$16.5 billion based upon the last sale price reported for such date on the Nasdaq Global Select Market. For purposes of this disclosure, shares of Common Stock held by persons known to the Registrant (based on information provided by such persons and/or the most recent Schedule 13Gs filed by such persons) to beneficially own more than 5% of the Registrant's Common Stock and shares held by officers and directors of the Registrant have been excluded because such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding as of the close of business on February 11, 2022: 110,167,438 shares.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement to be delivered to stockholders in connection with the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K where indicated.

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For purposes of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (this “Form 10-K”), the terms “Verisign”, “the Company”, “we”, “us”, and “our” refer to VeriSign, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Overview

We are a global provider of domain name registry services and internet infrastructure, enabling internet navigation for many of the world’s most recognized domain names. We enable the security, stability, and resiliency of key internet infrastructure and services, including providing root zone maintainer services, operating two of the 13 global internet root servers, and providing registration services and authoritative resolution for the .com and .net top-level domains (“TLDs”), which support the majority of global e-commerce.

We were incorporated in Delaware on April 12, 1995. Our principal executive offices are located at 12061 Bluemont Way, Reston, Virginia 20190. Our telephone number at that address is (703) 948-3200. Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol VRSN. VERISIGN, the VERISIGN logo, and certain other product or service names are registered or unregistered trademarks in the U.S. and other countries. Other names used in this Form 10-K may be trademarks of their respective owners. Our primary website is <https://www.verisign.com>. The information available on, or accessible through, this website is not incorporated in this Form 10-K by reference.

Our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), are available, free of charge, on the Investor Relations section of our website as soon as is reasonably practicable after filing such reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at <https://www.sec.gov>.

Pursuant to our agreements with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”), we make available files containing all active domain names registered in the .com and .net registries. Further, we also make available a summary of the active zone count registered in the .com and .net registries and the number of .com and .net domain name registrations in the domain name base. The zone counts and information on how to obtain access to the zone files can be found at <https://www.verisign.com/zone>. The domain name base is the active zone plus the number of domain names that are registered but not configured for use in the respective top-level domain zone file plus the number of domain names that are in a client or server hold status. The domain name base may also reflect compensated or uncompensated judicial or administrative actions to add or remove from the active zone an immaterial number of domain names. These files and the related summary data are updated at least once per day. The update times may vary each day. The number of domain names provided in this Form 10-K are as of midnight of the date reported.

We announce material financial information to our investors using our investor relations website <https://investor.verisign.com>, SEC filings, investor events, news and earnings releases, public conference calls and webcasts. We use these channels as well as social media to communicate with our investors and the public about our company, our products and services, and other issues. It is possible that the information we post on social media could be deemed to be material information. Therefore, we encourage investors, the media, and others interested in our company to review the information we post on the social media channels and websites listed below. This list may be updated from time to time on our investor relations website.

<https://facebook.com/Verisign>
<https://twitter.com/Verisign>
<https://linkedin.com/company/Verisign>
<https://youtube.com/user/Verisign>
<https://verisign.com>
<https://blog.Verisign.com>

The contents of these websites are not intended to be incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K or in any other report or document we file.

Services

We operate the authoritative directory of and/or the back-end systems for all .com, .net, .cc, .gov, .edu and .name domain names, among others. Our services allow individuals and organizations to establish their online identities, while providing the secure, always-on access they need to communicate and transact reliably with large-scale online audiences.

We are the exclusive registry of domain names within the *.com*, *.net*, and *.name* generic top-level domains (“gTLDs”), among others, under agreements with ICANN and also, with respect to the *.com* agreement, the U.S. Department of Commerce (“DOC”). We are also the exclusive registry of domain names within certain transliterations of *.com* and *.net* in a number of different native languages and scripts (“IDN gTLDs”). As a registry, we maintain the authoritative directory of all second-level domain names (e.g., *example.com* and *example.net*) in these gTLDs and IDN gTLDs. Our global constellation of DNS servers provides internet protocol (“IP”) address information in response to queries, enabling the use of browsers, email systems, and other systems on the internet. In addition, we own and maintain our shared registration system that allows ICANN-accredited registrars to enter new second-level domain names into Verisign operated central directories and to submit modifications, transfers, re-registrations, and deletions for existing second-level domain names (“Shared Registration System”).

In addition to our registry agreements with ICANN, we have agreements to operate the registries for the *.tv* and *.cc* country code top-level domains (“ccTLDs”) for Tuvalu and Cocos (Keeling) Islands, respectively, and to operate the technical systems for the *.gov* and *.edu* sponsored TLDs. These TLDs are also supported by our global constellation of DNS servers and Shared Registration System. We did not participate in the Tuvalu government’s rebid of the contract to operate *.tv*, and we anticipate transitioning the operation of the *.tv* registry during 2022. We will continue to operate *.tv* until the transition.

We also provide internationalized domain name (“IDN”) services that enable internet users to access domain names in characters representing their local language. Our gTLDs and ccTLDs can support standards-compliant domain name registrations in over 100 different native languages and scripts.

We also perform the root zone maintainer function under an agreement with ICANN for the core of the internet’s DNS and operate two of the 13 root zone servers that contain authoritative data for the top of the DNS hierarchy.

Domain names can be registered for between one and 10 years. The fees charged for *.com*, *.net* and *.name* may only be increased according to adjustments prescribed in our agreements with ICANN over the applicable term. Revenues for *.cc* and *.tv* domain names and our IDN gTLDs are based on a similar fee system and registration system, although the fees charged are not subject to the same pricing restrictions as those for *.com*, as established in the Cooperative Agreement and the *.com* Registry Agreement, and for *.net* and *.name*, as established in those respective Registry Agreements. The fees received from operating the *.gov* TLD are based on the terms of Verisign’s agreement with the U.S. government. The fees from our performance of the technical operations for other TLDs, are based on the terms of Verisign’s agreements with those respective registry operators.

Operations Infrastructure

Our operations infrastructure consists of secure data centers in Dulles, Virginia; Ashburn, Virginia; New Castle, Delaware; and Fribourg, Switzerland as well as more than 100 other sites around the world. Our domain name servers refer requestors to the associated authoritative name servers for second level domains under our TLDs, thus enabling DNS resolution for every *.com* and *.net* domain name on the internet and for domain names under a large number of other TLDs. Our servers process hundreds of billions of queries daily. Our operations infrastructure operates 24 hours a day, supporting the security, integrity and availability of our services. The performance and availability of our infrastructure are critical for our business. Key features of our operations infrastructure include:

- *Distributed Servers:* We operate a large number of high-speed servers globally to support localized transaction volume and performance demands. In conjunction with our proprietary software, processes and procedures, this global constellation of servers offers rapid failover, global and local load balancing, and threshold monitoring on critical servers.
- *Networking:* We deploy and maintain a redundant and diverse global network, maintain high-speed, redundant connections to numerous internet service providers, and maintain peering relationships globally to ensure that our critical services are readily accessible to end users at all times.
- *Security:* We incorporate architectural concepts such as protected domains, restricted nodes, and distributed access control in our system architecture. In addition, we employ firewalls and intrusion detection software, as well as proprietary security mechanisms at many points across our infrastructure. We perform continuous internal vulnerability testing and periodic controls audits, and also contract with third-party security organizations to perform periodic penetration tests and security risk assessments on our systems. We have engineered resiliency and diversity into how we host classes of products throughout our set of interconnected sites to reduce the risk of unknown vendor defects and zero-day security vulnerabilities. This includes different physical security silos, which themselves are separated into bulkheads, and in which servers are located. Corporate networks are in their own physical silo. Thus, the corporate networks to which personnel directly connect are separated from the silos that house production services; administration of production gear from corporate systems must go through internal, fortified intermediaries; and account credentials used within the corporate networks are not used within the production silos.

- *Data Integrity:* We employ both phased and systemic integrity validation operations via a number of proprietary mechanisms on all internal DNS publication operations.

We continuously expand our infrastructure to meet demands to support normal and peak system load and attack volumes based on what we have experienced historically, as well as to address projected internet attack trends.

Call Centers and Service Desk: We provide customer support services over the phone, by email and through web-based self-help systems. Our support teams are staffed with trained technical customer support agents. Support is available for customers 24 hours a day. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our support teams have continued servicing our customers while working remotely.

Operations Support and Monitoring: Through our network operations center, we have an extensive monitoring capability that enables us to track the status and performance of our critical systems, network and services. Our network operations center monitors our systems 24 hours a day and has continued to be staffed by employees working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disaster Recovery Plans: We have disaster recovery and business continuity capabilities that are designed to deal with the loss of entire data centers and other facilities. We maintain data centers with mirrored services that allow failover with no data loss and no loss of function or capacity, as well as a tertiary facility in Switzerland. Our critical data services (including domain name registration and global resolution) use advanced storage systems that provide data protection through techniques such as synchronous mirroring and remote replication. We periodically operate services at an alternate data center during maintenance windows to ensure the availability of our data centers for disaster recovery.

Marketing, Sales and Distribution

We seek to expand our business through focused marketing campaigns and programs that target growth in the *.com* and *.net* domain name base, both domestically and in foreign markets. We provide tools to be used by both registrars and end users to enable them to find relevant domain names. We have marketing and sales offices in several countries around the world.

Research and Development

We believe that timely development of new and enhanced services, including monitoring and visualization, registry provisioning platforms, navigation and resolution services, data services, value added services, and new and enhanced ways to ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of our services, is necessary to remain competitive in the marketplace.

Our future success will depend, in large part, on our ability to continue to maintain and enhance our current technologies and services and to develop new ones. We actively investigate and incubate new concepts and evaluate new business ideas through our innovation pipeline. We expect that most of the future enhancements to our existing services and our new services will be the result of internal development efforts in collaboration with suppliers, other vendors, customers, and the technology community. Under certain circumstances, we may also acquire or license technology from third parties.

The markets for our services are dynamic, characterized by ongoing technological developments, shifting channel dynamics, frequent new product introductions, and evolving industry standards. The constantly changing nature of these markets and the continued evolution of security threats will require us to continually improve the performance, features, and reliability of our services, and to introduce both new and enhanced products and services.

Competition

We face competition in the domain name registry space from other gTLD and ccTLD registries that are competing for the business of entities and individuals that are seeking to obtain a domain name registration. In addition to the gTLD and ccTLD registries we operate or for which we provide back-end registry services, there are over 1,100 other operational gTLD registries, over 250 ASCII ccTLD registries, more than 50 IDN ccTLD registries, and over 90 IDN gTLD registries. Under our agreements with ICANN, we are subject to certain restrictions in the operation of *.com*, *.net* and *.name* on pricing, bundling, marketing, methods of distribution, introduction of new registry services, and use of registrars, that do not apply to ccTLDs and other gTLDs and therefore may create a competitive disadvantage. Among our competitors operating gTLD and ccTLD registries are China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC), DENIC, Nominet, Public Interest Registry (PIR), Donuts, GoDaddy, and Radix.

To the extent end-users navigate using search engines or social media, as opposed to direct navigation via domain names, or transact on e-commerce platforms, we face competition from search engines such as Google, Bing, Yahoo!, and Baidu, social media networks such as Facebook and WeChat, e-commerce platforms such as Amazon, eBay and Taobao, and microblogging tools such as Twitter. In addition, we face competition from these social media and e-commerce platforms if they are used by businesses and individuals to establish an online presence rather than through the use of a domain name.

Furthermore, to the extent end-users increase the use of mobile applications to locate and access content, we face competition from providers of such web and mobile applications.

New technologies and the expansion of existing technologies may increase competitive pressure. Our industry is characterized by collaborative relationships involving our competitors. In the past, certain of our competitors have consolidated. Our ability to participate and benefit from such collaborative arrangements or consolidations may be limited and such collaborative arrangements and consolidations could harm our competitive position and adversely impact our business.

Industry Regulation

The internet is governed under a multi-stakeholder model comprising civil society, the private sector, including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations such as ICANN, governments, including the U.S. government, academia, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations. ICANN plays a central coordination role in this bottom-up multi-stakeholder system. ICANN is mandated through its bylaws to uphold a private sector-led multi-stakeholder approach to internet governance for the public benefit. ICANN's multi-stakeholder policy development processes have created, and will continue to create, policies, programs, and standards that directly or indirectly impact our business. Certain policies can be adopted as Consensus or Temporary Policies, which we are obligated to follow under our agreements with ICANN. For example, in response to the General Data Protection Regulation, ICANN issued a Temporary Policy modifying public access to information from the Whois services delivered by registrars and registries.

We are also subject to country-level laws and regulations in the United States and in international locations. In China, we are required to maintain licenses for *.com*, *.net*, *.tv* and *.cc* under regulations issued by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. The licenses for *.com* and *.net* must be renewed in 2022. Additionally, in many jurisdictions in which we operate, including California, the European Union, the United Kingdom, China and elsewhere, strict new data security and data privacy regulations have been, or are being, adopted. Because we do not possess extensive personal information, we have not yet experienced significant impacts from these regulations. However, compliance costs and other business impacts could become significant if we begin to receive personal registrant information in our *.com* and *.net* TLDs and as regulatory enforcement increases, as courts interpret these regulations, and as new laws and regulations continue to be adopted. Other regulations, or changes to regulations, may also impact our business operations, including changes to the Digital Services Act or Network and Information Security Directive, in the European Union, or the Communications Decency Act, in the United States.

.com Top-Level Domain

Our operation of the *.com* TLD is subject to the terms of a registry agreement with ICANN (as amended, the "*.com* Registry Agreement"). The current term of the *.com* Registry Agreement is six years and must be renewed or extended by November 30, 2024. Although the *.com* Registry Agreement contains a "presumptive" right of renewal, ICANN could terminate or refuse to renew the Registry Agreement. See "Risk Factors - Any loss or modification of our right to operate the *.com* and *.net* gTLDs could have a material adverse impact on our business and result in loss of revenues." in Part I, Item 1A of this Form 10-K for further information.

Other significant terms within the *.com* Registry Agreement include performance specifications and service level agreements for the availability of our DNS resolution services, our shared registration system, and our Whois services. The *.com* Registry Agreement contains marketing limitations, including limitations on our ability to bundle products and the manner in which we provide marketing support to ICANN-accredited registrars. We are also required under the *.com* Registry Agreement to provide ICANN-accredited registrars with access to our systems to register or take other actions related to domain names. In order to introduce new Registry Services or make material changes to existing Registry Services, we must follow prescribed procedures which permit ICANN to review and approve such services.

The *.com* Registry Agreement requires that on a quarterly basis we pay \$0.25 to ICANN for each annual term of a domain name registered or renewed during such quarter. Amendment 3 to the *.com* Registry Agreement permits an increase to the Maximum Price (as defined in the *.com* Registry Agreement) of *.com* domain name registrations by up to 7% over the previous year in each of the final four years of each six-year period. The first such six-year period began on October 26, 2018. Amendment 3 also clarified that the restrictions in the *.com* Registry Agreement relating to vertical integration apply solely to the *.com* TLD and also clarified that our ability to increase prices by 7% over the previous year due to new ICANN Consensus Policies or documented extraordinary expense may occur only in years where we do not otherwise take the price increases described above.

Our operation of the *.com* TLD is also subject to the terms of a Cooperative Agreement with the DOC. The Cooperative Agreement has undergone various amendments with the most recent, Amendment 35, on October 26, 2018. Amendment 35 extended the term of the Cooperative Agreement until November 30, 2024, which will automatically renew on the same terms for successive six-year terms unless the DOC provides written notice of non-renewal 120 days prior to the end of the then-current term.

Amendment 35 includes the DOC's consent to the modification of the pricing terms in the *.com* Registry Agreement (as described above). The Cooperative Agreement further provides that we shall be entitled at any time during the term of the *.com* Registry Agreement to seek to remove the pricing restrictions contained in the *.com* Registry Agreement if we demonstrate to the DOC that market conditions no longer warrant pricing restrictions in the *.com* Registry Agreement, as determined by the DOC.

DOC approval of changes to or the renewal of the *.com* Registry Agreement was limited by Amendment 35 to only the following circumstances: (1) changes to the pricing provisions (other than as approved in Amendment 35), (2) changes to the vertical integration provisions (other than the clarification approved in Amendment 35), (3) changes to the security, stability and resiliency posture as reflected in the functional or performance specifications (including the service level agreements), (4) changes to the conditions for renewal or termination of the *.com* Registry Agreement, or (5) changes to the Whois service (except as mandated by ICANN through Temporary or Consensus Policies). As was the case with prior amendments, Amendment 35 is not intended to confer federal antitrust immunity on the Company with respect to the *.com* Registry Agreement.

Finally, Amendment 35 clarified that the restrictions in the *.com* Registry Agreement relating to vertical integration apply solely to the *.com* TLD. As to the *.com* TLD, we are not permitted to acquire, directly or indirectly, control of, or a greater than 15% ownership interest in, any ICANN-accredited registrar that sells *.com* domain names. In addition, under Amendment 35, we have agreed to continue to operate the *.com* TLD in a content-neutral manner and to work within ICANN processes to promote the development of content-neutral policies for the operation of the DNS.

.net Top-Level Domain

Our operation of the *.net* TLD is subject to the terms of a registry agreement with ICANN (as amended, the "*.net* Registry Agreement"). The current term of this agreement is six years and must be renewed or extended by July 1, 2023. The terms of the *.net* Registry Agreement are substantially similar to the terms of the *.com* Registry Agreement, except that we are entitled to raise the annual price for new and renewal *.net* domain name registrations by 10% each year.

Root Operations

We operate two of the world's thirteen root servers. Along with the ICANN community, we are involved in discussions to establish criteria for operations of the root server system including the root servers that we operate. We also publish the root zone file, as the Root Zone Maintainer, under the Root Zone Maintainer Service Agreement ("RZMA") with ICANN. The RZMA will expire on October 19, 2024, with an automatic renewal, unless earlier terminated.

The descriptions of the *.com* Registry Agreement, the Cooperative Agreement, and the *.net* Registry Agreement are qualified in their entirety by reference to the text of the complete agreements that are incorporated by reference as exhibits in this Form 10-K.

Human Capital Management

We recognize the importance of talent and culture in driving an environment that fosters high performance. Our employee value proposition and collaborative working environment allows us to attract a strong talent base to meet the current and future demands of our business.

We are committed to attracting, developing, and retaining the best talent, and we routinely monitor and present our progress in these areas to executive management and the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors through a variety of workforce metrics (e.g. workforce demographics, hiring, turnover, and promotion rates, including diversity characteristics for each of these metrics). As of December 31, 2021, we had 904 employees, of which 902 were full-time. 838 employees (representing approximately 93% of our total workforce) were based in the U.S., and 66 employees (representing approximately 7% of our total workforce) were based outside the U.S. As of December 31, 2021, approximately 29% of our global workforce was female, and approximately 43% of our U.S. employees were ethnically and racially diverse. No U.S.-based employees are represented under collective bargaining agreements. Based on periodic monitoring, we believe that our employee turnover rate is relatively low compared to competitive benchmarks and historical trends. We attribute our strong retention rates to our passion and focus on the Company's mission and values, continual development of talent, and the delivery of competitive and equitable reward programs. We regularly review our workforce policies, procedures, and training programs, as well as our overall workforce demographics, in an effort to create a work environment that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, and free from discrimination.

Key human capital areas that we focus on in managing our business include Employee Engagement and Retention, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Compensation and Employee Benefits, Talent Development, and Talent Acquisition.

- *Employee Engagement and Retention:* We use employee feedback to monitor morale and engagement. During 2021, we conducted several surveys to better understand our employees' well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic and to more effectively guide our response. These surveys included two directed to all employees, one directed only to our

onsite employees and one directed only to our leaders. At least 85% of the applicable employee populations participated in each of these surveys. The results indicated high satisfaction rates with our on-going response to, and communications during, the pandemic. In addition, the survey results indicated that our employees remain highly engaged and connected with our mission and values. Moreover, when we hire talent, they tend to stay. The average tenure of our employees is approximately 9 years.

- *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI):* We are a diverse organization, and we believe that drives stronger performance, better decision making, and a culture where differences are valued. We continue to focus on the hiring, retention, and advancement of women and underrepresented populations, and we are committed to making progress towards increasing workforce diversity. In 2021, we conducted a diversity, equity and inclusion review of our recruiting, retention and workplace processes with the help of an outside advisor. This resulted in the development of a comprehensive strategy and roadmap designed to assist us in building upon our strong foundation while outlining areas for improvement.
- *Compensation and Employee Benefits:* To align with our philosophy of providing compelling total rewards, we have practices in place to deliver fair and equitable compensation for employees based on their contribution and performance. We benchmark for market practices and regularly review our compensation and benefits against the market to confirm they remain competitive. We also offer a broad and comprehensive set of benefits to meet the needs of our diverse workforce. We regularly perform adverse impact analyses on base pay, annual incentives and long-term incentives to help calibrate compensation.
- *Talent Development:* We are committed to the continued development of our people. Strategic talent reviews and succession planning occur on a regular basis. Our management training is designed to increase capability in the areas of communication, engagement, coaching, conflict management and business skills, while fostering an ethical, supportive work environment free from bias and harassment. We sponsor continuous skill development for all employees through our online learning and development platform. In addition, we host a series of instructor-led and on-demand learning sessions designed to build our team’s skills and knowledge required for the future.
- *Talent Acquisition:* We are focused on the increasingly competitive labor market, and we are working diligently to attract the best talent from a diverse range of sources. To assist in this effort, we have broadened our sourcing strategies, refreshed our employment branding and developed targeted recruitment strategies for specialized skill sets. In 2021, we hired 82 new employees.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety and well-being of our employees has remained a key focus and priority. Throughout 2021, approximately 94% of our employees continued in a work-from-home status. To protect the health of our employees who work on site, we have rigorous cleaning and safety protocols for our facilities. We also track the vaccination status of our employees in order to respond, as applicable, to any requirements or mandates by government regulation. We adjusted employee leave and other policies with the intention of providing our workforce with flexibility it needs to manage personal challenges arising from the pandemic. We enhanced mental health resources available to our employees, and unique individual requirements are supported to the greatest degree possible. We also continue to provide our employees with the equipment and resources that they require to work remotely. Finally, we monitor the physical and mental well-being of our employees through frequent leadership updates and regular management outreach.

The following table shows a comparison of our consolidated employee headcount, by function:

	As of December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
Employee headcount by function:			
Cost of revenues	235	235	259
Sales and marketing	74	68	71
Research and development	250	260	214
General and administrative	345	346	328
Total	904	909	872

Intellectual Property

We rely on a combination of copyrighted software, trademarks, service marks, patents, trade secrets, know-how, restrictions on disclosure, and other methods to protect our proprietary assets. We also enter into confidentiality and/or intellectual property assignment agreements with our employees, consultants and current and potential affiliates, customers and business partners. We also control access to and distribution of proprietary documentation and other confidential information.

We have been issued numerous patents in the U.S. and abroad, covering a wide range of our technologies. Additionally, we continue to file patent applications with respect to certain of our technologies in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and

internationally. Patents may not be awarded with respect to these applications and even if such patents are awarded, such patents may not provide sufficient protection of our technologies. We continue to consider opportunities for strategic growth and use of our patent portfolio.

We have obtained trademark registrations for the VERISIGN mark and VERISIGN logo in the U.S. and certain countries, and have pending trademark applications for the VERISIGN logo in a number of other countries. We have common law rights in other proprietary names. We take steps to enforce and police Verisign's trademarks. We rely on the strength of our Verisign brand to help differentiate ourselves in the marketing of our products and services.

Our principal intellectual property consists of, and our success is dependent upon, proprietary software used in our business and certain methodologies (many of which are patented or for which patent applications are pending) and technical expertise and proprietary know-how we use in both the design and implementation of our current and future registry services. We own our proprietary Shared Registration System through which registrars submit second-level domain name registrations for each of the registries we operate, as well as the ATLAS distributed lookup system which processes hundreds of billions of queries per day. Some of the software and protocols used in our business are in the public domain or are otherwise available to our competitors, and some are based on open standards set by organizations such as the Internet Engineering Task Force. To the extent any of our patents are considered "standard essential patents," we may be required to license such patents to our competitors on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms or otherwise be limited in our ability to assert such patents.

Information About Our Executive Officers

The following table sets forth information regarding our executive officers as of February 18, 2022:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
D. James Bidzos	66	Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Todd B. Strubbe	58	President and Chief Operating Officer
George E. Kilguss, III	61	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Thomas C. Indelicarto	58	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

D. James Bidzos has served as Executive Chairman since August 2009 and Chief Executive Officer since August 2011. He served as President from August 2011 to February 2020. He served as Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer on an interim basis from June 2008 to August 2009 and served as President from June 2008 to January 2009. He served as Chairman of the Board since August 2007 and from April 1995 to December 2001. He served as Vice Chairman of the Board from December 2001 to August 2007. Mr. Bidzos served as a director of VeriSign Japan from March 2008 to August 2010 and served as Representative Director of VeriSign Japan from March 2008 to September 2008. Mr. Bidzos served as Vice Chairman of RSA Security Inc., an internet identity and access management solution provider, from March 1999 to May 2002, and Executive Vice President from July 1996 to February 1999. Prior thereto, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of RSA Data Security, Inc. from 1986 to February 1999.

Todd B. Strubbe has served as Chief Operating Officer since April 2015 and President since February 2020. From September 2009 to April 2015, he served as the President of the Unified Communications Business Segment for West Corporation, a provider of technology-driven communications services. Prior to this, he was a co-founder and Managing Partner of Arbor Capital, LLC. He has also served in executive leadership positions at First Data Corporation and CompuBank, N.A. and as an associate and then as an engagement manager with McKinsey & Company, Inc. He also served for five years as an infantry officer with the United States Army. Mr. Strubbe holds an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School and a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

George E. Kilguss, III has served as Chief Financial Officer since May 2012. From April 2008 to May 2012, he was the Chief Financial Officer of Internap Network Services Corporation, an IT infrastructure solutions company. From December 2003 to December 2007, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Towerstream Corporation, a company that delivers high speed wireless internet access to businesses. From 1997 to 2000, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Stratos Global Corporation, a mobile satellite services company. Mr. Kilguss holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business and a B.S. degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Hartford.

Thomas C. Indelicarto has served as General Counsel and Secretary since November 2014. From September 2008 to November 2014, he served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel. From January 2006 to September 2008, he served as Litigation Counsel. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Indelicarto was in private practice as an associate at Arnold & Porter LLP and Buchanan Ingersoll (now, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC). Mr. Indelicarto also served as a U.S. Army officer for nine years. Mr. Indelicarto holds a J.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and a B.S. degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Please carefully consider the following discussion of significant factors, events and uncertainties that make an investment in our securities risky. In addition to other information in this Form 10-K, the following risk factors should be carefully considered in evaluating us and our business. When the factors, events and contingencies described below or elsewhere in this Form 10-K materialize, our business, operating results, financial condition, reputation, cash flows or prospects can be materially adversely affected. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose part or all of your investment. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition, reputation, cash flows and prospects. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-K as a result of the risk factors discussed below and elsewhere in this Form 10-K and in other filings we make with the SEC. Additional or unforeseen effects from the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic climate may give rise to or amplify many of the risks discussed below.

Cybersecurity and Technology Risk Factors

Attempted security breaches, including from the exploitation of vulnerabilities, cyber-attacks and Distributed Denial of Service (“DDoS”) attacks against our systems and services increase our costs, expose us to potentially material liability, and could materially harm our business and reputation.

As an operator of critical internet infrastructure, we experience a high rate of cyber-attacks and attempted security breaches targeting our systems and services, including the most sophisticated forms of attacks, such as advanced persistent threat attacks, exploitation of zero-day vulnerabilities, ransomware attacks, and social engineering attacks. The forms of these attacks are constantly evolving and may involve methods, tools and strategies that may not have been previously identified and may not have been observed until the moment of launch, or until sometime after, making these attacks virtually impossible to anticipate and difficult to defend against. In addition to external threats, our systems and services are subject to insider threat risks, including physical or electronic break-ins, sabotage, and risks from suppliers, such as consultants and advisors, SaaS providers, hardware, software, and network systems manufacturers, regional internet registries, and other vendors, or from current or former contractors or employees. These threats and any resulting security breaches can arise from intentional or unintentional actions. Our continued exposure to these threats and the potential that they could lead to material liability claims against us requires us to expend significant financial and other resources. We have developed policies, procedures and standards to identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from threats posed by cybersecurity risks, and failure to comply with these policies, procedures and standards by our employees or suppliers could limit our ability to effectively manage threats from these cybersecurity risks. In addition, we must ensure that our employees stay focused on cybersecurity threats especially in remote or hybrid work environment, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, or our ability to effectively manage cybersecurity risks could be impacted. Our failure to effectively manage these security risks, including insider threats, could result in material harm to our business, including loss of or delay in revenues, failure to meet contracted service level obligations, material liability claims, failure to maintain market acceptance, injury to our reputation, and increased costs, and could call into question our ability to preserve the security and stability of the internet.

Security vulnerabilities in our systems and our vendors’ systems, including vulnerabilities in third party software and hardware, pose a material risk to our operations. We use externally-developed technology, systems and services, including both hardware and software, for a variety of purposes, including compute, storage, encryption and authentication, back-office support, and other functions. We have developed policies, procedures, and standards to reduce the impact of security vulnerabilities in system components, as well as at any vendors where our data is stored or processed. However, such measures cannot provide absolute security. While we strive to remediate known vulnerabilities on a timely basis, such vulnerabilities could be exploited before our remediation is effective and if so, could cause systems and service interruptions, data loss and other damages. Our failure to identify, remediate and mitigate security vulnerabilities, including any potential failure to timely replace and upgrade hardware, software, or other technology assets, could result in material harm to our business, including loss of or delay in revenues, failure to meet contracted service level obligations, material liability claims, failure to maintain market acceptance, injury to our reputation, increased costs, and call into question our ability to preserve the security and stability of the internet.

In addition, our networks have been, and likely will continue to be, subject to DDoS attacks. Recent industry experience has demonstrated that DDoS attacks continue to grow in size and sophistication and have the ability to widely disrupt internet services. In recent years, the size of DDoS attacks has grown rapidly. We have successfully mitigated DDoS attacks during this time frame that are significantly larger than those we have historically experienced. While we have adopted mitigation techniques, procedures and strategies to defend against DDoS attacks, there can be no assurance that we will be able to defend against every attack, especially as the attacks increase in size and sophistication. Any attack, even if only partially successful, could disrupt our networks, increase response time, negatively impact our ability to meet our service level obligations, and generally impede our ability to provide reliable service to our customers and the broader internet community. We have historically incurred, and will continue to incur, significant costs to enable our infrastructure to process levels of attack traffic that are significant multiples of our normal transaction volume. We are employing new technologies and new and different

services and capabilities to help mitigate DDoS attacks. If these new technologies, services and capabilities are not effective, our networks could be disrupted, our response times could increase, our ability to meet our contracted service level obligations could be negatively impacted, and our ability to provide reliable service to our customers and the broader internet community could be impeded.

We do not maintain specific reserves for security breaches, cyber-attacks and DDoS attacks against our systems and the amount of insurance coverage we maintain may be inadequate to cover claims or liabilities relating to such attacks.

We may introduce undetected or unknown defects into our systems or services, which could materially harm our business and harm our vendors or our customers.

Despite testing, services as complex as those we offer or develop could contain undetected defects or errors, which could result in service outages or disruptions, compromised customer data, including DNS data, diversion of development resources, injury to our reputation, tort or contract claims, increased insurance costs or increased service costs. Performance of our services, whether or not defective, could have unforeseen or unknown adverse effects on the networks over which they are delivered, on internet users and consumers, and on third-party applications and services that use our services, any of which could result in legal claims against us. While we strive to prevent, detect and remediate defects or errors, they can and do occur and they could result in our inability to meet customer expectations in a timely manner, failure to meet our contracted service level obligations, injury to our reputation, and increased costs.

Our infrastructure and services are subject to vulnerabilities in the global routing system for the internet, as well as risks arising from internet services providers' increasing adoption of the Resource Public Key Infrastructure system.

Routing on the internet depends on the Border Gateway Protocol ("BGP"), which is a protocol that relies on networks within the internet infrastructure acting in a trustworthy manner when sharing information about destinations for connectivity and the routing of internet traffic. As a trust-based protocol, BGP has a number of vulnerabilities that may lead to outages or disrupt our services, including as a result of "route hijacks" that involve accidental or malicious rerouting of internet traffic, or "route leaks" that involve the malicious or unintentional propagation of routing information beyond the intended scope of the originator, receiver, and/or one of the networks along the route's path. Both route hijacks and route leaks can result in partial or full rerouting of internet traffic for the impacted destinations. These types of events, which are generally beyond our control, could enable an array of attack conditions or service disruptions, and could result in adverse publicity and adversely affect the public's perception of the security of e-commerce and communications over the internet, as well as of the security or reliability of our services.

To address internet routing system vulnerabilities, many internet service providers are beginning to adopt and apply internet reachability policies based on a system known as the Resource Public Key Infrastructure ("RPKI") operated by the regional internet registries ("RIRs"). The RIRs allocate internet number resources, such as internet protocol addresses, to enterprises and network operators. We have limited visibility into the maturity of and investment in the RIRs' operational and security controls, which are outside of our control. When the availability, integrity, or confidentiality of any of the information in the RPKI system, or systems used to maintain and administer RPKI data and systems, are impacted or otherwise compromised in any of the RIRs, or any network operator that is a relying party of the RPKI system, or the operations or ingestion of data from the RPKI system are otherwise impacted by a known or unknown vulnerability, our services may be negatively impacted. Such impacts may include degraded or full loss of reachability of service addresses in the global internet routing system, resulting in degradation or complete loss of availability of our services. A compromise of the RPKI system and related services, or unintentional or unauthorized manipulation of data therein, may also result in other denial of service attack conditions for our infrastructure and services. The systemic dependencies introduced by RPKI and the relying parties of the RPKI system, including network service providers, are outside of our control, and systems that depend upon the RPKI may be only as secure as the weakest elements of the RPKI system. We may contract with one or more RIRs to employ RPKI, which carries material operational risks, as described above, as well as material contractual risks, which may expose us to service disruptions and material liability.

We could encounter system interruptions or systems failures resulting from activities beyond our direct control that could materially harm our business.

We depend on the uninterrupted operation of our various systems, secure data centers and other computer and communication networks. Our systems and operations are vulnerable to damage or interruption from power loss, transmission cable cuts and other telecommunications failures, damage or interruption caused by fire, earthquake, and other natural disasters, intentional acts of vandalism, terrorist attacks, unintentional mistakes or errors. Our systems and operations also face risks inherent in, or arising from, the terms and conditions of our agreements with service providers to operate our networks and data centers. We are also subject to state suppression of internet operations. Any of these problems or outages could create potential liability and exposure, including from a failure to meet our contracted service level obligations, and could decrease customer satisfaction, harming our business, or resulting in adverse publicity and damage to our reputation or call into question our ability to preserve the security and stability of the internet.

Our data centers, our data center systems, including the Shared Registration Systems located at our data centers, and our resolution systems are vulnerable to damage or interruption, which could impede our ability to provide our services, expose us to material liability, and materially harm our reputation.

Most of the computing infrastructure for our Shared Registration System is located at, and most of our customer information is stored in, our owned data centers. In 2019, we began expanding some of our data center services to a leased data center facility. These data centers are vulnerable to damage or interruption, including from natural disasters, such as fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods, power loss, hardware or system failures, physical or electronic break-ins, human error or interference. We are also updating our network architecture in several of our new and existing data centers. If our data center facilities or the updated network architecture do not operate as expected, including the ability to quickly switch over between sites, we could experience service interruptions or outages. A failure in the operation of our Shared Registration System could result in the inability of one or more registrars to register or manage domain names for a period of time. If such a registrar has not implemented robust services in a manner that preserves transactions until processed by the registry, then the failure in the operation of our Shared Registration System could result in permanent loss of transactions at the registrar during that period. A failure in the operation of our Shared Registration System could also impact our ability to provide up-to-date information in our resolution systems, which could result in breaches of our service level obligations pertaining to our resolution services and impact the resolution of domain names on the internet. Although we carry insurance, we do not carry insurance or designated financial reserves for such interruptions.

In addition, our services depend on the secure and efficient operation of the internet connections to and from customers to our Shared Registration System residing in our secure data centers. These connections depend upon the secure and efficient operation of internet service providers, internet exchange point operators, and internet backbone service providers. Such providers have encountered periodic operational problems or experienced outages in the past beyond our scope of control and may continue to encounter problems and outages or may choose to discontinue their service. If the providers that our connections depend upon do not protect, maintain, improve, and reinvest in their networks or present inconsistent data regarding the DNS through their networks, our business could be harmed.

A failure in the operation or update of the root zone servers, the root zone file, the Root Zone Management System, the TLD name servers, or the TLD zone files that we operate, including, for example, the .gov registry, or other network functions, could result in, among other problems, (1) a DNS resolution or other service outage or degradation, (2) the deletion of one or more TLDs from the internet, (3) the deletion of one or more second-level domain names from the internet, or (4) a misdirection of one or more domain names to different servers. A failure in the operation or update of the supporting cryptographic and other operational infrastructure that we maintain could result in similar consequences. Any of these problems or outages could create potential material liability and exposure from litigation and investigations, could result in a failure to meet our service level agreements, and could decrease customer satisfaction, harming our business. These problems could also result in adverse publicity, decrease the public's trust in the security of e-commerce, or call into question our ability to preserve the security and stability of the internet.

We retain certain customer and employee information in our data centers and various domain name registration systems. Any physical or electronic break-in or other security breach or compromise of the information stored at our data centers or domain name registration systems may jeopardize the security of information we retain or that is retained in the computer systems and networks of our customers. In such an event, we could face material liability and exposure from litigation and investigations, fail to meet contracted service level obligations, or be at risk for loss of various security and standards-based compliance certifications needed for operation of our businesses, and customers could be reluctant to use our services, any of which could also adversely affect our reputation and harm our business or cause financial losses that are either not insured against or not fully covered through any insurance.

We face risks from the operation of the root server system and our performance of the Root Zone Maintainer functions under the RZMA.

Although the overall root server system is redundant and dispersed, a failure or interruption in the operation of the root server system could impact the effectiveness of our .com and .net authoritative servers and therefore negatively impact directory services necessary for the operation of the internet. We also have an important operational role in support of a key Internet Assigned Numbers Authority ("IANA") function as the Root Zone Maintainer. In this role, we provision and publish the authoritative root zone data and make it available to all root server operators under the RZMA with ICANN. If we make errors in the publication of the root zone, we may be subject to material claims challenging the RZMA or our performance under it, including tort claims, and we may not have immunity from, or sufficient indemnification or insurance for, such claims.

Contractual, Regulatory, Legal and Compliance Risk Factors

Any loss or modification of our right to operate the .com and .net gTLDs could have a material adverse impact on our business and result in loss of revenues.

Substantially all of our revenues are derived from our operation of the .com gTLD under our Cooperative Agreement with the DOC and our .com Registry Agreement as well as our operation of the .net gTLD under our .net Registry Agreement. Any loss or modification of our right to operate the .com and .net gTLDs could materially and adversely impact our ability to conduct our business and result in loss of revenues. Our .com and .net Registry Agreements contain “presumptive” rights of renewal upon the expiration of their current terms on November 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023, respectively. ICANN could refuse to renew upon expiration or terminate our .com Registry Agreement or our .net Registry Agreement if, upon proper notice, (1) we fail to cure a fundamental and material breach of certain specified obligations, and (2) we fail to timely comply with a final decision of an arbitrator or court. Additionally, each of the .com and .net Registry Agreements provide that if certain terms of these agreements are not similar to such terms generally in effect in the registry agreements of the five largest gTLDs, then a renewal of these agreements would be upon terms reasonably necessary to render such terms to be similar to the registry agreements for those other gTLDs. Any such terms, if they apply, could be unfavorable to us and have a material adverse impact on our business.

Standard renewals of the .com Registry Agreement do not require further DOC approval, although the prior written approval of the DOC is required for the removal of, or any changes to the pricing section (other than as approved in Amendment 35 to the Cooperative Agreement) and for changes to certain other specified terms whether such removal or changes is made at a renewal or otherwise. We can provide no assurances that DOC approval would be provided upon our request for any of these changes.

In addition, under Amendment 35 to the Cooperative Agreement, we have agreed to continue to operate the .com gTLD in a content-neutral manner and to work within ICANN processes to promote the development of content-neutral policies for the operation of the DNS, and under our binding letter of intent with ICANN, we have agreed to work with the ICANN community to develop certain best practices and other commitments for the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS and the internet. Such policies and processes could expose us to compliance costs and substantial liability and result in costly and time-consuming investigations or litigation.

Changes or challenges to the pricing provisions in the .com Registry Agreement could have a material adverse impact on our business.

Under the terms of the .com Registry Agreement, we may increase the annual fee of each .com domain name registration or renewal by up to 7% over the previous year in each of the final four years of each six-year period. We can provide no assurance that we will exercise such right to increase the annual fee. In addition to this contractual right, we are entitled to increase the annual fee of each .com domain name registration or renewal by up to 7% due to the imposition of any new specifications or policies adopted by ICANN pursuant to the procedures set forth in its bylaws and due process (“Consensus Policies”) or documented extraordinary expense resulting from an attack or threat of attack on the security and stability of the DNS (an “Extraordinary Expense”). In addition, our ability to increase the price for .com domain name registrations and renewals due to a Consensus Policy or Extraordinary Expense may occur only in years in which we do not increase the price for .com domain name registrations and renewals as described above. It is uncertain whether circumstances would arise that would permit us to take a price increase due to a Consensus Policy or Extraordinary Expense, or if they do, whether we would seek to increase the price for .com domain name registrations for this reason. A failure to seek and obtain a price increase due to a Consensus Policy or Extraordinary Expense, when available, could negatively affect our operating results. We also have the right under the Cooperative Agreement to seek the removal of these pricing restrictions on the .com TLD if we demonstrate to the DOC that market conditions no longer warrant these restrictions. However, it is uncertain whether we will seek the removal of these restrictions, or whether the DOC would approve the removal of these restrictions.

Our .com Registry Agreement, including its pricing provisions, has faced, and could face in the future, challenges, including possible legal challenges, or challenges under ICANN’s accountability mechanisms, from ICANN, registrars, registrants, and others, and any adverse outcome from these challenges could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Government regulation and the application of new and existing laws in the U.S. and internationally may slow business growth, increase our costs of doing business, create potential material liability and have a material adverse effect on our business.

Application of new and existing laws and regulations in the U.S. or internationally to the internet or the domain name industry have imposed and may in the future impose new costs and new restrictions on our business. Laws and regulations, including those designed to restrict who can register and who can distribute domain names or to require registrants to provide additional documentation to register domain names, have, and may in the future, impose significant additional costs on our business and subject us to additional liabilities or could prevent us from operating in certain jurisdictions. For example, the

government of China has indicated that it will issue, and has issued, new regulations, and has begun to enforce existing regulations, that impose additional costs on, and risks to, our provision of registry services in China and could impact the demand for domain name registrations in China. Registries, including us, and China-based registrars are also required by some of these regulations to obtain a government-issued license for each TLD operating in China. Any failure to obtain or renew the required licenses, or to comply with any license requirements or any updates thereto, by us or our China-based registrars could impact our current and future business in China.

In addition, laws have been and may in the future be adopted, that are designed to restrict counterfeit or illegal goods or intellectual property violations such as cybersquatting, prevent on-line abuse, increase access to registrant personal information or that restrict the transfer of data. The costs of complying or failing to comply with these laws and regulations could limit our ability to operate in our current locations, expose us to compliance costs and substantial liability, and result in costly and time-consuming litigation.

Similarly, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, which greatly increases the jurisdictional reach of European Union law and adds broad new requirements for handling personal data, including the public disclosure of significant data breaches, and significant penalties, became effective in May 2018. Other countries, such as China, and other states, such as California with the California Consumer Privacy Act, have enacted or are enacting data protection laws regulating or limiting the collection, storage, and processing of personal data as well as granting new rights to data subjects. To conduct our operations, we regularly move data across national borders and receive data originating from different jurisdictions, and consequently we are subject to these continuously evolving and developing laws and regulations both in the United States and internationally regarding privacy, data protection and data security. The scope of the laws and regulations that are applicable to us is often uncertain and may be conflicting, particularly with respect to international laws and regulations. These evolving legal, regulatory and compliance frameworks could impose significant costs for us that are likely to increase over time.

Our international operations expose us and our business to additional economic, legal, regulatory and political risks that could have a material adverse impact on our revenues and business.

A significant portion of our revenues is derived from customers outside the U.S. Our business operations in international locations have required, and will continue to require, significant management attention and resources. We may also need to tailor some of our services for a particular location and to enter into international distribution and operating relationships. We may fail to maintain our ability to conduct business, including potentially material business operations in some international locations, or we may not succeed in expanding our services into new international locations or expand our presence in existing locations. Failure to do so could materially harm our business. Moreover, local laws and customs in many countries differ significantly from those in the U.S. In many foreign countries, particularly in those with developing economies, it is common for others to engage in business practices that are prohibited by our internal policies and procedures or U.S. law or regulations applicable to us. There can be no assurance that our employees, contractors and agents will not take actions in violation of such policies, procedures, laws and/or regulations. Violations of laws, regulations or internal policies and procedures by our employees, contractors or agents could result in financial reporting problems, investigations, fines, penalties, or prohibition on the importation or exportation of our products and services and could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, we face risks inherent in doing business internationally, including:

- competition with companies in international locations or other domestic companies entering international locations in which we operate, as well as local governments actively promoting ccTLDs that we do not operate;
- political and economic tensions between governments and changes in international trade policies and/or the economic and trade sanctions programs administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") of the U.S. Department of the Treasury;
- tariffs and other trade barriers and restrictions;
- difficulties in staffing and managing international operations;
- currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- potential problems associated with adapting our services to technical conditions existing in different countries;
- difficulties in verifying end-user information, including for the purposes of complying with the verification requirements of certain countries and with the economic and trade sanctions programs administered by OFAC;
- more stringent privacy and data localization policies in some international jurisdictions;
- additional vulnerability from terrorist groups targeting U.S. interests abroad;
- potentially conflicting or adverse tax consequences;
- reliance on third parties in international locations in which we only recently started doing business; and

- potential concerns of international governments or customers and prospects regarding doing business with U.S. technology companies due to alleged U.S. government data collection policies.

Escalating political tensions between the United States and China in particular may pose additional risks to our business in China. Since 2018, the United States and China have imposed tariffs on certain of each other's exports. In 2020 and 2021, the U.S. government announced restrictions on trading with certain Chinese companies. The Chinese government subsequently announced actions that, if implemented, could impose additional restrictions on the Chinese operations of non-Chinese companies. These and future government actions impacting our ability to operate in China may cause our management's attention to be diverted, our reputation to be damaged, or our business in China to be adversely affected.

Changes in, or interpretations of, tax rules and regulations or our tax positions may materially and adversely affect our income taxes.

We are subject to income taxes in both the U.S. and numerous international jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Our effective tax rates may fluctuate significantly on a quarterly basis because of a variety of factors, including changes in the mix of earnings and losses in countries with differing statutory tax rates, changes in our business or structure, changes in tax laws that could adversely impact our income or non-income taxes or the expiration of or disputes about certain tax agreements in a particular country. We are subject to audit by various tax authorities. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, we recognize income tax benefits, net of required valuation allowances and accrual for uncertain tax positions. Although we believe our tax estimates are reasonable, the final determination of tax audits and any related litigation could be materially different than that which is reflected in historical income tax provisions and accruals. Should additional taxes be assessed as a result of an audit or litigation, an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows in the period or periods for which that determination is made could result.

In the U.S., a number of legislative proposals, including the "Build Back Better" bill, are being considered which could impact how multinational corporations are taxed. In addition, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD") plans to issue guidance and a final report that will provide a long-term, multilateral proposal on the taxation of the digital economy. Similarly, some international tax jurisdictions, independent of the OECD, have enacted or may enact new tax regimes aimed at income resulting from digital services. Although we cannot predict the nature or outcome of such changes or the likelihood of such legislative proposals being adopted in the U.S. or throughout the world, any or all of these changes in tax laws could increase our taxes and adversely impact our financial condition and cash flow.

Our business faces risks arising from ICANN's consensus and temporary policies, technical standards and other processes.

Our Registry Agreements with ICANN require us to implement Consensus Policies and changes mandated by ICANN through temporary specifications or policies ("Temporary Policies"). ICANN could adopt Consensus Policies or Temporary Policies that (1) are unfavorable to us as the registry operator of .com, .net and other gTLDs that we operate, (2) are inconsistent with our current or future plans, (3) impose substantial costs on our business, (4) subject the Company to additional legal risks, or (5) affect our competitive position. These Consensus Policies or Temporary Policies could have a material adverse effect on our business. For example, ICANN has adopted a Consensus Policy that would require us to receive and display registrants' personal and contact information and designated administrative and technical contact information ("Thick Whois data") for .com and .net, although that Policy is undergoing modification by a subsequent Consensus Policy that may make such transfer of Thick Whois data to us optional. We can provide no assurances that such a modification will occur or that we would not choose to or ultimately be required to receive and display Thick Whois data for our .com and .net registries. The costs of complying or failing to comply with Consensus and Temporary Policies, particularly the cost of compliance if the .com and .net registries receive Thick Whois data could expose us to substantial compliance costs, liability and exposure, and result in costly and time-consuming investigations or litigation.

Our Registry Agreements with ICANN require us to implement and comply with various technical standards and specifications published by the Internet Engineering Task Force ("IETF"). ICANN could impose requirements on us through changes to these IETF standards, or new standards, that are inconsistent with our current or future plans, that impose substantial costs on our business, that subject the Company to additional legal risks, or that affect our competitive position. Any such changes to the IETF standards, or new standards, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Weakening of, or changes to, the multi-stakeholder form of internet governance could materially and adversely impact our business.

The internet is governed under a multi-stakeholder model comprising civil society, the private sector, including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations such as ICANN, governments, including the U.S. government, academia, non-governmental organizations and international organizations. If ICANN fails to uphold, or if the multi-stakeholder model is significantly redefined, it could harm our business. For example, certain governments, governmental organizations, and private actors continue to express dissatisfaction with the multi-stakeholder form of internet governance and have proposed alternatives including oversight by the United Nations or by international treaties. Furthermore, national legislation has been proposed on topics such as information security and access to personal information that effectively supplants the multi-stakeholder process for policy development in the DNS. Substantially weakening or replacing the multi-stakeholder form of internet governance could materially harm our business.

In addition, in 2016 the U.S. government transferred key internet functions to ICANN, who adopted new and enhanced accountability mechanisms in its bylaws such as the creation of the Empowered Community. There can be no assurance that the removal of the U.S. government oversight of these key functions, or the changes to ICANN's bylaws, will not negatively impact our business.

Claims, lawsuits, audits or investigations in which we are or could become involved may result in material adverse outcomes to our business.

We are, and may in the future become, involved in claims, lawsuits, audits and investigations, including intellectual property litigation and infringement claims. Litigation is inherently unpredictable, and unexpected judgments or excessive verdicts do occur. In addition, proceedings that we initially view as immaterial could prove to be material. Adverse outcomes in lawsuits, audits and investigations, could result in significant monetary damages, including indemnification payments, or injunctive relief that could adversely affect our ability to conduct our business, and may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. For example, we are engaged in activities to help mitigate security threats and other forms of DNS abuse in our TLDs and we are involved in community efforts that could increase and expand such activities including potential new contractual obligations. Such activities include, for example, receiving reports of suspected threats and abuse from appropriate "trusted notifiers" (typically involving national and international law enforcement) and notifying registrars or others of domain names associated with suspected malicious or illegal activity. Our activities may also include disabling one or more domain names in the TLDs we operate including in response to governmental directives and orders in those jurisdictions in which we operate. Activities such as these have resulted in, and could in the future result in, significant litigation and could harm our reputation. Given the inherent uncertainties in litigation, even when we are able to reasonably estimate the amount of possible loss or range of loss and therefore record an aggregate litigation accrual for probable and reasonably estimable loss contingencies, the accrual may change in the future due to new developments or changes in approach. In addition, such claims, lawsuits, audits and investigations could involve significant expense and diversion of management's attention and resources from other matters.

Strategic, Business and Operating Risk Factors

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted how we operate our business, and the extent to which the effects of the pandemic will materially impact our business, operations, financial condition and results of operations remains uncertain.

The United States and the global community we serve are facing unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic, and the preventative measures taken in response to the pandemic (including "shelter-in-place" or "stay-at-home" and similar orders issued by international, federal, state or local authorities and the subsequent relaxation and re-imposition of such orders), have resulted in, and are expected to continue to result in, significant volatility, business and economic disruptions and uncertainty. In response to the pandemic, we have taken steps to protect our employees, including arranging for most of our employees to work remotely, while we continue to operate all of our services, including our registry services for .com and .net and our root operations. However, the extent to which the effects of the pandemic will continue to impact our business, operations, financial condition and results of operations remains uncertain and depends on numerous evolving factors that we may not be able to control or predict, including:

- the duration and scope of the pandemic;
- the extent and effectiveness of responsive actions, including the relaxation and re-imposition of orders by authorities and the delivery and administration of vaccines, including vaccination requirements and mandates by government regulation, and the impact of these and other factors on our employees, customers and vendors;
- the impact of the pandemic on our key personnel and other employees (including the impact of work-from-home arrangements on employee productivity and morale);
- the extent to which we are able to maintain and replace critical internet infrastructure components when necessary;

- our continued ability to execute on business continuity plans for the maintenance of our critical internet infrastructure while most of our employees continue to work remotely; and
- any negative impact on the demand for new and renewal domain name registrations resulting from the economic disruption caused by the pandemic and responses thereto.

Further, the impact of COVID-19 and the volatile regional and global economic conditions stemming from the pandemic may also precipitate or exacerbate other risks discussed in these Risk Factors, any of which could have a material effect on us. As of the date of this Form 10-K, our financial condition and results of operations have not been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless, this situation is uncertain and additional effects may arise that we are not presently aware of or that we currently do not consider present material risks to our operations. If we are unable to successfully respond to and manage the impact of the pandemic, and the resulting responses to it, our business, operations, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely impacted, and the impact could be material.

The business environment is highly competitive and, if we do not compete effectively, we may suffer material adverse impact to our business, including lower demand for our products, reduced gross margins, and loss of market share.

We face competition from services that provide an online identity or presence, including other gTLD and ccTLD registries. In order to remain competitive and retain our market position, we must continually demonstrate the safety, security, and resiliency of our services and must adopt and support new technologies to adapt our services to changing technologies, market conditions, and our customers' and internet users' preferences and practices. If we do not successfully evolve and demonstrate the value of our services, we may not be able to compete effectively with current or future competitors, and such competitive pressures could materially harm our business. In addition, competing technologies developed by others or the emergence of new industry standards may adversely affect our competitive position or render our services or technologies noncompetitive or obsolete. Finally, consolidation within our industry has occurred and is likely to continue to occur. Our ability to participate and benefit from such consolidations may be limited and consolidation within our industry among our competitors could harm our competitive position and adversely impact our business.

We have been designated as the registry operator for certain new gTLDs, including certain IDN gTLDs. Our new gTLDs may not be as or more successful than the new gTLDs obtained by our competitors. In addition, our new gTLDs may face additional universal acceptance and usability challenges and it is possible that resolution of domain names within some of these new gTLDs may be blocked within certain state or organizational environments, challenging universal resolvability of these strings and their general acceptance and usability.

See the "Competition" section in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K for further information.

The evolution of technologies or internet practices and behaviors, the adoption of substitute technologies, or wholesale price increases of domain names in our TLDs may materially and negatively impact the demand for the domain names for which we are the registry operator.

Technologies relating to online presence, including social media, mobile devices, apps, and search engines, have evolved and continue to evolve, changing the internet practices and behaviors of consumers and businesses. These ongoing changes can negatively impact the demand for our domain names. In addition, registrants purchase domain names for a variety of reasons, including personal, commercial, and investment reasons. Changes in the motivation of domain name registrants can negatively impact our business.

Technology changes to web browser or internet search technologies could reduce demand for domain names. Similarly, if internet users' preferences or practices shift away from recognizing and relying on web addresses or if internet users were to significantly decrease the use of web browsers in favor of applications to locate and access content, demand for domain names in our TLDs could be negatively impacted. Demand for domain names in our TLDs could be negatively impacted by new technologies that significantly decrease the use of traditional domain names to present and protect an online identity. New technologies that encourage internet users to expand the use of third-level domains or alternate identifiers, such as identifiers from social networking, e-commerce platforms and microblogging sites, could also negatively impact the demand for domain names in our TLDs. In addition, the demand for domain names in our TLDs could be impacted by alternative namespaces with domain-name-like identifiers that are operated outside the single authoritative DNS root zone, including, for example, blockchain namespaces. To the extent that web browsers, applications, DNS registrars and DNS resolvers recognize and support such namespaces, and that internet users are able to perform online operations with identifiers from such namespaces, demand for domain names in TLDs in the single authoritative DNS root zone, including our TLDs, could be negatively impacted.

Some registrars and registrants purchase and resell domain names at an increased price. Adverse changes in the resale value of domain names, changes in the business models for such domain name registrars and registrants, or other factors,

including regulations limiting the resale of domain names, could result in a decrease in the demand and/or renewal rates for domain names in our TLDs.

Some registrars and registrants seek to generate revenues by registering domain names specifically for website advertising. Changes in the way these registrars and registrants are compensated (including changes in methodologies and metrics) by advertisers and advertisement placement networks, such as Google, Baidu and Bing, have adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect the market for domain names used for this purpose, which has resulted in, and may continue to result in, a decrease in demand and/or the renewal rate for such domain names. In addition, if spending on online advertising and marketing is reduced, this may result in a further decline in the demand for domain names used for this purpose.

Under the terms of the .com and .net Registry Agreements, as amended, we are permitted to increase the annual fee of each .com and .net domain name registration or renewal according to the provisions in these agreements. To the extent we increase our prices, there could be a decrease in the demand and/or renewal rates for .com or .net domain names.

If we fail to expand our services into developing and emerging economies in international locations, our business may not grow.

We seek to serve many new, developing and emerging economies in international locations to grow our business. These economies are rapidly evolving and may not grow or even if they do grow, our services may not be widely used or accepted there. Accordingly, the demand for our services in these locations is uncertain. Factors that may affect acceptance or adoption of our services in these locations include:

- regional internet infrastructure development, expansion, penetration and adoption, and the development, maturity and depth of our sales channels;
- acceptance and adoption of substitute products and services that enable online presence without a domain name, including social media, e-commerce platforms, website builders and mobile applications;
- increased acceptance and adoption of other substitute products and services, including ccTLDs or other gTLDs;
- public perception of the security of our technologies and of IP and other networks;
- the introduction and consumer acceptance of new generations of mobile devices, and in particular, the use of mobile applications as the primary engagement mechanism for navigating the internet; and
- government regulations affecting the internet, internet access and availability, domain name registrations or the provision of registry services, data security, privacy, or data localization, e-commerce or telecommunications.

If our services are not widely accepted or adopted in these locations, our business may not grow.

Our business depends on registrars and their resellers maintaining their focus on marketing our products and services.

All of the domain name registrations and renewals for the registries we operate occur through registrars. Registrars and their resellers engage in substantial marketing efforts to increase the demand and/or renewal rates for domain names as well as their own associated offerings. Consolidation in the registrar or reseller industry or changes in ownership, management, or strategy among individual registrars or resellers, including vertical integration by registrar or reseller industry participants, could result in significant changes to their businesses, operating models, and cost structures. These changes could include reduced marketing efforts for our TLDs or other operational changes that could adversely impact the demand and/or the renewal rates for the domain names for which we are the registry operator.

With the introduction of new gTLDs, many of our registrars and resellers have chosen to, and may continue to choose to, focus their short- or long-term marketing efforts on these new offerings and/or reduce the prominence or visibility of our products and services on their e-commerce platforms. Our registrars and resellers sell domain name registrations of other competing registries, including new gTLDs, and some also sell and support their own services for websites such as email, website hosting, and other services. Our registrars and resellers may be more motivated to sell to registrants to whom they can also market their own services. To the extent that registrars and resellers focus more on selling and supporting their services and less on the registration and renewal of domain names in our TLDs, our revenues could be adversely impacted. Our ability to successfully market our services to, and build and maintain strong relationships with, new and existing registrars or resellers is a factor upon which successful operation of our business is dependent. If we are unable to keep a significant portion of their marketing efforts focused on selling registrations of domain names in our TLDs, as opposed to other competing TLDs, including the new gTLDs, or their own services, our business could be harmed.

We depend on highly skilled employees to maintain and provide innovative solutions for our business, and our business could be materially harmed if we are not able to attract and retain such qualified talent.

Our business is highly technical and requires individuals skilled and knowledgeable in unique technologies, configurations, operating systems, and software development tools. We depend on the knowledge, experience, and performance of these employees and leaders to effectively manage and provide innovative solutions for our business. For example, we require employees with expertise in DNS operations and with certain cybersecurity specialties. Because such employees are in high demand by our competitors and other companies, we must be able to attract, integrate, retain and motivate such highly skilled employees and leaders. In addition, we must effectively manage our transition to a post-pandemic work environment to attract and retain these employees to meet our business needs. Failure to attract and retain such employees and to effectively implement succession plans for these employees could harm our business.

Intellectual Property Risk Factors

We rely on our intellectual property rights to protect our proprietary assets, and any failure by us to protect or enforce, or any misappropriation of, our intellectual property could materially harm our business.

Our success depends in part on our internally developed technologies and related intellectual property. Despite our precautions, it may be possible for an external party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our intellectual property without authorization. Furthermore, the laws of other countries may not protect our proprietary rights in those countries to the same extent U.S. law protects these rights in the U.S. In addition, it is possible that others may independently develop substantially equivalent intellectual property. If we do not effectively protect our intellectual property, our business could suffer. Additionally, we have filed patent applications with respect to some of our technology in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and patent offices outside the U.S. Patents may not be awarded with respect to these applications and even if such patents are awarded, third parties may seek to oppose or otherwise challenge our patents, and such patents' scope may differ significantly from what was requested in the patent applications and may not provide us with sufficient protection of our intellectual property. In the future, we may have to resort to litigation to enforce and protect our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others. This type of litigation is inherently unpredictable and, regardless of its outcome, could result in substantial costs and diversion of management attention and technical resources. Some of the software and protocols used in our business are based on standards set by standards setting organizations such as the IETF. To the extent any of our patents are considered "standards essential patents," in some cases we may be required to license such patents to our competitors on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms or otherwise be limited in our ability to assert such patents.

We also license externally developed technology that is used in some of our products and services to perform key functions. These externally developed technology licenses may not continue to be available to us on commercially reasonable terms or at all. The loss of, or our inability to obtain or maintain, any of these technology licenses could hinder or increase the cost of our services, launching new products and services, entering into new markets and/or otherwise harm our business. Some of the software and protocols used in our business are in the public domain or may otherwise become publicly available, which means that such software and protocols are or may become equally available to our competitors.

We rely on the strength of our Verisign brand to help differentiate Verisign in the marketing of our products. Dilution of the strength of our brand could harm our business. We are at risk that we will be unable to fully register, build equity in, or enforce the Verisign logo in all markets where Verisign products and services are sold.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

As of December 31, 2021, we owned each of our significant properties, which include our corporate headquarters facility in Reston, Virginia, and data center facilities in New Castle, Delaware and Dulles, Virginia. We also lease a number of smaller office and data center locations around the world. We believe that our existing facilities, both owned and leased, are in good condition and suitable for the conduct of our business.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As previously disclosed, Afilius Domains No. 3 Limited (now called Altanovo Domains Limited) (“Afilius”), a competitor and losing bidder in the .web auction, filed a form of arbitration proceeding against ICANN, an Independent Review Process (“IRP”) under ICANN’s bylaws, on November 14, 2018. Afilius alleges that the agreement between Verisign and Nu Dotco, LLC (“NDC”) pertaining to .web violated ICANN’s new gTLD Applicant Guidebook. As a result, Afilius claims that ICANN had a duty to disqualify NDC’s bid and award the .web gTLD to Afilius. Afilius also claims that ICANN would violate its bylaws pertaining to competition by awarding the .web gTLD to Verisign. Afilius amended its IRP request on March 21, 2019 in part to oppose Verisign’s and NDC’s participation in the IRP. A hearing was held on Verisign’s and NDC’s applications for participation and, on February 12, 2020, the IRP panel permitted Verisign and NDC to participate in aspects of the IRP. In early August 2020, the IRP panel held a hearing on Afilius’ claims.

The IRP panel issued its final decision on May 20, 2021. Consistent with Verisign’s position, the IRP panel dismissed Afilius’ claims for relief seeking to invalidate the .web auction and to award the .web TLD to Afilius, concluding that such issues were beyond the IRP panel’s jurisdiction. Furthermore, as expected, the IRP panel’s ruling recommended that ICANN’s Board of Directors consider the objections made regarding the .web auction and then make a decision on the delegation of .web. With respect to ICANN, the final decision said that certain actions and/or inaction by ICANN in response to Afilius’ objections did violate aspects of ICANN’s bylaws related to transparency and fairness.

On June 19, 2021, Afilius filed an application to the IRP panel requesting that it interpret certain terms of, and make certain amendments to, the final decision. The IRP panel denied that application in its entirety on December 21, 2021 finding that it was “frivolous” and sanctioning Afilius by directing it to pay ICANN’s attorney fees. On January 16, 2022, ICANN’s Board directed its Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee to review the IRP panel’s final decision and to provide the Board with its findings to consider and act upon regarding the award and delegation of .web.

We are also involved in various investigations, claims and lawsuits arising in the normal conduct of our business, none of which, in our opinion, will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows. We cannot assure you that we will prevail in any litigation. Regardless of the outcome, any litigation may require us to incur significant litigation expense and may result in significant diversion of management attention.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES****Market Information**

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol VRSN. On February 11, 2022, there were 331 holders of record of our common stock. We cannot estimate the number of beneficial owners since many brokers and other institutions hold our stock on behalf of stockholders.

Share Repurchases

The following table presents the share repurchase activity during the three months ended December 31, 2021:

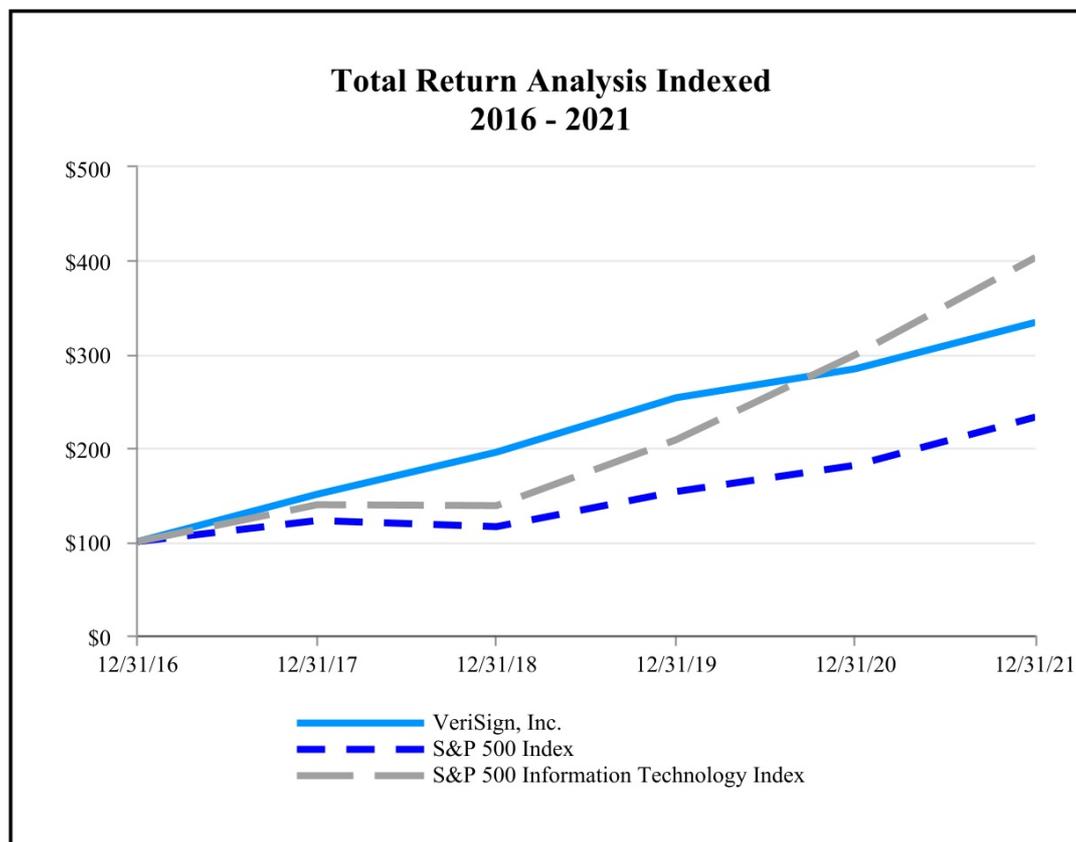
	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)(2)
	(Shares in thousands)			
October 1 – 31, 2021	268	\$210.97	268	\$ 508.4 million
November 1 – 30, 2021	242	\$233.58	242	\$ 451.8 million
December 1 – 31, 2021	285	\$243.26	285	\$ 382.6 million
	<u>795</u>		<u>795</u>	

- (1) Effective February 11, 2021, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of our common stock in the amount of \$747.0 million, in addition to the \$253.0 million that remained available for repurchases under the share repurchase program, for a total repurchase authorization of up to \$1.0 billion under the program.
- (2) Effective February 10, 2022, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of our common stock in the amount of \$705.4 million, in addition to the \$294.6 million that remained available for repurchases under the share repurchase program, for a total repurchase authorization of up to \$1.0 billion under the program. The share repurchase program has no expiration date. Purchases made under the program could be effected through open market transactions, block purchases, accelerated share repurchase agreements or other negotiated transactions.

Performance Graph

The information contained in the Performance Graph shall not be deemed to be “soliciting material” or “filed” with the SEC or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act.

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock, the Standard and Poor’s (“S&P”) 500 Index, and the S&P 500 Information Technology Index. The graph assumes that \$100 (and the reinvestment of any dividends thereafter) was invested in our common stock, the S&P 500 Index and the S&P 500 Information Technology Index on December 31, 2016, and calculates the return annually through December 31, 2021. The stock price performance on the following graph is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance.



	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19	12/31/20	12/31/21
VeriSign, Inc.	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 195	\$ 253	\$ 284	\$ 330
S&P 500 Index	\$ 100	\$ 122	\$ 116	\$ 153	\$ 181	\$ 230
S&P 500 Information Technology Index	\$ 100	\$ 139	\$ 138	\$ 208	\$ 299	\$ 400

ITEM 6. [Reserved]

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and involve risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, statements regarding our expectations about (i) the impact from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, (ii) revenue growth in 2022, (iii) continued growth in registrations in the domain name base in 2022, (iv) cost of revenues, sales and marketing expenses, research and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, interest expense, and non-operating income, net, in 2022, (v) our effective tax rate for 2022, (vi) the sufficiency of our existing cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, and funds generated from operations, together with our ability to arrange for additional financing, (vii) cash paid for income taxes in 2022, and (viii) our planned property and equipment expenditures for 2022. Forward-looking statements include, among others, those statements including the words "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "believes" and similar language. Our actual results may differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the section titled "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of this Form 10-K. You should also carefully review the risks described in other documents we file from time to time with the SEC, including the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K that we file in 2022. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Form 10-K. We undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

This section of this Form 10-K generally discusses 2021 and 2020 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2021 and 2020. Discussions of 2019 items and year-to-year comparisons between 2020 and 2019 that are not included in this Form 10-K can be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Overview

We are a global provider of domain name registry services and internet infrastructure, enabling internet navigation for many of the world's most recognized domain names. We enable the security, stability, and resiliency of key internet infrastructure and services, including providing root zone maintainer services, operating two of the 13 global internet root servers, and providing registration services and authoritative resolution for the .com and .net top-level domains, which support the majority of global e-commerce.

As of December 31, 2021, we had approximately 173.4 million .com and .net registrations in the domain name base. The number of domain names registered is largely driven by continued growth in online advertising, e-commerce, and the number of internet users, which is partially driven by greater availability of internet access, as well as marketing activities carried out by us and our registrars. Growth in the number of domain name registrations under our management may be hindered by certain factors, including overall economic conditions, competition from ccTLDs, other gTLDs, services that offer alternatives for an online presence, such as social media, and ongoing changes in the internet practices and behaviors of consumers and businesses. Factors such as the evolving practices and preferences of internet users, and how they navigate the internet, as well as the motivation of domain name registrants and how they will manage their investment in domain names, can negatively impact our business and the demand for new domain name registrations and renewals.

2021 Business Highlights and Trends

- We recorded revenues of \$1,327.6 million in 2021, which represents an increase of 5% compared to 2020.
- We recorded operating income of \$866.8 million during 2021, which represents an increase of 5% as compared to 2020.
- We finished 2021 with 173.4 million .com and .net registrations in the domain name base, which represents a 5% increase from December 31, 2020.
- During 2021, we processed 44.6 million new domain name registrations for .com and .net compared to 42.4 million in 2020.
- The final .com and .net renewal rate for the third quarter of 2021 was 75.0% compared to 73.7% for the same quarter of 2020. Renewal rates are not fully measurable until 45 days after the end of the quarter.
- We repurchased 3.3 million shares of our common stock for an aggregate cost of \$700.0 million in 2021. As of December 31, 2021, there was \$382.6 million remaining for future share repurchases under the share repurchase program.

- Effective February 10, 2022, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of our common stock in the amount of \$705.4 million, in addition to the \$294.6 million that remained available for repurchases under the share repurchase program, for a total repurchase authorization of up to \$1.0 billion under the program.
- We generated cash flows from operating activities of \$807.2 million in 2021, which represents an increase of 11% as compared to 2020.
- During the fourth quarter of 2021, we recognized a deferred income tax benefit of \$165.5 million related to the transfer of certain non-US intellectual property between subsidiaries.
- On June 8, 2021, we issued \$750.0 million of 2.700% Senior Notes due June 15, 2031 (“2031 Notes”). On June 23, 2021, we used the net proceeds from the 2031 Notes, along with cash on hand, to redeem all of our \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding 4.625% Senior Notes due 2023 (“2023 Notes”).
- On February 10, 2022, we announced that we will increase the annual registry-level wholesale fee for each new and renewal .com domain name registration from \$8.39 to \$8.97, effective September 1, 2022.

COVID-19 Update

The United States and the global community we serve are facing unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the pandemic, we have established a task force to monitor the pandemic and have taken a number of actions to protect our employees, including restricting travel, modifying our sick leave policy to encourage quarantine and isolation when warranted, and directing most of our employees to work from home. We have implemented our readiness plans, which include the ability to maintain critical internet infrastructure with most employees working remotely. We believe that the effects of the pandemic to date have led to an increase in the demand for domain names, particularly as businesses and entrepreneurs have been seeking to establish or expand their presence online in response to the pandemic. Our revenues continued to grow during 2020 and 2021 primarily driven by an increase in the domain name base for the .com TLD; however, the situation remains uncertain and hard to predict. The broader implications of the pandemic on our business and operations and our financial results, including the extent to which the effects of the pandemic will impact future growth in the domain name base, remain uncertain. The duration and severity of the economic disruptions from the pandemic may ultimately result in negative impacts on our business and operations, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, liquidity and capital and financial resources. For further discussion, see “Risk Factors – The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted how we operate our business, and the extent to which the effects of the pandemic will impact our business, operations, financial condition and results of operations remains uncertain” in Part I, Item 1A of this Form 10-K.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates those estimates. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily available from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Critical accounting estimates are those estimates made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles that involve a significant level of estimation uncertainty and have had or are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the registrant. We believe the following critical accounting estimates and policies have the most significant impact on our consolidated financial statements:

Income taxes

We operate in multiple tax jurisdictions in the United States and internationally. Tax laws and regulations in these jurisdictions are complex, interrelated, and periodically changing. Significant judgment or interpretation of these laws and regulations is often required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes, including, for example, the calculations of taxable income in each jurisdiction, deferred taxes, and the availability and amount of deductions and tax credits.

The final taxes payable are also dependent upon many factors, including negotiations with taxing authorities in various jurisdictions and resolution of disputes arising from various tax examinations. We only recognize or continue to recognize tax positions and tax benefit amounts that are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination. We adjust these amounts in light of changing facts and circumstances; however, due to the complexity of some of these uncertainties, the ultimate resolution may result in an outcome that is materially different from our current estimate of unrecognized tax benefits. See Note 10, “Income Taxes” of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K for further discussion of the \$165.5 million

deferred tax asset and corresponding income tax benefit recognized in the fourth quarter of 2021 and the \$204.2 million income tax benefit recognized in 2020 as a result of the remeasurement of certain previously unrecognized income tax benefits.

Results of Operations

The following table presents information regarding our results of operations as a percentage of revenues:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
Revenues	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of revenues	14.5	14.2	14.6
Sales and marketing	3.0	2.9	3.8
Research and development	6.1	5.9	4.9
General and administrative	11.1	11.8	11.2
Total costs and expenses	34.7	34.8	34.5
Operating income	65.3	65.2	65.5
Interest expense	(6.3)	(7.1)	(7.4)
Non-operating (loss) income, net	(0.1)	1.2	3.5
Income before income taxes	58.9	59.3	61.6
Income tax benefit (expense)	0.2	5.1	(11.9)
Net income	59.1 %	64.4 %	49.7 %

Revenues

Our revenues are primarily derived from registrations for domain names in the *.com* and *.net* domain name registries. We also derive revenues from operating domain name registries for several other TLDs and from providing back-end registry services to a number of TLD registry operators, all of which are not significant in relation to our consolidated revenues. For domain names registered in the *.com* and *.net* registries we receive a fee from registrars per annual registration that is determined pursuant to our agreements with ICANN. Individual customers, called registrants, contract directly with registrars or their resellers, and the registrars in turn register the domain names with Verisign. Changes in revenues are driven largely by changes in the number of new domain name registrations and the renewal rate for existing registrations as well as the impact of new and prior price increases, to the extent permitted by ICANN and the DOC. New registrations and the renewal rate for existing registrations are impacted by continued growth in online advertising, e-commerce, and the number of internet users, as well as marketing activities carried out by us and our registrars. We also offer promotional incentive-based discount programs to registrars based upon market conditions and the business environment in which the registrars operate.

On October 26, 2018, Verisign and the DOC amended the Cooperative Agreement. The amendment, among other items, extends the term of the Cooperative Agreement until November 30, 2024 and permits the price of a *.com* domain name to be increased, subject to appropriate changes to the *.com* Registry Agreement, without further DOC approval, by up to 7% in each of the final four years of each six-year period beginning on October 26, 2018. On March 27, 2020, Verisign and ICANN agreed to an amendment to the *.com* Registry Agreement that, among other items, incorporates these changes agreed to with the DOC to the pricing terms. Effective September 1, 2021, we increased the annual registry-level wholesale fee for each new and renewal *.com* domain name registration from \$7.85 to \$8.39. On February 10, 2022, we announced that we will increase the annual registry-level wholesale fee for each new and renewal *.com* domain name registration from \$8.39 to \$8.97, effective September 1, 2022. We have the contractual right to increase the fees for *.net* domain name registrations by up to 10% each year during the term of our agreement with ICANN, through June 30, 2023. All fees paid to us for *.com* and *.net* registrations are in U.S. dollars.

A comparison of revenues is presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Revenues	\$ 1,327,576	5 %	\$ 1,265,052	3 %	\$ 1,231,661

The following table compares the .com and .net domain name registrations in the domain name base:

	As of December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
.com and .net domain name registrations in the domain name base	173.4 million	5 %	165.2 million	4 %	158.8 million

Growth in the domain name base has been primarily driven by continued internet growth and marketing activities carried out by us and our registrars. However, competitive pressure from ccTLDs, other gTLDs, services that offer alternatives for an online presence, such as social media, ongoing changes in internet practices and behaviors of consumers and business, as well as the motivation of existing domain name registrants managing their investment in domain names, and historical global economic uncertainty, has limited the rate of growth of the domain name base in the past and may continue to do so in the future.

Revenues increased by \$62.5 million in 2021 compared to 2020, primarily due to an increase in revenues from the operation of the registry for the .com TLD driven by a 5% increase in the domain name base for .com and the price increase which became effective September 1, 2021.

Geographic revenues

We generate revenues in the U.S.; Europe, the Middle East and Africa (“EMEA”); China; and certain other countries, including Canada, Australia and Japan. The following table presents a comparison of the Company’s geographic revenues:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)				
U.S	\$ 851,299	6 %	\$ 804,647	4 %	\$ 772,586
EMEA	231,686	8 %	214,204	3 %	206,975
China	99,727	(12)%	113,048	(5)%	119,291
Other	144,864	9 %	133,153	— %	132,809
Total revenues	\$ 1,327,576	5 %	\$ 1,265,052	3 %	\$ 1,231,661

Revenues in the table above are attributed to the country of domicile and the respective regions in which our registrars are located; however, this may differ from the regions where the registrars operate or where registrants are located. Revenue growth for each region may be impacted by registrars reincorporating, relocating, or from acquisitions or changes in affiliations of resellers. Revenue growth for each region may also be impacted by registrars domiciled in one region, registering domain names in another region. Revenues increased during 2021 in all regions except China. Revenues from registrars based in China declined during 2021 as a result of lower new registrations and renewal rates in the country.

We expect revenues to continue to grow in 2022, as a result of continued growth in the aggregate number of .com domain names and the impact of the price increase for .com domain names which became effective September 1, 2021.

Cost of revenues

Cost of revenues consist primarily of salaries and employee benefits expenses for our personnel who manage the operational systems, depreciation expenses, operational costs associated with the delivery of our services, fees paid to ICANN, customer support and training, costs of facilities and computer equipment used in these activities, telecommunications expense and allocations of indirect costs such as corporate overhead.

A comparison of cost of revenues is presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Cost of revenues	\$ 191,933	7 %	\$ 180,177	— %	\$ 180,467

Cost of revenues increased by \$11.8 million in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to increases in direct cost of revenues, allocated overhead expenses and depreciation expenses. Direct cost of revenues increased by \$5.7 million primarily due to an increase in registry fees payable to ICANN in connection with the operation of the registry for the .com TLD. Allocated overhead expenses increased by \$2.4 million due to an increase in total allocable expenses. Depreciation expenses increased by \$1.9 million as a result of increased investments in our data centers and network infrastructure.

We expect cost of revenues as a percentage of revenues to remain consistent in 2022 as compared to 2021.

Sales and marketing

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of salaries and other personnel-related expenses, travel and related expenses, trade shows, costs of computer and communications equipment and support services, facilities costs, consulting fees, costs of marketing programs, such as online, television, radio, print and direct mail advertising costs, and allocations of indirect costs such as corporate overhead.

A comparison of sales and marketing expenses is presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Sales and marketing	\$ 39,877	8 %	\$ 36,790	(21)%	\$ 46,637

Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$3.1 million in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to a \$2.6 million increase in salary and employee benefits expenses as a result of an increase in average headcount and higher expenses for salaries and certain employee related benefits.

We expect sales and marketing expenses as a percentage of revenues to remain consistent in 2022 as compared to 2021.

Research and development

Research and development expenses consist primarily of costs related to research and development personnel, including salaries and other personnel-related expenses, consulting fees, facilities costs, computer and communications equipment, support services used in our service and technology development, and allocations of indirect costs such as corporate overhead.

A comparison of research and development expenses is presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Research and development	\$ 80,529	8 %	\$ 74,671	23 %	\$ 60,805

Research and development expenses increased by \$5.9 million in 2021 compared to 2020 due to an increase in salary and employee benefits expenses, including stock-based compensation, and a combination of individually insignificant factors. Salary and employee benefits expenses, including stock-based compensation, increased by \$3.0 million due to a slight increase in average headcount and higher expenses for salaries and certain employee related benefits.

We expect research and development expenses as a percentage of revenues to remain consistent in 2022 as compared to 2021.

General and administrative

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and other personnel-related expenses for our executive, administrative, legal, finance, information technology and human resources personnel, costs of facilities, computer and communications equipment, management information systems, support services, professional services fees, and certain tax and license fees, offset by allocations of indirect costs such as facilities and shared services expenses to other cost types.

A comparison of general and administrative expenses is presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2021	% Change	2020	% Change	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)				
General and administrative	\$ 148,434	(1)%	\$ 149,213	8 %	\$ 137,625

General and administrative expenses decreased by \$0.8 million in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to decreases in professional services expenses and charitable contributions and an increase in overhead expenses allocated to other cost types, partially offset by increases in salary and employee benefits expenses, equipment and software expenses, and stock-based compensation expenses. Professional services expenses decreased by \$6.0 million due to a decrease in external consulting costs on various projects. Overhead expenses allocated to other cost types increased by \$5.0 million due to an increase in the total allocable expenses. Charitable contributions decreased by \$1.6 million due to greater contributions made during 2020 to help with immediate COVID-related hardship and to support social justice efforts, compared to contributions made during 2021. Salary and employee benefits expenses increased by \$4.7 million due to an increase in average headcount and higher expenses for certain employee health insurance related benefits. Equipment and software expenses increased by \$5.5 million due to expenses related to network security and other software services. Stock-based compensation expenses increased by \$3.0 million due to higher achievement levels on certain performance-based RSU grants and increases in the total value of RSUs granted in 2021.

We expect general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues to remain consistent in 2022 as compared to 2021.

Interest expense

Interest expense decreased by \$6.9 million in 2021 compared to 2020 due to the lower interest rate on our 2031 Notes compared to the 2023 Notes which were redeemed in June 2021. We expect interest expense to decrease in 2022 due to the lower interest rate on our 2031 Notes compared to the 2023 Notes.

Non-operating loss, net

See Note 9, “Non-operating (Loss) Income, Net” of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. We expect Non-operating loss, net to decrease in 2022 as compared to 2021 due to the loss on extinguishment of debt recognized in 2021.

Income tax (benefit) expense

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Income tax (benefit) expense	(2,611)	\$ (64,644)	\$ 146,477
Effective tax rate	— %	(9)%	19 %

The effective tax rate for each of the periods in the table above differed from the statutory federal rate of 21% due to a lower foreign effective tax rate, offset by state income taxes and U.S. taxes on foreign earnings, net of foreign tax credits. Additionally, during 2021, we completed a transfer of intellectual property between certain non-U.S. subsidiaries. This intellectual property did not have any book value, however the transfer created an amortizable tax basis that resulted in the recognition of a \$165.5 million deferred tax asset and a corresponding income tax benefit.

During 2020, we recognized an income tax benefit of \$204.2 million as a result of the remeasurement of certain previously unrecognized income tax benefits. The majority of this tax benefit related to the worthless stock deduction taken in 2013. These remeasurements were based on written confirmations from Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), received in 2020, indicating no examination adjustments would be proposed related to the worthless stock deduction or certain other matters reviewed as part of the audit of our federal income tax returns for 2010 through 2014, and the lapse of statutes of limitations related to other unrecognized income tax benefits. Notwithstanding these written confirmations, our U.S. federal income tax returns for 2010 through 2014 remain under examination by the IRS.

As of December 31, 2021, we had deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences, tax losses, and tax credits of \$238.5 million, net of valuation allowances, but before the offset of certain deferred tax liabilities. With the exception of

deferred tax assets related to certain state and foreign net operating loss and foreign tax credit carryforwards, we believe it is more likely than not that the tax effects of the deferred tax liabilities, together with future taxable income, will be sufficient to fully recover the remaining deferred tax assets.

We expect the effective tax rate for 2022 to be between 21% and 24%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table presents our principal sources of liquidity:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(In thousands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 223,487	\$ 401,194
Marketable securities	982,318	765,713
Total	<u>\$ 1,205,805</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,907</u>

The marketable securities consist primarily of debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury meeting the criteria of our investment policy, which is focused on the preservation of our capital through investment in investment grade securities. The cash equivalents consist of amounts invested in money market funds, time deposits and U.S. Treasury bills purchased with original maturities of three months or less. As of December 31, 2021, all of our debt securities have contractual maturities of less than one year. Our cash and cash equivalents are readily accessible. For additional information on our investment portfolio, see Note 2, "Financial Instruments," of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

In 2021, we repurchased 3.3 million shares of our common stock at an average stock price of \$215.16 for an aggregate cost of \$700.0 million under our share repurchase program. In 2020, we repurchased 3.7 million shares of our common stock at an average stock price of \$200.06 for an aggregate cost of \$734.9 million. Effective February 10, 2022, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of our common stock in the amount of \$705.4 million, in addition to the \$294.6 million that remained available for repurchases under the share repurchase program, for a total repurchase authorization of up to \$1.0 billion under the program.

On June 8, 2021, we issued \$750.0 million of 2.700% senior unsecured notes due June 15, 2031. On June 23, 2021, we used the net proceeds from the 2031 Notes, along with cash on hand, to redeem all of our \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding 4.625% senior notes due 2023. As of December 31, 2021, we also had \$550.0 million principal amount outstanding of 4.75% senior unsecured notes due 2027 and \$500.0 million principal amount outstanding of 5.25% senior unsecured notes due 2025. As of December 31, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under our \$200.0 million credit facility that will expire in 2024.

We believe existing cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, and funds generated from operations, together with our ability to arrange for additional financing should be sufficient to meet our working capital, capital expenditure requirements, and to service our debt for the next 12 months and beyond. We regularly assess our cash management approach and activities in view of our current and potential future needs. Our most significant future cash requirements include interest and principal payments on the senior notes issuances described above, income tax payments, purchase obligations and registry fees related to the operation of certain top-level domains. These items are detailed in Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies" of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

In summary, our cash flows for 2021, 2020, and 2019 were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 807,152	\$ 730,183	\$ 753,892
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(269,246)	(72,258)	167,195
Net cash used in financing activities	(719,130)	(764,877)	(770,303)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(561)	(48)	64
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ (181,785)</u>	<u>\$ (107,000)</u>	<u>\$ 150,848</u>

Cash flows from operating activities

Our largest source of operating cash flows is cash collections from our customers. Our primary uses of cash from operating activities are for personnel related expenditures, and other general operating expenses, as well as payments related to taxes, interest and facilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to an increase in cash received from customers, partially offset by increases in cash paid for income taxes, cash paid to employees and vendors, and decreases in cash received from interest on investments and from transition services. Cash received from customers increased primarily due to higher domain name registrations and renewals and the impact of the .com price increase which became effective September 1, 2021. The increased volume of renewal transactions was due in part to early renewal transactions before the .com price increase became effective. Cash paid for income taxes increased primarily due to comparatively higher federal, state, and foreign taxes. Cash paid to employees and vendors increased primarily due to the timing of payments and an increase in operating expenses. Cash received from interest on investments decreased due to a decline in interest rates. Cash received from transition services decreased due to the expiration of the transition services agreement related to our divested security services business in February 2020.

Cash flows from investing activities

The changes in cash flows from investing activities primarily relate to purchases, maturities and sales of marketable securities, purchases of property and equipment and the sale of businesses.

Net cash used in investing activities increased in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to an increase in purchases of marketable securities and investments, net of proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities and investments, an increase in purchases of property and equipment, and payments received during 2020 related to our divested security services business.

Cash flows from financing activities

The changes in cash flows from financing activities primarily relate to share repurchases, proceeds from borrowings, repayment of borrowings, and our employee stock purchase plan.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased in 2021 compared to 2020 primarily due to proceeds received from the issuance of the 2031 Notes and a decrease in share repurchases, partially offset by the redemption of our 2023 Notes.

Income taxes

We expect cash paid for income taxes as a percentage of pre-tax income to be between 21% and 24% in 2022.

Property and Equipment Expenditures

Our planned property and equipment expenditures for 2022 are anticipated to be between \$40.0 million and \$50.0 million and will primarily be focused on infrastructure upgrades software enhancements.

Dilution from RSUs

Grants of stock-based awards are key components of the compensation packages we provide to attract and retain certain of our employees and align their interests with the interests of existing stockholders. We recognize that these stock-based awards dilute existing stockholders and have sought to control the number granted while providing competitive compensation packages. As of December 31, 2021, there were a total of 0.6 million unvested RSUs which represent potential dilution of less than 1.0%. This maximum potential dilution will only result if all outstanding RSUs vest and are settled. In recent years, our stock repurchase program has more than offset the dilutive effect of RSU grants to employees; however, we may reduce the level of our stock repurchases in the future as we may use our available cash for other purposes.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates. We have not entered into any market risk sensitive instruments for trading purposes.

Interest Rate Sensitivity

The fixed income securities in our investment portfolio are subject to interest rate risk. As of December 31, 2021, we had \$1.02 billion of fixed income securities, which consisted of U.S. Treasury bills with maturities of less than one year. A hypothetical change in interest rates by 100 basis points would not have a significant impact on the fair value of our investments.

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

We conduct business in several countries and transact in multiple foreign currencies. The functional currency for all of our international subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. Our foreign currency risk management program is designed to mitigate foreign exchange risks associated with monetary assets and liabilities of our operations that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The primary objective of this program is to minimize the gains and losses to income resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates. We may choose not to hedge certain foreign exchange exposures due to immateriality, prohibitive economic cost of hedging particular exposures, and limited availability of appropriate hedging instruments. We do not enter into foreign currency transactions for trading or speculative purposes, nor do we hedge foreign currency exposures in a manner that entirely offsets the effects of changes in exchange rates. The program may entail the use of forward or option contracts, which are usually placed and adjusted monthly. These foreign currency forward contracts are derivatives and are recorded at fair market value. We attempt to limit our exposure to credit risk by executing foreign exchange contracts with financial institutions that have investment grade ratings.

As of December 31, 2021, we held foreign currency forward contracts in notional amounts totaling \$30.3 million to mitigate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations associated with certain foreign currencies. Gains or losses on the foreign currency forward contracts would be largely offset by the remeasurement of our foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities, resulting in an insignificant net impact to income.

A hypothetical uniform 10% strengthening or weakening in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the foreign currencies in which our revenues and expenses are denominated would not result in a significant impact to our financial statements.

Market Risk Management

The fair market values of our senior notes are subject to interest rate risk. Generally, the fair market value of fixed interest rate debt will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise. As of December 31, 2021, the fair values of the senior notes issued in 2015, 2017 and 2021 were \$552.3 million, \$573.9 million, and \$755.5 million, respectively, based on available market information from public data sources.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors

VeriSign, Inc.:

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of VeriSign, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2021, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated February 18, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of a critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Evaluation of accounting for income taxes

As discussed in Notes 1 and 10 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company recognized \$230.7 million of deferred tax assets, net as of December 31, 2021. The Company's income tax benefit was \$2.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The Company conducts business globally and consequently is subject to U.S. federal, state, as well as foreign income taxes in the jurisdictions it operates. The Company exercises judgment in the application of complex tax regulations in multiple jurisdictions.

We identified the evaluation of the accounting for income taxes as a critical audit matter. Evaluating the Company's application of complex tax regulations in the domestic and foreign jurisdictions it operates and the impact of those regulations on U.S. federal, state, and foreign income tax provisions required complex auditor judgment, and the use of tax professionals with specialized skills and knowledge.

The following are the primary procedures we performed to address this critical audit matter. We evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of certain internal controls related to the Company's income tax process, including controls related to the application of complex tax regulations in the Company's various tax jurisdictions and the impact on

the Company's U.S. federal, state, and foreign income tax provision. We involved domestic and international tax professionals with specialized skills and knowledge in various tax jurisdictions who assisted in evaluating the Company's analyses over the application of complex tax regulations in those jurisdictions.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1995.

McLean, Virginia
February 18, 2022

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors

VeriSign, Inc.:

Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited VeriSign, Inc. and subsidiaries' (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements), and our report dated February 18, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ KPMG LLP

McLean, Virginia
February 18, 2022

VERISIGN, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except par value)

<u>ASSETS</u>	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 223,487	\$ 401,194
Marketable securities	982,318	765,713
Other current assets	62,930	51,033
Total current assets	1,268,735	1,217,940
Property and equipment, net	251,223	245,571
Goodwill	52,527	52,527
Deferred tax assets	230,719	67,914
Deposits to acquire intangible assets	145,000	145,000
Other long-term assets	35,560	37,958
Total long-term assets	715,029	548,970
Total assets	\$ 1,983,764	\$ 1,766,910
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 226,580	\$ 208,642
Deferred revenues	847,411	780,051
Total current liabilities	1,073,991	988,693
Long-term deferred revenues	305,950	282,838
Senior notes	1,785,709	1,790,083
Long-term tax and other liabilities	78,633	95,494
Total long-term liabilities	2,170,292	2,168,415
Total liabilities	3,244,283	3,157,108
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' deficit:		
Preferred stock—par value \$0.001 per share; Authorized shares: 5,000; Issued and outstanding shares: none	—	—
Common stock and additional paid-in capital—par value \$0.001 per share; Authorized shares: 1,000,000; Issued shares: 354,199 at December 31, 2021 and 353,789 at December 31, 2020; Outstanding shares: 110,519 at December 31, 2021 and 113,470 at December 31, 2020	13,620,038	14,275,160
Accumulated deficit	(14,877,772)	(15,662,602)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,785)	(2,756)
Total stockholders' deficit	(1,260,519)	(1,390,198)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$ 1,983,764	\$ 1,766,910

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

VERISIGN, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
Revenues	\$ 1,327,576	\$ 1,265,052	\$ 1,231,661
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of revenues	191,933	180,177	180,467
Sales and marketing	39,877	36,790	46,637
Research and development	80,529	74,671	60,805
General and administrative	148,434	149,213	137,625
Total costs and expenses	460,773	440,851	425,534
Operating income	866,803	824,201	806,127
Interest expense	(83,255)	(90,144)	(90,611)
Non-operating (loss) income, net	(1,329)	16,187	43,260
Income before income taxes	782,219	750,244	758,776
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,611	64,644	(146,477)
Net income	784,830	814,888	612,299
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(29)	(135)	190
Comprehensive income	\$ 784,801	\$ 814,753	\$ 612,489
Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 7.01	\$ 7.08	\$ 5.17
Diluted	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.07	\$ 5.15
Shares used to compute earnings per share			
Basic	112,015	115,058	118,513
Diluted	112,166	115,298	118,968

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT
(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
Total stockholders' deficit, beginning of period	\$ (1,390,198)	\$ (1,490,100)	\$ (1,385,474)
Common stock and additional paid-in capital			
Beginning balance	14,275,160	14,990,011	15,707,126
Repurchase of common stock	(722,587)	(777,454)	(782,583)
Stock-based compensation	55,061	50,026	52,316
Issuance of common stock under stock plans	12,404	12,577	13,152
Balance, end of period	<u>13,620,038</u>	<u>14,275,160</u>	<u>14,990,011</u>
Accumulated deficit			
Beginning balance	(15,662,602)	(16,477,490)	(17,089,789)
Net income	784,830	814,888	612,299
Balance, end of period	<u>(14,877,772)</u>	<u>(15,662,602)</u>	<u>(16,477,490)</u>
Accumulated other comprehensive loss			
Beginning balance	(2,756)	(2,621)	(2,811)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(29)	(135)	190
Balance, end of period	<u>(2,785)</u>	<u>(2,756)</u>	<u>(2,621)</u>
Total stockholders' deficit, end of period	<u>\$ (1,260,519)</u>	<u>\$ (1,390,198)</u>	<u>\$ (1,490,100)</u>

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VERISIGN, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 784,830	\$ 814,888	\$ 612,299
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation of property and equipment	47,940	46,352	46,330
Stock-based compensation expense	53,439	48,243	50,626
Other, net	6,027	(9,108)	(11,926)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Other assets	(14,058)	(9,214)	(3,279)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,495	2,227	(24)
Deferred revenues	90,471	29,009	16,191
Net deferred income taxes and other long-term tax liabilities	(176,992)	(192,214)	43,675
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>807,152</u>	<u>730,183</u>	<u>753,892</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities	2,654,457	2,305,732	2,247,904
Purchases of marketable securities	(2,870,670)	(2,355,405)	(2,030,521)
Purchases of property and equipment	(53,033)	(43,395)	(40,316)
Proceeds (payments) from sale of business	—	20,810	(9,872)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(269,246)</u>	<u>(72,258)</u>	<u>167,195</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayment of borrowings	(750,000)	—	—
Proceeds from borrowings, net of issuance costs	741,053	—	—
Repurchases of common stock	(722,587)	(777,454)	(782,583)
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan	12,404	12,577	13,152
Other financing activities	—	—	(872)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(719,130)</u>	<u>(764,877)</u>	<u>(770,303)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(561)	(48)	64
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>(181,785)</u>	<u>(107,000)</u>	<u>150,848</u>
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	410,601	517,601	366,753
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	<u>\$ 228,816</u>	<u>\$ 410,601</u>	<u>\$ 517,601</u>
Supplemental cash flow disclosures:			
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 85,578</u>	<u>\$ 87,354</u>	<u>\$ 87,683</u>
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds received	<u>\$ 178,351</u>	<u>\$ 132,683</u>	<u>\$ 89,974</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Note 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

VeriSign, Inc. (“Verisign” or “the Company”) was incorporated in Delaware on April 12, 1995. The Company has one reportable segment. The Company enables the security, stability, and resiliency of key internet infrastructure and services, including providing root zone maintainer services, operating two of the 13 global internet root servers, and providing registration services and authoritative resolution for the .com and .net top-level domains, which support the majority of global e-commerce.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Verisign and its subsidiaries have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) in the United States (“U.S.”). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period amounts to conform to current period presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on net income as previously reported.

Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Verisign considers all highly-liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include certain money market funds, debt securities and various deposit accounts. Verisign maintains its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions that have investment grade ratings and, as part of its cash management process, performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of these financial institutions.

Marketable Securities

Marketable securities primarily consist of debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. All marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, are reported as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive loss. The specific identification method is used to determine the cost basis of the marketable securities sold. The Company classifies its marketable securities as current based on their nature and availability for use in current operations.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets of 35 to 47 years for buildings, 10 years for building improvements and three years to five years for computer equipment, software, office equipment, and furniture and fixtures. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful lives of the assets or associated lease terms.

Capitalized Software

Software included in property and equipment includes amounts paid for purchased software and development costs for internally developed software. The Company capitalized \$12.1 million and \$12.8 million of costs related to internally developed software during 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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Goodwill and Other Long-lived Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase consideration over fair value of net assets of businesses acquired. The Company has only one reporting unit, which has a negative carrying value. Therefore, the goodwill is not subject to impairment.

Long-lived assets, such as property, plant, and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset, or asset group, may not be recoverable. Such events or circumstances include, but are not limited to, a significant decrease in the fair value of the underlying business. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset, or asset group, to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset, or asset group. An impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value.

As of December 31, 2021, the Company's assets include a deposit related to the purchase of the contractual rights to the .web gTLD. The amount paid to date has been recorded as a deposit until such time that the contractual rights are transferred to the Company. This asset would be tested for recoverability if the Company were to determine that it is no longer probable that the rights will be transferred. At the time of the transfer of the contractual rights, the Company will record the amount as an indefinite-lived intangible asset subject to review for impairment on an annual basis or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that an impairment is more likely than not.

Foreign Currency Remeasurement

Verisign conducts business in several different countries and transacts in multiple currencies. The functional currency for all of Verisign's international subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. The Company's subsidiaries' financial statements are remeasured into U.S. dollars using a combination of current and historical exchange rates and any remeasurement gains and losses are included in Non-operating (loss) income, net. Remeasurement gains and losses were not significant in each of the last three years.

Verisign maintains a foreign currency risk management program designed to mitigate foreign exchange risks associated with the monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The primary objective of this program is to minimize the gains and losses resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates. The Company does not enter into foreign currency transactions for trading or speculative purposes, nor does it hedge foreign currency exposures in a manner that entirely offsets the effects of changes in exchange rates. The program may entail the use of forward or option contracts, which are usually placed and adjusted monthly. These foreign currency forward contracts are derivatives and are recorded at fair market value. The Company records gains and losses on foreign currency forward contracts in Non-operating (loss) income, net. Gains and losses related to foreign currency forward contracts were not significant in each of the last three years.

As of December 31, 2021, Verisign held foreign currency forward contracts in notional amounts totaling \$30.3 million to mitigate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations associated with certain assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized when control of the promised services is transferred to customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenues primarily arise from fixed fees charged to registrars for the initial registration or renewal of .com, .net, and other domain names. Fees for domain name registrations and renewals are generally due at the time of registration or renewal. Domain name registration terms range from one year up to ten years.

Most customers either maintain a deposit with Verisign or provide an irrevocable letter of credit in excess of the amounts owed. Verisign also offers promotional incentive-based discount programs to its registrars based upon market conditions and the business environment in which the registrars operate. Amounts payable for these programs are recorded as a reduction of revenue.

Performance Obligations

A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized as revenue when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied. Each domain name registration or renewal is considered a separate optional purchase and represents a single performance obligation, which is to allow its registration and maintain that registration (by allowing updates, Domain Name System ("DNS") resolution and Whois services, which allow users to find information about registered domain names) through the registration term. These services are provided continuously throughout each registration term, and as such, revenues from the initial registration or renewal of domain names are deferred and recognized ratably over the registration term. Fees for

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renewals and advance extensions to the existing term are deferred until the new incremental period commences. These fees are then recognized ratably over the renewal term.

Costs Incurred to Obtain a Contract

The Company recognizes the fees payable to ICANN for each annual term of domain name registrations and renewals, as an asset which is amortized on a straight-line basis over the related registration term. These assets are included in Other current assets and Other long-term assets.

Advertising Expenses

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in Sales and marketing expenses. Advertising expenses were \$6.0 million, \$7.5 million, and \$12.8 million in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

Income Taxes

Verisign uses the asset and liability method to account for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and net operating loss carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to an amount whose realization is more likely than not. For every tax-paying component and within each tax jurisdiction, all deferred tax liabilities and assets are offset and presented as a single net noncurrent asset or liability.

The Company recognizes the U.S. income tax effect of future global intangible low-taxed income inclusions in the period in which they arise.

The Company's income taxes payable is reduced by the tax benefits from restricted stock unit ("RSU") vestings equal to the fair market value of the stock at the vesting date. If the income tax benefit at the vesting date differs from the income tax benefit recorded based on the grant date fair value of the RSUs, the excess or shortfall of the tax benefit is recognized within income tax expense.

Verisign operates in multiple tax jurisdictions in the United States and internationally. Tax laws and regulations in these jurisdictions are complex, interrelated, and periodically changing. Significant judgment or interpretation of these laws and regulations is often required in determining the Company's worldwide provision for income taxes, including, for example, the calculations of taxable income in each jurisdiction, deferred taxes, and the availability and amount of deductions and tax credits. The final taxes payable are dependent upon many factors, including negotiations with taxing authorities in various jurisdictions and resolution of disputes arising from various tax examinations. The Company only recognizes tax positions taken or expected to be taken on its tax returns that are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination, and records a tax benefit amount that is more likely than not to be realized upon ultimate settlement with the taxing authority. The Company adjusts its estimate of unrecognized tax benefits in light of changing facts and circumstances; however, due to the complexity of some of these uncertainties, the ultimate resolution may result in an outcome that is materially different from the estimate. See Note 10, "Income Taxes," for details of the changes to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits for the periods presented.

Stock-based Compensation

The Company's stock-based compensation consists of RSUs granted to employees and the employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP"). Stock-based compensation expense is typically recognized ratably over the requisite service period. Forfeitures of stock-based awards are recognized as they occur. As substantially all of the RSUs granted by the Company are routine annual grants, none of the awards are designed to be spring-loaded, and as such, the Company does not adjust the market price of its common stock when estimating the grant-date fair value of these awards. The Company also grants RSUs which include performance conditions, and in some cases market conditions, to certain executives. The expense for these performance-based RSUs is recognized based on the probable outcome of the performance conditions. The expense recognized for awards with market conditions is based on the grant date fair value of the awards including the impact of the market conditions, using a Monte Carlo simulation model. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of its ESPP offerings. The determination of the fair value of stock-based payment awards using the Monte Carlo simulation model or the Black-Scholes option-pricing model is affected by the Company's stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of complex and subjective variables.

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Earnings per Share

The Company computes basic earnings per share by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share gives effect to dilutive potential common shares, including unvested RSUs and ESPP offerings, using the treasury stock method.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company applies the following fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three levels and bases the categorization within the hierarchy upon the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement:

- Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2: Inputs reflect quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs reflecting the Company's own assumptions incorporated in valuation techniques used to determine fair value. These assumptions are required to be consistent with market participant assumptions that are reasonably available.

Legal Proceedings

Verisign is involved in various investigations, claims and lawsuits arising in the normal conduct of its business, none of which, in its opinion, will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows. The Company cannot assure you that it will prevail in any litigation. Regardless of the outcome, any litigation may require the Company to incur significant litigation expense and may result in significant diversion of management attention.

While certain legal proceedings and related indemnification obligations to which the Company is a party specify the amounts claimed, such claims may not represent reasonably possible losses. Given the inherent uncertainties of the litigation, the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be predicted at this time, nor can the amount of possible loss or range of loss, if any, be reasonably estimated, except in circumstances where an aggregate litigation accrual has been recorded for probable and reasonably estimable loss contingencies. A determination of the amount of accrual required, if any, for these contingencies is made after careful analysis of each matter. The required accrual may change in the future due to new developments in each matter or changes in approach such as a change in settlement strategy in dealing with these matters. The Company does not believe that any such matter currently being reviewed will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

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Note 2. Financial Instruments*Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Marketable Securities*

The following table summarizes the Company's cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities and the fair value categorization of the financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(In thousands)	
Cash	\$ 25,840	\$ 28,832
Time deposits	3,693	4,176
Money market funds (Level 1)	165,586	129,627
Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury (Level 1)	1,016,015	1,013,679
Total	\$ 1,211,134	\$ 1,176,314
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 223,487	\$ 401,194
Restricted cash (included in Other long-term assets)	5,329	9,407
Total Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	228,816	410,601
Marketable securities	982,318	765,713
Total	\$ 1,211,134	\$ 1,176,314

The gross and net unrealized gains and losses included in the fair value of the debt securities were not significant for the periods presented. All of the debt securities held as of December 31, 2021 have contractual maturities of less than one year.

Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of the Company's investments in money market funds approximates their face value. Such instruments are classified as Level 1 and are included in Cash and cash equivalents. The fair value of the debt securities consisting of U.S. Treasury bills is based on their quoted market prices and are classified as Level 1.

As of December 31, 2021, the Company's other financial instruments include cash, accounts receivable, restricted cash, and accounts payable whose carrying values approximated their fair values. The fair values of the Company's senior notes due 2025 (the "2025 Senior Notes"), the senior notes due 2027 (the "2027 Senior Notes"), and the senior notes due 2031 (the "2031 Senior Notes") were \$552.3 million, \$573.9 million, and \$755.5 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2021. The fair values of these debt instruments are based on available market information from public data sources and are classified as Level 2.

Note 3. Selected Balance Sheet Items*Other Current Assets*

Other current assets consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(In thousands)	
Prepaid expenses	\$ 24,756	\$ 17,920
Prepaid registry fees	24,240	22,654
Taxes receivable	7,669	3,572
Accounts receivable, net	5,284	4,642
Other	981	2,245
Total other current assets	\$ 62,930	\$ 51,033

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Property and Equipment, Net

The following table presents the detail of property and equipment, net:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(In thousands)	
Computer equipment and software	\$ 400,628	\$ 415,086
Buildings and building improvements	254,549	250,431
Land	31,141	31,141
Office equipment and furniture	10,104	9,179
Capital work in progress	3,088	4,330
Leasehold improvements	1,476	1,458
Total cost	700,986	711,625
Less: accumulated depreciation	(449,763)	(466,054)
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 251,223	\$ 245,571

Substantially all of the Company's property and equipment were held in the U.S. for both periods presented.

Goodwill

The following table presents the detail of goodwill:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(In thousands)	
Goodwill, gross	\$ 1,537,843	\$ 1,537,843
Accumulated goodwill impairment	(1,485,316)	(1,485,316)
Total goodwill	\$ 52,527	\$ 52,527

There was no impairment of goodwill or other long-lived assets recognized in any of the periods presented.

Deposits to Acquire Intangible Assets

The Company's Deposit to acquire intangible assets represents the \$145.0 million paid for the future assignment to the Company of contractual rights to the .web gTLD, pending resolution of objections by other applicants, and approval from ICANN. Upon assignment of the contractual rights, the Company will record the total investment as an indefinite-lived intangible asset.

Other Long-Term Assets

Other long-term assets consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(In thousands)	
Long-term prepaid expenses	\$ 10,976	\$ 7,105
Long-term prepaid registry fees	8,693	7,997
Operating lease right-of-use asset	8,418	11,277
Restricted cash	5,329	9,407
Other	2,144	2,172
Total other long-term assets	\$ 35,560	\$ 37,958

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The prepaid registry fees in the tables above relate to the fees the Company pays to ICANN for each annual term of .com domain name registrations and renewals which are deferred and amortized over the domain name registration term. The amount of prepaid registry fees as of December 31, 2021 reflects amortization of \$38.3 million during 2021 which was recorded in Cost of Revenues.

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
(In thousands)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 8,997	\$ 12,340
Customer deposits	77,329	53,631
Accrued employee compensation	58,499	54,596
Taxes payable	26,793	27,194
Interest payable	19,500	24,408
Customer incentives payable	13,297	12,556
Accrued registry fees	12,844	13,090
Other accrued liabilities	9,321	10,827
Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 226,580	\$ 208,642

Long-term Tax and Other Liabilities

Long-term tax and other liabilities consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
(In thousands)		
Long-term tax liabilities	\$ 76,148	\$ 90,335
Long-term operating lease liabilities	2,485	5,159
Long-term tax and other liabilities	\$ 78,633	\$ 95,494

Long-term tax liabilities include accruals for unrecognized tax benefits and the long-term portion of the U.S. income taxes payable on the Company's accumulated foreign earnings ("Transition Tax") resulting from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Note 4. Debt

Senior Notes

The following table summarizes information related to our Senior notes:

	Issuance Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Principal	
				As of December 31,	
				2021	2020
(in thousands except interest rates)					
Senior notes due 2023	April 16, 2013	May 1, 2023	4.625 %	\$ —	\$ 750,000
Senior notes due 2025	March 27, 2015	April 1, 2025	5.250 %	500,000	500,000
Senior notes due 2027	July 5, 2017	July 15, 2027	4.750 %	550,000	550,000
Senior notes due 2031	June 8, 2021	June 15, 2031	2.700 %	750,000	—
Principal amount of senior notes				1,800,000	1,800,000
Less: unamortized issuance costs				(14,291)	(9,917)
Total senior notes				\$ 1,785,709	\$ 1,790,083

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On June 8, 2021, the Company issued \$750.0 million of 2.700% senior unsecured notes due 2031. The 2031 Notes were issued at 99.712% of par value. The total discount and issuance costs of \$8.9 million are presented on the balance sheet as a reduction of the debt obligation and are being amortized to Interest expense over the 10-year term of the notes. The 2025 and 2027 notes were issued at par and all outstanding senior notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company. Interest is payable on each of the senior notes semi-annually. Each of the senior notes issuances is redeemable, in whole or in part, at the Company's option at times and redemption prices specified in the indentures.

On June 23, 2021, the Company used the net proceeds from the 2031 Notes and cash on hand, to redeem all of its \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding 4.625% senior notes due 2023 ("2023 Notes"). The redemption of the 2023 Notes resulted in a loss on debt extinguishment of \$2.1 million related to the unamortized debt issuance costs on the notes. The loss on extinguishment is included in Non-operating loss (income), net in 2021.

2019 Credit Facility

On December 12, 2019, the Company entered into a credit agreement for a \$200.0 million committed unsecured revolving credit facility (the "2019 Credit Facility"). The 2019 Credit Facility includes a financial covenant requiring that the Company's leverage ratio not exceed 4.0 to 1.0. As of December 31, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under the facility and the Company was in compliance with the financial covenants. The 2019 Credit Facility was amended in December 2021 to address the LIBOR transition. The 2019 Credit Facility expires on December 12, 2024 at which time any outstanding borrowings are due. Verisign may from time to time request lenders to agree on a discretionary basis to increase the commitment amount by up to an aggregate of \$150.0 million.

Note 5. Stockholders' Deficit

Treasury Stock

Treasury stock is accounted for under the cost method. Treasury stock includes shares repurchased under stock repurchase programs and shares withheld in lieu of the tax withholding due upon vesting of RSUs.

Effective February 11, 2021, the Company's Board of Directors ("Board") authorized the repurchase of its common stock in the amount of approximately \$747.0 million, in addition to the \$253.0 million that remained available for repurchases under the share repurchase program, for a total repurchase authorization of up to \$1.0 billion under the program. The program has no expiration date. Purchases made under the program could be effected through open market transactions, block purchases, accelerated share repurchase agreements or other negotiated transactions. As of December 31, 2021 there was approximately \$382.6 million remaining available for repurchases under the program.

Effective February 10, 2022, the Company's Board authorized the repurchase of its common stock in the amount of \$705.4 million, in addition to the \$294.6 million that remained available for repurchases under the program, for a total repurchase authorization of up to \$1.0 billion under the program.

The summary of the Company's common stock repurchases for 2021, 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	2021		2020		2019	
	Shares	Average Price	Shares	Average Price	Shares	Average Price
	(In thousands, except average price amounts)					
Total repurchases under the repurchase plans	3,253	\$ 215.16	3,674	\$ 200.06	3,911	\$ 188.84
Total repurchases for tax withholdings	108	\$ 209.40	204	\$ 208.92	243	\$ 181.07
Total repurchases	<u>3,361</u>	<u>\$ 214.97</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>\$ 200.48</u>	<u>4,154</u>	<u>\$ 188.39</u>
Total costs	<u>\$ 722,587</u>		<u>\$ 777,454</u>		<u>\$ 782,583</u>	

Since inception, the Company has repurchased 243.7 million shares of its common stock for an aggregate cost of \$11.70 billion, which is recorded as a reduction of Additional paid-in capital.

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table summarizes the changes in the components of Accumulated other comprehensive loss for 2021 and 2020:

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments Loss	Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
	(In thousands)		
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ (2,836)	\$ 215	\$ (2,621)
Changes	—	(135)	(135)
Balance, December 31, 2020	(2,836)	80	(2,756)
Changes	—	(29)	(29)
Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ (2,836)</u>	<u>\$ 51</u>	<u>\$ (2,785)</u>

Note 6. Calculation of Earnings per Share

The following table presents the computation of weighted-average shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding	112,015	115,058	118,513
Weighted-average potential shares of common stock outstanding:			
Unvested RSUs and ESPP	151	240	455
Shares used to compute diluted earnings per share	<u>112,166</u>	<u>115,298</u>	<u>118,968</u>

The calculation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding excludes performance-based RSUs granted by the Company for which the relevant performance criteria have not been achieved. The number of potential shares excluded from the calculation was not significant in any period presented.

Note 7. Revenues

The Company generates revenues in the U.S.; Europe, the Middle East and Africa (“EMEA”); China; and certain other countries, including, but not limited to Canada, Australia, and Japan. The following table presents our revenues disaggregated by geography, based on the billing addresses of our customers:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
U.S	\$ 851,299	\$ 804,647	\$ 772,586
EMEA	231,686	214,204	206,975
China	99,727	113,048	119,291
Other	144,864	133,153	132,809
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,327,576</u>	<u>\$ 1,265,052</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,661</u>

Revenues in the table above are attributed to the country of domicile and the respective regions in which registrars are located; however, this may differ from the regions where the registrars operate or where registrants are located. Revenues for each region may be impacted by registrars reincorporating, relocating, or from acquisitions or changes in affiliations of resellers. Revenues for each region may also be impacted by registrars domiciled in one region, registering domain names in another region.

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Major Customers

Our largest customer accounted for approximately 33%, 34%, and 33% of revenues in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively. The Company does not believe that the loss of this customer would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business because, in that event, end-users of this customer would transfer to the Company's other existing customers.

Deferred Revenues

As payment for domain name registrations and renewals are due in advance of our performance, we record these amounts as deferred revenues. The increase in the deferred revenues balance in 2021 is primarily driven by amounts billed in 2021 for domain name registrations and renewals to be recognized as revenues in future periods, offset by refunds for domain name renewals deleted during the 45-day grace period, and \$752.2 million of revenues recognized that were included in the deferred revenues balance at December 31, 2020. The higher deferred revenue balance as of December 31, 2021 also reflects an increase in the volume of early renewal transactions that occurred before the .com price increase became effective on September 1, 2021. The balance of deferred revenues as of December 31, 2021 represents our aggregate remaining performance obligations. Amounts included in current deferred revenues are all expected to be recognized in revenues within 12 months, except for a portion of deferred revenues that relates to domain name renewals that are deleted in the 45-day grace period following the transaction. The long-term deferred revenues amounts will be recognized in revenues over several years and in some cases up to ten years.

Note 8. Employee Benefits and Stock-based Compensation

401(k) Plan

The Company maintains a defined contribution 401(k) plan (the "401(k) Plan") for substantially all of its U.S. employees. Under the 401(k) Plan, eligible employees may contribute up to 50% of their pre-tax salary, subject to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") annual contribution limits. The Company matches 50% of up to the first 8% of the employee's annual salary contributed to the plan. The Company contributed \$5.2 million in 2021, \$5.0 million in 2020, and \$4.7 million in 2019 under the 401(k) Plan. The Company can terminate matching contributions at its discretion at any time.

Equity Incentive Plan

The majority of Verisign's stock-based compensation relates to RSUs granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan"). As of December 31, 2021, a total of 8.1 million shares of common stock remain reserved for issuance upon the vesting of RSUs and for the future grant of equity awards. The 2006 Plan authorizes the award of incentive stock options to employees and non-qualified stock options, restricted stock awards, RSUs, stock bonus awards, stock appreciation rights and performance shares to eligible employees, officers, directors, consultants, independent contractors and advisers. The 2006 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee which may delegate to a committee of one or more members of the Board or Verisign's officers the ability to grant certain awards and take certain other actions with respect to participants who are not executive officers or non-employee directors. RSUs are awards covering a specified number of shares of Verisign common stock that may be settled by issuance of those shares (which may be restricted shares). RSUs generally vest over four years. Certain RSUs with performance and market conditions ("PSUs"), granted to the Company's executives, generally vest over a three year term. Additionally, the Company has granted fully vested RSUs to members of its Board in each of the last three years. The Compensation Committee may authorize grants with a different vesting schedule in the future.

2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Eligible employees of the Company may purchase common stock under the 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan through payroll deductions by electing to have between 2% and 25% of their compensation withheld to cover the purchase price. Each participant is granted an option to purchase common stock. This option is automatically exercised on the last day of each six-month purchase period during the offering period. The purchase price for the common stock under the ESPP is 85% of the lesser of the fair market value of the common stock on the first day of the applicable offering period or the last day of the applicable purchase period. Offering periods begin on the first business day of February and August of each year. As of December 31, 2021, 3.0 million shares of the Company's common stock remain reserved for future issuance under this plan.

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Stock-based Compensation

Stock-based compensation is classified in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income in the same expense line items as cash compensation. The following table presents the classification of stock-based compensation:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Cost of revenues	\$ 6,525	\$ 6,321	\$ 6,739
Sales and marketing	4,312	3,453	3,755
Research and development	8,283	7,137	6,370
General and administrative	34,319	31,332	33,762
Stock-based compensation expense	53,439	48,243	50,626
Capitalization (included in Property and equipment, net)	1,622	1,783	1,690
Total stock-based compensation	<u>\$ 55,061</u>	<u>\$ 50,026</u>	<u>\$ 52,316</u>

The following table presents the nature of the Company's total stock-based compensation:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
RSUs	\$ 41,476	\$ 38,217	\$ 36,930
PSUs	9,310	7,380	10,522
ESPP	4,275	4,429	4,864
Total stock-based compensation	<u>\$ 55,061</u>	<u>\$ 50,026</u>	<u>\$ 52,316</u>

The income tax benefit that was included within Income tax benefit (expense) related to these stock-based compensation expenses for 2021, 2020, and 2019 was \$12.4 million, \$11.0 million, and \$11.7 million, respectively.

RSUs Information

The following table summarizes unvested RSUs activity for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value
	(Shares in thousands)	
Unvested at beginning of period	661	\$ 164.83
Granted	316	\$ 200.64
PSU achievement adjustment	(10)	\$ 110.57
Vested and settled	(334)	\$ 147.80
Forfeited	(30)	\$ 185.99
	<u>603</u>	<u>\$ 192.88</u>

The RSUs in the table above include PSUs. The unvested RSUs as of December 31, 2021 include less than 0.2 million PSUs. The number of shares received upon vesting of these PSUs may range from zero to 0.3 million depending on the level of performance achieved and whether any market conditions are satisfied.

The closing price of Verisign's stock was \$253.82 on December 31, 2021. As of December 31, 2021, the aggregate market value of unvested RSUs was \$152.9 million. The fair values of RSUs that vested during 2021, 2020, and 2019 were \$70.3 million, \$115.0 million, and \$124.1 million, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of RSUs granted during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, was \$205.61 and \$172.87, respectively. As of December 31, 2021, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested RSUs was \$82.3 million which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.4 years.

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Note 9. Non-operating (Loss) Income, Net

The following table presents the components of Non-operating income, net:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Loss on extinguishment of debt	\$ (2,149)	\$ —	\$ —
Interest income	582	7,815	26,596
Gain on sale of business	—	6,402	817
Transition services income	—	2,100	15,600
Other, net	238	(130)	247
Total non-operating (loss) income, net	<u>\$ (1,329)</u>	<u>\$ 16,187</u>	<u>\$ 43,260</u>

The redemption of the 2023 Notes resulted in a loss on debt extinguishment of \$2.1 million related to the unamortized debt issuance costs on the notes. Interest income is earned principally from the Company's surplus cash balances and marketable securities. The lower interest income in 2021 and 2020 reflects a decline in interest rates on our investments in debt securities. Gain on sale of business and transition services income in 2020 and 2019 relate to the sale of our security services customer contracts.

Note 10. Income Taxes

Income before income taxes is categorized geographically as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
United States	\$ 489,395	\$ 457,830	\$ 452,793
Foreign	292,824	292,414	305,983
Total income before income taxes	<u>\$ 782,219</u>	<u>\$ 750,244</u>	<u>\$ 758,776</u>

The provision for income taxes consisted of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Current expense (benefit):			
Federal	\$ 97,420	\$ (123,933)	\$ 74,283
State	32,188	10,522	2,069
Foreign, including withholding tax	29,834	29,152	31,385
	<u>159,442</u>	<u>(84,259)</u>	<u>107,737</u>
Deferred expense (benefit):			
Federal	3,906	4,348	30,462
State	(200)	17,388	22,899
Foreign	(165,759)	(2,121)	(14,621)
	<u>(162,053)</u>	<u>19,615</u>	<u>38,740</u>
Total income tax (benefit) expense	<u>\$ (2,611)</u>	<u>\$ (64,644)</u>	<u>\$ 146,477</u>

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The difference between income tax (benefit) expense and the amount resulting from applying the federal statutory rate of 21% to Income before income taxes is attributable to the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Income tax expense at federal statutory rate	\$ 164,266	\$ 157,551	\$ 159,343
State taxes, net of federal benefit	25,527	23,167	20,573
Effect of non-U.S. operations	(23,255)	(27,691)	(25,178)
Intercompany non-U.S. intellectual property transfer	(165,517)	—	—
Remeasurement of unrecognized tax benefits	(5,095)	(204,673)	7,365
Stock-based compensation	1,333	(8,643)	(9,204)
Other	130	(4,355)	(6,422)
Total income tax (benefit) expense	<u>\$ (2,611)</u>	<u>\$ (64,644)</u>	<u>\$ 146,477</u>

During the fourth quarter of 2021, as part of a legal entity reorganization, the Company completed an internal transfer of certain of its non-U.S. intellectual property which had no book value. This transfer created amortizable tax basis for the receiving entity based on the \$1.20 billion fair value of the intellectual property, which resulted in the recognition of a \$165.5 million deferred tax asset and a corresponding income tax benefit. During 2020, the Company recognized an income tax benefit as a result of the remeasurement of certain previously unrecognized income tax benefits. The majority of these income tax benefits related to the worthless stock deduction taken in 2013. These remeasurements were based on written confirmations from the IRS, indicating no examination adjustments would be proposed related to the worthless stock deduction or certain other matters reviewed as part of the audit of the Company's federal income tax returns for 2010 through 2014, and the lapse of statutes of limitations related to other unrecognized income tax benefits. Notwithstanding these written confirmations, the Company's U.S. federal income tax returns for those years remain under examination by the IRS. Tax years 2015 and 2016 are closed to IRS audit as the statutes of limitations have lapsed.

The Company qualified for a tax holiday in Switzerland until the end of 2019 which lowered tax rates on certain types of income and required certain thresholds of foreign source income. The tax holiday reduced our foreign income tax expense by \$17.3 million (\$0.15 per share) in 2019. The benefit from the tax holiday is calculated before consideration of any offsetting tax impact in the United States. Effective January 1, 2020, due to Swiss tax law changes, the tax holiday was eliminated, which was partially offset by a lowered statutory tax rate.

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The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
(In thousands)		
Deferred tax assets:		
Intellectual property	\$ 165,517	\$ —
Deferred revenues, accruals and reserves	68,574	66,926
Net operating loss carryforwards	4,747	5,623
Tax credit carryforwards	3,514	5,078
Other	1,693	2,379
Total deferred tax assets	244,045	80,006
Valuation allowance	(5,530)	(5,613)
Net deferred tax assets	238,515	74,393
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Property and equipment	(6,644)	(4,167)
Other	(1,203)	(2,394)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(7,847)	(6,561)
Total net deferred tax assets	\$ 230,668	\$ 67,832

With the exception of deferred tax assets related to certain state net operating loss and foreign tax credit carryforwards, management believes it is more likely than not that the tax effects of the deferred tax liabilities together with future taxable income, will be sufficient to fully recover the remaining deferred tax assets.

As of December 31, 2021, the Company's deferred tax assets included \$75.4 million of state net operating loss carryforwards, before applying tax rates for the respective jurisdictions. The tax credit carryforwards as of December 31, 2021 consisted primarily of foreign tax credit carryforwards. The state net operating loss carryforwards expire in various years from 2022 through 2034. The foreign tax credits will expire in 2028.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the total amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
(In thousands)		
Beginning balance	\$ 23,728	\$ 231,339
Increases in tax positions for prior years	89	7,138
Decreases in tax positions for prior years	(1,322)	(199,107)
Increases in tax positions for current year	1,115	1,613
Decreases in tax positions due to settlement with taxing authorities	(1,231)	—
Lapse in statute of limitations	(6,384)	(17,255)
Ending balance	\$ 15,995	\$ 23,728

As of December 31, 2021, approximately \$16.2 million of unrecognized tax benefits, including penalties and interest, could affect the Company's tax provision and effective tax rate. The Company does not expect the balance of unrecognized tax benefits to change materially during the next twelve months.

In accordance with its accounting policy, the Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of tax expense. These accruals were not material in any period presented.

The Company's major taxing jurisdictions are the U.S., the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Switzerland. The Company's U.S. federal income tax returns are currently under examination by the IRS for 2010 through 2014. The U.S. federal statutes of

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limitations are closed for the 2015 and 2016 tax years. The Company's other material tax returns are not currently under examination by their respective taxing jurisdictions. Because the Company has previously used net operating loss carryforwards and other tax attributes to offset its taxable income in income tax returns for the U.S. and Virginia, such attributes can be adjusted by these taxing authorities until the statute of limitations closes on the year in which such attributes were utilized. The open years for examination in Switzerland are the 2012 tax year and forward.

Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies

The following table represents the minimum payments required by Verisign under certain purchase obligations, certain U.S. income tax obligations, leases, and the interest payments and principal on the Senior Notes:

	Purchase Obligations	Transition Tax	Operating Leases	Senior Notes	Total
	(In thousands)				
2022	\$ 44,421	\$ 7,761	\$ 5,931	\$ 72,625	\$ 130,738
2023	10,676	14,573	1,799	72,625	99,673
2024	4,468	19,430	572	72,625	97,095
2025	4,039	24,288	116	559,500	587,943
2026	—	—	—	46,375	46,375
Thereafter	—	—	—	1,417,250	1,417,250
Total	\$ 63,604	\$ 66,052	\$ 8,418	\$ 2,241,000	\$ 2,379,074

The amounts in the table above exclude \$16.2 million of unrecognized tax benefits, as the Company is unable to reasonably estimate the ultimate amount or time of settlement of those liabilities.

Verisign enters into certain purchase obligations with various vendors. The Company's significant purchase obligations include firm commitments with telecommunication carriers, other service providers and the fixed portion of registry fees related to the operation of certain top-level domains. Registry fees for top-level domains that we operate where the amounts are variable or passed-through to registrars have been excluded from the table above. The Company does not have any significant purchase obligations beyond 2025.

The Company has an agreement with Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") to be the sole registry operator for domain names in the .com registry through November 30, 2024. Under this agreement, the Company pays ICANN on a quarterly basis, \$0.25 for each annual term of a domain name registered or renewed during such quarter. The Company incurred registry fees for the .com registry of \$40.6 million in 2021, \$36.3 million in 2020, and \$34.7 million in 2019.

In connection with the .com Registry Agreement with ICANN, the Company is required to make annual payments of \$4.0 million to ICANN from 2021 through 2025 to support efforts to maintain the security and stability of the DNS. The payments for 2022 through 2025 are included in Purchase obligations in the table above.

The Transition Tax in the table above is the remaining installments of U.S. income taxes payable on our accumulated foreign earnings pursuant to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Verisign leases a small portion of its office space and a portion of its data center facilities under operating leases, the longest of which extends into 2025. Rental expenses under operating leases were not material in any period presented.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

a. Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on our management’s evaluation, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (our principal executive officer) and our Chief Financial Officer (our principal financial officer), as of December 31, 2021, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

b. Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021 using the criteria established in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* (2013 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”).

Based on our evaluation under the COSO framework, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting is effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has issued a report concerning the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021. See “Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

c. Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended December 31, 2021 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

d. Inherent Limitations of Disclosure Controls and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Because of their inherent limitations, our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting may not prevent material errors or fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. The effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting is subject to risks, including that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with our policies or procedures may deteriorate.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

Item 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS.

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by this item regarding our directors and nominees, Audit Committee, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, and Compensation Committee will be included under the captions “Proposal No. 1—Election of Directors,” “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners” and “Corporate Governance” in our Proxy Statement related to the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference (our “2022 Proxy Statement”).

Pursuant to General Instruction G(3) of Form 10-K, the information required by this item relating to our executive officers is included under the caption “Information About Our Executive Officers” in Part I of this Form 10-K.

We have adopted a written Code of Conduct, which is posted on our Investor Relations website under “Ethics and Business Conduct” at <https://investor.verisign.com/corporate-governance>. The Code of Conduct applies to all of our directors, officers, and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and other senior accounting officers. We have also adopted the “Corporate Governance Principles for the Board of Directors,” which provide guidance to our directors on corporate practices that serve the best interests of our company and our stockholders.

We intend to satisfy any disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Code of Conduct, to the extent applicable to the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, or other senior accounting officers, by posting such information on our website, on the web page found by clicking through to “Ethics and Business Conduct” as specified above.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our 2022 Proxy Statement from the discussions under the captions “Compensation of Directors,” “Non-Employee Director Retainer Fees and Equity Compensation Information” and “Non-Employee Director Compensation Table for 2021,” and “Executive Compensation.”

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the discussions under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in our 2022 Proxy Statement.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our 2022 Proxy Statement from the discussions under the captions “Policies and Procedures with Respect to Transactions with Related Persons,” “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” and “Independence of Directors.”

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Our independent registered public accounting firm is KPMG LLP, McLean, VA, Auditor Firm ID: 185.

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to our 2022 Proxy Statement from the discussions under the captions “Principal Accountant Fees and Services” and “Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors.”

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) Documents filed as part of this report

1. Financial statements

The financial statements are set forth under Item 8 of this Form 10-K, as indexed below.

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2. Financial statement schedules

Financial statement schedules are omitted because the information called for is not material or is shown either in the consolidated financial statements or the notes thereto.

3. Exhibits

(a) *Index to Exhibits*

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, the Company has filed certain agreements as exhibits to this Form 10-K. These agreements may contain representations and warranties by the parties thereto. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other party or parties to such agreements and (1) may be intended not as statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties to such agreements if those statements prove to be inaccurate, (2) may have been qualified by disclosures that were made to such other party or parties and that either have been reflected in the Company's filings or are not required to be disclosed in those filings, (3) may apply materiality standards different from what may be viewed as material to investors and (4) were made only as of the date of such agreements or such other date(s) as may be specified in such agreements and are subject to more recent developments. Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the Company's actual state of affairs at the date hereof or at any other time.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Date	Number	
2.01	Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 6, 2000, by and among the Registrant, Nickel Acquisition Corporation and Network Solutions, Inc.	8-K	3/8/00	2.1	
3.01	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	10-K	2/17/17	3.01	
3.02	Bylaws of VeriSign, Inc.	10-K	2/19/21	3.02	
4.01	Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, between VeriSign, Inc., each of the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.	8-K	4/17/13	4.1	
4.02	Indenture dated as of March 27, 2015 between VeriSign, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.	8-K	3/30/15	4.1	
4.03	Indenture, dated as of July 5, 2017, between VeriSign, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.	8-K	7/5/17	4.1	
4.04	Indenture, dated as of June 8, 2021, between VeriSign, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.	8-K	6/8/2021	4.1	

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Date	Number	
4.05	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 8, 2021, between VeriSign, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.	8-K	6/8/2021	4.2	
4.06	Description of Securities of the Registrant	10-K	2/19/21	4.04	
10.01	Amended and Restated 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as adopted August 30, 2007, and amended May 25, 2017. +	DEF 14A	4/12/17	Appendix A	
10.02	Amendment No. Thirty (30) to Cooperative Agreement - Special Awards Conditions NCR-92-18742, between VeriSign and U.S. Department of Commerce managers.	10-K	7/12/07	10.27	
10.03	Form of Amended and Restated Change-in-Control and Retention Agreement [CEO Form of Agreement]. +	10-Q	7/27/17	10.01	
10.04	Amended and Restated Change-in-Control and Retention Agreement. +	10-Q	7/27/17	10.02	
10.05	VeriSign, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement. +	10-Q	7/27/12	10.03	
10.06	Purchase and Sale Agreement for 12061 Bluemont Way Reston, Virginia between 12061 Bluemont Owner, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as Seller and VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as Purchaser Dated August 18, 2011.	8-K	9/7/11	10.01	
10.07	Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, entered into on November 29, 2012.	8-K	11/30/12	10.1	
10.08	Amendment Number Thirty-Two (32) to the Cooperative Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and Department of Commerce, entered into on November 29, 2012.	8-K	11/30/12	10.2	
10.09	VeriSign, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Agreement +	10-Q	4/28/16	10.01	
10.10	VeriSign, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan Form of Employee Restricted Stock Unit Agreement +	10-K	2/19/16	10.70	
10.11	Amendment to the .com Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, entered into on October 20, 2016	8-K	10/20/16	10.1	
10.12	Amendment Number Thirty-Three (33) to the Cooperative Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and Department of Commerce, entered into on October 20, 2016	8-K	10/20/16	10.2	
10.13	Amendment Number Thirty-Four (34) to the Cooperative Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and Department of Commerce, entered into on October 20, 2016	8-K	10/20/16	10.3	
10.14	Amended and Restated VeriSign, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated +	DEF 14A	4/29/16	Appendix A	
10.15	Net Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, entered into on June 28, 2017.	8-K	6/28/17	10.1	
10.16	Amendment Thirty-Five (35) to the Cooperative Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the U.S. Department of Commerce, entered into on October 26, 2018	8-K	11/1/18	10.1	

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Date	Number	
10.17	Asset Purchase Agreement between Verisign, Inc., as the seller and Neustar, Inc., as the buyer, dated as of October 24, 2018	10-K	2/15/19	10.20	
10.18	Second Amendment to the .com Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, entered into on March 27, 2019	10-K	2/14/20	10.21	
10.19	Amendment to Asset Purchase Agreement and Transition Services Agreement between Neustar, Inc. and VeriSign, Inc., dated as of December 10, 2019[†]	10-K	2/14/20	10.22	
10.20	Third Amendment to the .com Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, entered into on March 27, 2020.	8-K	03/27/20	10.1	
10.21	First Amendment to the .net Registry Agreement between VeriSign, Inc. and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, entered into on April 27, 2020.	10-Q	10/22/20	10.01	
10.22	Credit Agreement, amended and restated as of December 23, 2021 among VERISIGN, INC., the Lenders as defined therein and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.				X
21.01	Subsidiaries of the Registrant.	10-K	2/14/20	21.01	
23.01	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.				X
24.01	Powers of Attorney (Included as part of the signature pages hereto).				X
31.01	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).				X
31.02	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).				X
32.01	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code (18 U.S.C. 1350). *				X
32.02	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code (18 U.S.C. 1350). *				X
101	Interactive Data File. The instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.				X
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).				X

* As contemplated by SEC Release No. 33-8212, these exhibits are furnished with this Form 10-K and are not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not incorporated by reference in any filing of VeriSign, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in such filings.

+ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

† Certain portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iv) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 16. 10-K SUMMARY

None.

J.P.Morgan

CREDIT AGREEMENT
amended and restated as of

December 23, 2021,

among

VERISIGN, INC.,

The BORROWING SUBSIDIARIES party hereto,
The LENDERS party hereto,

and

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
as Administrative Agent

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
BOFA SECURITIES, INC. and
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

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CREDIT AGREEMENT amended and restated as of December 23, 2021, (this “Agreement”), among VERISIGN, INC., the BORROWING SUBSIDIARIES from time to time party hereto, the LENDERS from time to time party hereto and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

The parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

SECTION 1.01. Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“ABR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“Accession Agreement” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09(d).

“Acquisition” means any acquisition (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of (a) Equity Interests in any Person if, after giving effect thereto, such Person will become a Subsidiary or (b) assets comprising all or substantially all the assets of (or all or substantially all the assets constituting a business unit, division, product line or line of business of) any Person.

“Adjusted Daily Simple ESTR” means, with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple ESTR plus (b) 0.0017%.

“Adjusted Daily Simple RFR” means (a) with respect to any Borrowing or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, the Adjusted Daily Simple SONIA, (b) with respect to any Borrowing or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, the Adjusted Daily Simple SARON, (c) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, the Adjusted Daily Simple ESTR and (d) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, the Adjusted Daily Simple TONA.

“Adjusted Daily Simple SARON” means, with respect to any Borrowing or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple SARON plus (b) (i) in the case of any such Borrowing, -0.0571% or (ii) in the case of any such LC Disbursement, -0.0551%; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“Adjusted Daily Simple SONIA” means, with respect to any Borrowing or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple SONIA plus (b) (i) in the case of any such Borrowing, 0.0326% or (ii) in the case of any such LC Disbursement, -0.0024%; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“Adjusted Daily Simple TONA” means, with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple TONA plus (b) -0.01839%; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“Adjusted EURIBO Rate” means, with respect to any EURIBOR Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the EURIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate.

“Adjusted LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any LIBOR Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate.

“Adjusted TIBO Rate” means, with respect to any TIBOR Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the TIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate.

“Administrative Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, and its successors in such capacity as provided in Article VIII.

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

“Affected Financial Institution” means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly or indirectly Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Aggregate Alternative Currency Exposure” means, at any time, the portion of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure at such time attributable to Loans and Letters of Credit denominated in Alternative Currencies.

“Aggregate Commitment” means, at any time, the sum of the Commitments of all the Lenders at such time.

“Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of the Competitive Loan Exposures of all Lenders at such time.

“Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the US Dollar Equivalents of the principal amounts of the Revolving Loans outstanding at such time, (b) the aggregate principal amount of the Swingline Loans outstanding at such time and (c) the total LC Exposure at such time.

“Agreed Currencies” means US Dollars and the Alternative Currencies.

“Agreement” has the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“Agreement Currency” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.17(b).

“Alternate Base Rate” means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day; (b) the NYFRB Rate in effect on such day plus ½ of 1% per annum; and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) for a deposit in US Dollars with a maturity of one month plus 1% per annum. For purposes of clause (c) above, the Adjusted LIBO Rate on any day shall be based on the LIBO Screen Rate at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such day for deposits in US Dollars with a

maturity of one month; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate, as the case may be. If the Alternate Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest due to the unavailability of the Adjusted LIBO Rate (for the avoidance of doubt, only until an amendment hereto has become effective pursuant to Section 2.14(b)), then for purposes of clause (c) above the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“Alternative Currency” means Euro, Sterling, Swiss Francs, Yen and any other currency, other than US Dollars, (a) that is freely available, freely transferable and freely convertible into US Dollars and (b) that has been designated by the Administrative Agent as an Alternative Currency at the request of the Company, and with the consent of each Lender and, in the case of Letters of Credit, the applicable Issuing Bank.

“Alternative Currency Overnight Rate” means, for any day, with respect to any LC Disbursement, (a) (i) if such LC Disbursement is denominated in Euro, a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted Daily Simple ESTR, (ii) if such LC Disbursement is denominated in Sterling, a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted Daily Simple SONIA, (iii) if such LC Disbursement is denominated in Swiss Francs, a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted Daily Simple SARON, (iv) if such LC Disbursement is denominated in Yen, a rate per annum equal to the Adjusted Daily Simple TONA and (v) if such LC Disbursement is denominated in any other currency, a rate per annum at which overnight deposits in such currency would be offered on such day in the principal interbank market for such currency, as such rate is determined by the Administrative Agent by such means as the Administrative Agent shall determine to be reasonable, or (b) if, with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in any Alternative Currency, the Administrative Agent reasonably determines that it is unable to determine the rate referred to in clause (a) above with respect to such Alternative Currency, then a rate per annum equal to the Central Bank Rate with respect to such Alternative Currency; provided that, if the Alternative Currency Overnight Rate as so determined would be less than zero, the Alternative Currency Overnight Rate will be deemed to be zero.

“Alternative Currency Sublimit” means US\$50,000,000.

“Ancillary Document” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.06(b).

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery, money laundering or corruption.

“Applicable Creditor” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.17(b).

“Applicable Parties” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.02(c).

“Applicable Percentage” means, at any time, with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the Aggregate Commitment represented by such Lender’s Commitment at such time; provided that, for purposes of Section 2.20 when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, “Applicable Percentage” shall mean, with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the Aggregate Commitment (determined disregarding any Defaulting Lender’s Commitment) represented by such Lender’s Commitment at such time. If all the Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.

“Applicable Rate” means, for any day, with respect to any Term Benchmark Revolving Loan, RFR Revolving Loan or ABR Loan (including any Swingline Loan), or with respect to the commitment fees payable hereunder, the lower of (a) the applicable rate per annum set forth in the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid under the caption “Term Benchmark Spread or RFR Spread”, “ABR Spread” or “Commitment Fee Rate”, as the case may be, determined by reference to the rate corresponding to the Leverage Ratio as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter of the Company for which consolidated financial statements have theretofore been most recently delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b) and (b) the applicable rate per annum set forth set forth in the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid under the caption “Term Benchmark Spread or RFR Spread”, “ABR Spread” or “Commitment Fee Rate”, as the case may be, determined by reference to the Applicable Ratings.

Leverage-Based Pricing Grid

Pricing Category	Leverage Ratio	Term Benchmark Spread or RFR Spread (per annum)	ABR Spread (per annum)	Commitment Fee Rate (per annum)
Category 1	< 1.00x	1.125%	0.125%	0.125%
Category 2	≥1.00x and ≤ 1.50x	1.250%	0.250%	0.150%
Category 3	>1.50x and ≤ 2.00x	1.375%	0.375%	0.175%
Category 4	>2.00x and ≤ 2.50x	1.500%	0.500%	0.200%
Category 5	> 2.50x	1.625%	0.625%	0.225%

For purposes of the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, (a) until the date of delivery of the consolidated financial statements pursuant to Section 5.01(a) as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the applicable rates shall be those set forth in Category 3 and (b) each change in the applicable rates resulting from a change in the Leverage Ratio shall be effective during the period commencing on and including the Business Day following the date of delivery to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b) of the consolidated financial statements and the related Compliance Certificate indicating such change and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid the applicable rates shall be those set forth in Category 5 if the Company fails to deliver the consolidated financial statements

required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b) or any Compliance Certificate required to be delivered pursuant hereto, in each case within the time periods specified herein for such delivery, during the period commencing on and including the day of the occurrence of a Default resulting from such failure and until the delivery thereof.

Ratings-Based Pricing Grid

Pricing Category	Applicable Ratings (Moody's/S&P/Fitch)	Term Benchmark Spread or RFR Spread (per annum)	ABR Spread (per annum)	Commitment Fee Rate (per annum)
Category 1	Baa2/BBB/BBB or better	1.125%	0.125%	0.125%
Category 2	Baa3/BBB-/BBB-	1.250%	0.250%	0.150%
Category 3	Ba1/BB+/BB+	1.500%	0.500%	0.200%
Category 4	Ba2/BB/BB or lower	1.625%	0.625%	0.225%

For the purposes of the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, (a) if at any time only one Applicable Rating is in effect, then one other Applicable Rating shall be deemed to be in effect and to fall in Category 4; (b) if at any time three Applicable Ratings are in effect and such Applicable Ratings fall within different Categories, the applicable rates shall be those set forth in the Category in which two of such Applicable Ratings fall or, if there shall be no such Category, in the Category in which the second highest of the three Applicable Ratings shall fall; (c) if at any time two Applicable Ratings are in effect (or are deemed to be in effect), the applicable rates shall be those set forth in the Category in which the higher of such Applicable Ratings falls, unless there is more than one Category between such Applicable Ratings, in which case the applicable rates shall be those set forth in the Category that is one Category below that applicable to the higher Applicable Rating; and (d) if at any time no Applicable Rating is in effect, the applicable rates shall be those set forth in Category 4. If the rating system of Moody's, S&P or Fitch shall change, or if any of such rating agencies shall cease to be in the business of rating corporate debt obligations, the Company and the Lenders shall negotiate in good faith to amend this provision to reflect such changed rating system or the unavailability of ratings from such rating agency and, pending the effectiveness of any such amendment, the Applicable Rate shall be determined solely by reference to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, the applicable rates shall be as set forth in the grid below if, at the time of determination, (i) the Applicable Rating from Moody's is Ba1 and the Applicable Rating from S&P is BBB-, (ii) the Applicable Rating from Moody's is Ba1 and the Applicable Rating from Fitch is BBB- or (iii) the Applicable Rating from Moody's is Ba1 and the Applicable Rating from each of S&P and Fitch is BBB-.

Applicable Ratings (Moody's/S&P/Fitch)	Term Benchmark Spread or RFR Spread (per annum)	ABR Spread (per annum)	Commitment Fee Rate (per annum)
Ba1/BBB-/BBB-	1.375%	0.375%	0.175%

If any Applicable Rating established by Moody's, S&P or Fitch shall be changed (other than as a result of a change in the rating system of Moody's, S&P or Fitch), such change shall be effective as of the date on which it is first announced by the applicable rating agency, irrespective of when notice of such change shall have been furnished by the Company to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders. Each change in an Applicable Rating shall apply during the period commencing on the effective date of such change and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change.

"Applicable Ratings" means, with respect to Moody's, S&P or Fitch, a rating by such rating agency of the Company's senior unsecured non-credit enhanced long-term indebtedness for borrowed money.

"Applicable Time" means, with respect to any payments in any Alternative Currency, the local time in the place of settlement for such Alternative Currency as may be determined by the Administrative Agent or the applicable Issuing Bank, as the case may be, to be necessary for timely settlement on the relevant date in accordance with normal banking procedures in the place of payment.

"Approved Electronic Platform" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.02(a).

"Approved Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"Arrangers" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., BofA Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, in their capacity as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners for the credit facility provided for herein.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee, with the consent of any Person whose consent is required by Section 9.04, and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit A or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Attributable Debt” means, with respect to any Sale/Leaseback Transaction, the present value (discounted at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in such Sale/Leaseback Transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale/Leaseback Transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended). In the case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon payment of a penalty, the Attributable Debt shall be the lesser of the Attributable Debt determined assuming termination on the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the Attributable Debt shall also include the amount of the penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the Attributable Debt determined assuming no such termination.

“Availability Period” means the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments.

“Available Tenor” means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark for any Agreed Currency, as applicable, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof), as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period for any term rate or otherwise for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to Section 2.14(b)(v).

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

“Bankruptcy Event” means, with respect to any Person, that such Person becomes the subject of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, custodian, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business appointed for it, or, in the good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment or has had any order for relief in such proceeding entered in respect thereof; provided that a Bankruptcy Event shall not result solely by virtue of any ownership interest, or the acquisition of any ownership interest, in such Person by a Governmental Authority, unless such ownership interest results in or provides such Person with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within

the United States of America or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permits such Person (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made by such Person.

“Benchmark” means, initially, with respect to any Loan denominated in any Agreed Currency, the Relevant Rate for Loans denominated in such Agreed Currency; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event, an Early Opt-in Election or an Other Benchmark Rate Election, as applicable, and the related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the applicable Relevant Rate or the then-current Benchmark for such Agreed Currency, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to Section 2.14(b)(i) or 2.14(b)(ii).

“Benchmark Replacement” means, for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date; provided that, in the case of any Loan denominated in an Alternative Currency or in the case of an Other Benchmark Rate Election, “Benchmark Replacement” shall mean the alternative set forth in clause (3) below:

(1) in the case of any Loan denominated in US Dollars, the sum of: (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

(2) in the case of any Loan denominated in US Dollars, the sum of: (a) Daily Simple SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

(3) the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Company as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body and/or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for syndicated credit facilities denominated in the applicable Agreed Currency at such time in the United States and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

provided that, in the case of clause (1), such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion; provided further that, in the case of clause (3), when such clause is used to determine the Benchmark Replacement in connection with the occurrence of an Other Benchmark Rate Election, the alternate benchmark rate selected by the Administrative Agent and the Company shall be the term benchmark rate that is used in lieu of a LIBOR-based rate in the relevant other US Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities; provided further that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event, and the delivery of a Term SOFR Notice, on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date the “Benchmark Replacement” shall revert to and shall be deemed to be the sum of (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment, as set forth in clause (1) of this definition (subject to the first proviso above).

If the Benchmark Replacement as determined pursuant to clause (1), (2) or (3) above would be less than the Floor, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment” means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement:

(1) for purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement”, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent:

(a) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for the applicable Corresponding Tenor;

(b) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that would apply to the fallback rate for a derivative transaction referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon an index cessation event with respect to such Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor; and

(2) for purposes of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement”, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Company for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and/or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for syndicated credit facilities denominated in the applicable Agreed Currency at such time;

provided that, in the case of clause (1) above, such adjustment is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such Benchmark Replacement Adjustment from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

“Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes” means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Alternate Base Rate”, the definition of “Alternative Currency Overnight Rate”, the definition of “Business Day”, the definition of “RFR Business Day”, the definition of “Interest Period”, timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, the applicability and length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides in its reasonable discretion

may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement).

“Benchmark Replacement Date” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event”, the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event”, the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be no longer representative; provided that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such clause (3) and even if any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date;

(3) in the case of a Term SOFR Transition Event, the date that is 30 days after the date a Term SOFR Notice is provided to the Lenders and the Company pursuant to Section 2.14(b)(ii); or

(4) in the case of an Early Opt-in Election or an Other Benchmark Rate Election, the sixth Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election or Other Benchmark Rate Election, as applicable, is provided to the Lenders, so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the fifth Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election or Other Benchmark Rate Election, as applicable, is provided to the Lenders, written notice of objection to such Early Opt-in Election or Other Benchmark Rate Election, as applicable, from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

For the avoidance of doubt, (i) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (ii) the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (1) or (2) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Transition Event” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Board of Governors, the NYFRB, the central bank for the Agreed Currency applicable to such Benchmark, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Unavailability Period” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to clauses (1) or (2) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any other Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.14(b) and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any other Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.14(b).

“Beneficial Ownership Certification” means a certification regarding beneficial ownership or control as required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“Beneficial Ownership Regulation” means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

“Benefit Plan” means any of (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in Section 4975 of the Code to which Section 4975 of the Code applies, and (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of the Plan Asset Regulations or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan”.

“Board of Governors” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“Borrower” means the Company or any Borrowing Subsidiary.

“Borrowing” means (a) Revolving Loans of the same Type and currency, made, converted or continued on the same date and to the same Borrower and, in the case of Term Benchmark Revolving Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect, (b) a Competitive Loan or a group of Competitive Loans of the same Type and currency made on the same date and to the same Borrower and as to which a single Interest Period is in effect or (c) a Swingline Loan.

“Borrowing Minimum” means (a) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, US\$5,000,000 and (b) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in an Alternative Currency, the smallest amount of such Alternative Currency that is a multiple of 1,000,000 units of such currency and that has a US Dollar Equivalent of US\$5,000,000 or more.

“Borrowing Multiple” means (a) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, US\$1,000,000 and (b) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in any Alternative Currency, the smallest amount of such Alternative Currency that is a multiple of 1,000,000 units of such currency and that has a US Dollar Equivalent of US\$1,000,000 or more.

“Borrowing Request” means a request by or on behalf of a Borrower for a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03 or 2.05, as applicable, which shall be in the form of Exhibit B or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Borrowing Subsidiary” means each Subsidiary that has become a Borrowing Subsidiary pursuant to Section 2.21, other than any such Subsidiary that has ceased to be a Borrowing Subsidiary as provided in Section 2.21.

“Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement” means a Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit C-1, duly executed by the Company and the applicable Subsidiary and accepted by the Administrative Agent.

“Borrowing Subsidiary Termination” means a Borrowing Subsidiary Termination substantially in the form of Exhibit C-2, duly executed by the Company.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to remain closed; provided that (a) when used in connection with a LIBOR Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for dealings in deposits denominated in US Dollars in the London interbank market or any day on which banks in London are not open for business, (b) when used in connection with a EURIBOR Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day which is not a TARGET Day, (c) when used in connection with a TIBOR Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for business in Japan and (d) when used in connection with an RFR Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day that is not an RFR Business Day.

“Capitalized Lease Obligations” of any Person means the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which

obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as finance leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP; the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP, and the final maturity of such obligations shall be the date of the last payment of such or any other amounts due under such lease (or other arrangement) prior to the first date on which such lease (or other arrangement) may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a premium or a penalty. For purposes of Section 6.02, a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to be secured by a Lien on the property being leased and such property shall be deemed to be owned by the lessee.

“CBR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the Central Bank Rate.

“CBR Spread” means, with respect to any CBR Loan at any time, the Applicable Rate that would be applicable at such time to the Loan that was converted into such CBR Loan in accordance herewith.

“Central Bank Rate” means (a) the greater of (i) (A) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, one of the following three rates as may be selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion: (1) the fixed rate for the main refinancing operations of the European Central Bank (or any successor thereto) or, if that rate is not published, the minimum bid rate for the main refinancing operations of the European Central Bank (or any successor thereto), each as published by the European Central Bank (or any successor thereto) from time to time, (2) the rate for the marginal lending facility of the European Central Bank (or any successor thereto), as published by the European Central Bank (or any successor thereto) from time to time or (3) the rate for the deposit facility of the central banking system of the Participating Member States, as published by the European Central Bank (or any successor thereto) from time to time, (B) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, the Bank of England’s (or any successor thereto’s) “Bank Rate” as published by the Bank of England (or any successor thereto) from time to time, (C) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, the policy rate of the Swiss National Bank (or any successor thereto) as published by the Swiss National Bank (or any successor thereto) from time to time, (D) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, the “short-term prime rate” as publicly announced by the Bank of Japan (or any successor thereto) from time to time and (E) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in any other Alternative Currency, a central bank rate as determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion and (ii) zero; plus (b) the applicable Central Bank Rate Adjustment.

“Central Bank Rate Adjustment” means, for any day, (a) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, a rate equal to the difference (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) of (i) the average of the Adjusted EURIBO Rate for the five most recent Business Days preceding such day for which the EURIBO Screen Rate was available (excluding, from such averaging, the highest and the lowest Adjusted EURIBO Rate applicable during such period of five Business Days) minus (ii) the Central Bank Rate in respect of Euro in effect on the last Business Day in such period, (b) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, a rate equal to the difference (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) of (i) the average of SONIA for the five most recent RFR Business Days preceding such day for which SONIA was available (excluding, from such averaging, the highest and the lowest SONIA applicable during such period of five RFR Business Days) minus (ii) the Central Bank Rate in respect of Sterling in effect on the last RFR Business Day in such period, (c) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, a rate equal to the difference (which may be

a positive or negative value or zero) of (i) the average of SARON for the five most recent RFR Business Days preceding such day for which SARON was available (excluding, from such averaging, the highest and the lowest SARON applicable during such period of five RFR Business Days) minus (ii) the Central Bank Rate in respect of Swiss Francs in effect on the last RFR Business Day in such period, (d) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, a rate equal to the difference (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) of (i) the average of the Adjusted TIBO Rate for the five most recent Business Days preceding such day for which the TIBO Screen Rate was available (excluding, from such averaging, the highest and the lowest Adjusted TIBO Rate applicable during such period of five Business Days) minus (ii) the Central Bank Rate in respect of Yen in effect on the last Business Day in such period and (e) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in any other Alternative Currency, a Central Bank Rate Adjustment as determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion. For purposes of this definition, (x) the term Central Bank Rate shall be determined disregarding clause (b) of the definition of such term and (y) each of the EURIBO Rate and the TIBO Rate on any day shall be based on the EURIBO Screen Rate or the TIBO Screen Rate, as applicable, on such day at approximately the time referred to in the definition of such term for deposits in the applicable Agreed Currency for a maturity of one month (or, in the case of LC Disbursements, for overnight deposits in the applicable Agreed Currency); provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“Change in Control” means (a) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) by any Person or group (within the meaning of the Exchange Act and the rules of the SEC thereunder, but excluding any employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries, and any Person acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan) of Equity Interests in the Company representing more than 35% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests in the Company; or (b) the occurrence of a “change in control” (or similar event, however denominated) with respect to the Company under and as defined in any indenture or other agreement or instrument evidencing, governing the rights of the holders of or otherwise relating to any Material Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary, so long as the occurrence of such event results in such Material Indebtedness becoming due prior to its scheduled maturity or enables or permits (with or without the giving of notice, the lapse of time or both) the holder or holders of such Material Indebtedness or any trustee or agent on its or their behalf or the applicable counterparty to cause such Material Indebtedness to become due, or to require the prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance thereof, prior to its scheduled maturity or to cause the termination thereof.

“Change in Law” means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any rule, regulation, treaty or other law, (b) any change in any rule, regulation, treaty or other law or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or made or issued in connection therewith and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or, if any Foreign Subsidiary is a Borrowing Subsidiary, foreign regulatory

authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case shall be deemed to be a “Change in Law”, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, promulgated or issued.

“Charges” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.13.

“Class”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Revolving Loans, Swingline Loans or Competitive Loans.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

“Commitment” means, with respect to each Lender, the commitment of such Lender to make Revolving Loans and to acquire participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans hereunder, expressed as an amount representing the maximum aggregate permitted amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be (a) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to Section 2.09 and (b) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 9.04. The initial amount of each Lender’s Commitment is set forth on Schedule 2.01, or in the Assignment and Assumption or the Accession Agreement pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed or provided its Commitment, as applicable. The initial aggregate amount of the Lenders’ Commitments is US\$200,000,000.

“Commitment Increase” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09(d).

“Company” means VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“Communications” means, collectively, any notice, demand, communication, information, document or other material provided by or on behalf of any of the Loan Parties pursuant to any Loan Document or the transactions contemplated therein that is distributed to any Lender or any Issuing Bank by means of electronic communications pursuant to Section 8.02 and Section 9.01, including through the Approved Electronic Platform.

“Competitive Bid” means an offer by a Lender to make a Competitive Loan in accordance with Section 2.04.

“Competitive Bid Accept/Reject Letter” means an acceptance or rejection of a Competitive Bid in accordance with Section 2.04, which shall be in the form of Exhibit D-4.

“Competitive Bid Rate” means, with respect to any Competitive Bid, the Margin or the Fixed Rate, as applicable, offered by the Lender making such Competitive Bid.

“Competitive Bid Request” means a request by a Borrower for Competitive Bids in accordance with Section 2.04, which shall be in the form of Exhibit D-1.

“Competitive Borrowing” means a Borrowing comprised of Competitive Loans.

“Competitive Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.04.

“Competitive Loan Exposure” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum at such time of the US Dollar Equivalents of the principal amounts of such Lender’s Competitive Loans outstanding at such time.

“Compliance Certificate” means a Compliance Certificate in the form of Exhibit E or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Consolidated EBITDA” means, for any period, Consolidated Net Income for such period plus (a) without duplication and to the extent deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income, the sum of (i) consolidated interest expense for such period (including imputed interest expense in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations), (ii) consolidated income tax expense for such period, (iii) all amounts attributable to depreciation for such period and amortization of intangible assets for such period, (iv) any noncash charges for such period (including any noncash expense for such period resulting from the grant of stock options or other equity-based incentives to any director, officer or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary and any noncash restructuring charges and other noncash charges relating to acquisitions and dispositions or to closure or consolidation of facilities, but excluding any additions to bad debt reserves or bad debt expense, any write-down or write-off of marketable securities and any noncash charge to the extent it represents an accrual of or a reserve for cash expenditures in any future period), (v) non-recurring cash charges or expenses for such period incurred in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of assets (other than dispositions of inventory and other dispositions in the ordinary course of business) or in connection with Acquisitions, (vi) any losses attributable to early extinguishment of Indebtedness or obligations under any Hedging Agreement, (vii) any unrealized losses for such period attributable to the application of “mark to market” accounting in respect of Hedging Agreements and (viii) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles; and minus (b) without duplication and to the extent included in determining such Consolidated Net Income, (i) any gains attributable to the early extinguishment of Indebtedness or obligations under any Hedging Agreement, (ii) any unrealized gains for such period attributable to the application of “mark to market” accounting in respect of Hedging Agreements, (iii) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles and (iv) any other noncash items of income for such period (excluding any noncash items of income (A) in respect of which cash was received in a prior period or will be received in a future period or (B) that represents the reversal of any accrual made in a prior period for anticipated cash charges, but only to the extent such accrual reduced Consolidated EBITDA for such prior period); provided further that Consolidated EBITDA shall be calculated so as to exclude the effect of any gain or loss that represents after-tax gains or losses attributable to any sale, transfer or other disposition of assets by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, other than dispositions of inventory and other dispositions in the ordinary course of business. In the event any Subsidiary shall be a Subsidiary that is not wholly owned by the Company, all amounts added back in computing Consolidated EBITDA for any period pursuant to clause (a) above, and all amounts subtracted in computing Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (b) above, to the extent such amounts are, in the reasonable judgment of a Financial Officer of the Company, attributable to such Subsidiary, shall be reduced by the portion thereof that is attributable to the noncontrolling interest in such Subsidiary. For purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA for any period, if during such period the Company or any Subsidiary shall have consummated a Material Acquisition or a Material Disposition, Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto in accordance with Section 1.04(b).

“Consolidated Funded Indebtedness” means, as of any date, the sum, without duplication, of (a) the aggregate principal amount as of such date of Indebtedness

of the type referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the definition of the term “Indebtedness” of the Company and the Subsidiaries, (b) the aggregate amount as of such date of obligations of the Company and the Subsidiaries in respect of Indebtedness of the type referred to in clauses (f) and (g) of the definition of the term “Indebtedness”, but excluding contingent obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary as an account party in respect of any letter of credit, letter of guaranty or banker’s acceptance to the extent such letter of credit, letter of guaranty or banker’s acceptance does not support Indebtedness, (c) the aggregate amount as of such date of all Guarantees by the Company or any Subsidiary of any Indebtedness of the type referred to in clauses (a) and (b) above of any Person (other than the Company or any Subsidiary) and (d) the aggregate amount as of such date of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (a) through (c) above of any Person (other than the Company or any Subsidiary) to the extent the Company or any Subsidiary is liable therefor as a result of its ownership interest in or other relationship with such other Person (excluding any such Indebtedness to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that the Company or such Subsidiary is not liable therefor).

“Consolidated Net Income” means, for any period, the net income or loss of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that there shall be excluded the income or loss of any consolidated Subsidiary that is not wholly owned by the Company to the extent such income or loss is attributable to the noncontrolling interest in such consolidated Subsidiary.

“Control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies, or the dismissal or appointment of the management, of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Corresponding Tenor” with respect to any Available Tenor means, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

“Credit Party” means the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lender and each other Lender.

“Daily Simple ESTR” means, for any day (an “ESTR Interest Day”) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (a) ESTR for the day that is one RFR Business Days prior to (i) if such ESTR Interest Day is an RFR Business Day, such ESTR Interest Day or (ii) if such ESTR Interest Day is not an RFR Business Day, the RFR Business Day immediately preceding such ESTR Interest Day and (b) zero. Any change in Daily Simple ESTR due to a change in ESTR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in ESTR.

“Daily Simple RFR” means, for any day, (a) with respect to any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, the Daily Simple SONIA for such day, (b) with respect to any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, the Daily Simple SARON for such day, (c) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, the Daily Simple ESTR for such day and (d) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, the Daily Simple TONA for such day.

“Daily Simple SARON” means, for any day (a “SARON Interest Day”) (a) with respect to any Loan denominated in Swiss Francs, an interest rate per annum

equal to the greater of (i) SARON for the day that is five RFR Business Days prior to (x) if such SARON Interest Day is an RFR Business Day, such SARON Interest Day or (y) if such SARON Interest Day is not an RFR Business Day, the RFR Business Day immediately preceding such SARON Interest Day and (ii) zero and (b) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (i) SARON for the day that is one RFR Business Days prior to (x) if such SARON Interest Day is an RFR Business Day, such SARON Interest Day or (y) if such SARON Interest Day is not an RFR Business Day, the RFR Business Day immediately preceding such SARON Interest Day and (ii) zero. Any change in Daily Simple SARON due to a change in SARON shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SARON.

“Daily Simple SOFR” means, for any day, SOFR, with the conventions for this rate (which may include a lookback) being established by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining “Daily Simple SOFR” for business loans; provided that if the Administrative Agent decides that any such convention is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, then the Administrative Agent may establish another convention in its reasonable discretion.

“Daily Simple SONIA” means, for any day (a “SONIA Interest Day”) (a) with respect to any Loan denominated in Sterling, an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (i) SONIA for the day that is five RFR Business Days prior to (x) if such SONIA Interest Day is an RFR Business Day, such SONIA Interest Day or (y) if such SONIA Interest Day is not an RFR Business Day, the RFR Business Day immediately preceding such SONIA Interest Day and (ii) zero and (b) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (i) SONIA for the day that is one RFR Business Days prior to (x) if such SONIA Interest Day is an RFR Business Day, such SONIA Interest Day or (y) if such SONIA Interest Day is not an RFR Business Day, the RFR Business Day immediately preceding such SONIA Interest Day. Any change in Daily Simple SONIA due to a change in SONIA shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SONIA.

“Daily Simple TONA” means, for any day (a “TONA Interest Day”) with respect to any LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, an interest rate per annum equal to the greater of (a) TONA for the day that is one RFR Business Days prior to (i) if such TONA Interest Day is an RFR Business Day, such TONA Interest Day or (ii) if such TONA Interest Day is not an RFR Business Day, the RFR Business Day immediately preceding such TONA Interest Day and (b) zero. Any change in Daily Simple TONA due to a change in TONA shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in TONA.

“Default” means any event or condition that constitutes, or upon notice, lapse of time or both would constitute, an Event of Default.

“Defaulting Lender” means any Lender that (a) has failed, within two Business Days of the date required to be funded or paid, (i) to fund any portion of its Loans, (ii) to fund any portion of its participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans or (iii) to pay to any Credit Party any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder, unless, in the case of clause (i) above, such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding (specifically identified in such writing, including, if applicable, by reference to a specific Default) has not been satisfied, (b) has notified the Company or the Administrative Agent, or has made a public statement to the effect, that

it does not intend or expect to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement (unless such writing or public statement indicates that such position is based on such Lender's good-faith determination that a condition precedent (specifically identified in such writing, including, if applicable, by reference to a specific Default) to funding a Loan cannot be satisfied) or generally under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit, (c) has failed, within three Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent, made in good faith, to provide a certification in writing from an authorized officer of such Lender that it will comply with its obligations (and is financially able to meet such obligations) to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans; provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon the receipt by the Administrative Agent of such certification in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, or (d) has become the subject of a Bankruptcy Event or a Bail-In Action.

“Disqualified Equity Interest” means, with respect to any Person, any Equity Interest in such Person that by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable, either mandatorily or at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event or condition:

(a) matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely for Equity Interests in such Person that do not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests and cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests), whether pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise;

(b) is convertible or exchangeable, either mandatorily or at the option of the holder thereof, for Indebtedness or Equity Interests (other than solely for Equity Interests in such Person that do not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests and cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests); or

(c) is redeemable (other than solely for Equity Interests in such Person that do not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests and cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests) or is required to be repurchased by the Company or any Subsidiary, in whole or in part, at the option of the holder thereof;

in each case, on or prior to the date 180 days after the Maturity Date; provided, however, that (i) an Equity Interest in any Person that would not constitute a Disqualified Equity Interest but for terms thereof giving holders thereof the right to require such Person to redeem or purchase such Equity Interest upon the occurrence of an “asset sale” or a “change of control” (or similar event, however denominated) shall not constitute a Disqualified Equity Interest if any such requirement becomes operative only after repayment in full of all the Loans and all other obligations hereunder that are accrued and payable, the cancellation or expiration of all Letters of Credit and the termination or expiration of the Commitments and (ii) an Equity Interest in any Person that is issued to any employee or to any plan for the benefit of employees or by any such plan to such employees shall not constitute a Disqualified Equity Interest solely because it may be required to be repurchased by such Person or any of its subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's termination, death or disability.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

“Early Opt-in Election” means, if the then current Benchmark with respect to US Dollars is the LIBO Rate, the occurrence of:

(1) a notification by the Administrative Agent to (or the request by the Company to the Administrative Agent to notify) each of the other parties hereto that at least five currently outstanding US Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time contain (as a result of an amendment or as originally executed) a SOFR-based rate (including SOFR, a term SOFR or any other rate based upon SOFR) as a benchmark rate (and such syndicated credit facilities are identified in such notice and are publicly available for review); and

(2) the joint election by the Administrative Agent and the Company to trigger a fallback from the LIBO Rate and the provision by the Administrative Agent of written notice of such election to the Company and the Lenders.

“EEA Financial Institution” means (a) any institution established in any EEA Member Country that is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country that is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) above, or (c) any institution established in an EEA Member Country that is a subsidiary of an institution described in clause (a) or (b) above and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“EEA Member Country” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

“EEA Resolution Authority” means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

“Effective Date” means the date on which the conditions specified in Section 4.01 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02).

“Electronic Signature” means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to, or associated with, a contract or other record and adopted by a Person with the intent to sign, authenticate or accept such contract or record.

“Eligible Assignee” means (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender, (c) an Approved Fund and (d) any other Person, other than, in each case, (i) a natural person, (ii) a Defaulting Lender or a Lender Parent thereof or (iii) the Company, any Subsidiary or any other Affiliate of the Company.

“Environmental Laws” means all rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, judgments, orders, decrees and other laws, and all injunctions, notices or binding agreements, issued, promulgated or entered into by any Governmental Authority and relating to the environment, to preservation or reclamation of natural resources, to the management, Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Material or to related health or safety matters.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, obligation, loss, claim, action, order or cost, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties and indemnities) resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to

any Hazardous Materials, (d) the Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Materials or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Equity Interests” means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests, beneficial interests or other ownership interests, whether voting or nonvoting, in, or interests in the income or profits of, a Person, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any of the foregoing; provided that Indebtedness that is convertible into Equity Interests in the Company shall not, prior to the date of conversion thereof, constitute Equity Interests in the Company.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Company, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or 414(c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(m) or 414(o) of the Code.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any “reportable event”, as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30-day notice period is waived), (b) any failure by any Plan to satisfy the minimum funding standard (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) applicable to such Plan, in each case whether or not waived, (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302(c) of ERISA, of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan, (d) a determination that any Plan is, or is expected to be, in “at-risk” status (as defined in Section 303(i)(4) of ERISA or Section 430(i)(4) of the Code), (e) the incurrence by the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan, (f) the receipt by the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan, (g) the incurrence by the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan, or (h) the receipt by the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any notice, concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA or in endangered or critical status, within the meaning of Section 305 of ERISA.

“ESTR” means, with respect to any Business Day, a rate per annum equal to the Euro Short Term Rate for such Business Day published by the ESTR Administrator on the ESTR Administrator Website.

“ESTR Administrator” means the European Central Bank (or any successor administrator of the Euro Short Term Rate).

“ESTR Administrator Website” means the European Central Bank’s website, currently at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu>, or any successor source for the Euro Short Term Rate identified as such by the ESTR Administrator from time to time.

“ESTR Interest Day” has the meaning set forth in the definition of “Daily Simple ESTR”.

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

“EURIBO Rate” means, with respect to any EURIBOR Borrowing for any Interest Period, the EURIBO Screen Rate at approximately 11:00 a.m., Brussels time, two TARGET Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

“EURIBO Screen Rate” means a rate per annum equal to the euro interbank offered rate administered by the European Money Markets Institute (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate) for the applicable period, as displayed (before any correction, recalculation or republication by the administrator) on the Reuters screen page that displays such rate (currently EURIBOR01) (or, in the event such rate does not appear on a page of the Reuters screen, on any successor or substitute page on such screen that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page of such other information service that publishes such rate as shall be selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion); provided that if the EURIBO Screen Rate, determined as provided above, would be less than zero, then the EURIBO Screen Rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes hereof.

“EURIBOR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted EURIBO Rate or, in the case of a Competitive Loan or Competitive Borrowing, the EURIBO Rate.

“Euro” or “€” means the single currency unit of the member States of the European Community that adopt or have adopted the Euro as their lawful currency in accordance with legislation of the European Community relating to Economic and Monetary Union.

“Events of Default” has the meaning set forth in Article VII.

“Exchange Act” means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Exchange Rate” means on any day, for purposes of determining the US Dollar Equivalent of any other currency, the rate at which such other currency may be exchanged into US Dollars at the time of determination on such day as last provided (either by publication or as may otherwise be provided to the Administrative Agent) by the applicable Reuters source on the Business Day (determined based on New York City time) immediately preceding such day of determination (or, if a Reuters source ceases to be available or Reuters ceases to provide such rate of exchange, as last provided by such other publicly available information service that provides such rate of exchange at such time as shall be selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition or the definition of “US Dollar Equivalent”, each Issuing Bank may, solely for purposes of computing the reimbursement due to it pursuant to clause (B) of Section 2.06(f) or the fronting fees owed to it under Section 2.12(b), compute the US Dollar amounts of the LC Exposures attributable to Letters of Credit issued by it by reference to exchange rates determined using any reasonable method customarily employed by it for such purpose.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated),

franchise Taxes and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. Federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Company under Section 2.19(b)) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.17, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party to this Agreement or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 2.17(f) and (d) any U.S. Federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Existing Credit Agreement” means the Credit Agreement dated as of March 31, 2015, among the Company, the borrowing subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and J.P. Morgan Europe Limited, as London agent, as heretofore supplemented and amended.

“Existing Letter of Credit” means each letter of credit issued for the account of any Borrower under the Existing Credit Agreement that is (a) outstanding on the Effective Date and (b) listed on Schedule 2.06A.

“Existing Maturity Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(a).

“Extending Lender” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(b).

“Extension” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(a).

“Extension Closing Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(b).

“Extension Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(a).

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code (or any such amended or successor version thereof).

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” means, for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day's federal funds transactions by depository institutions, as determined in such manner as shall be set forth on the NYFRB Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the effective federal funds rate; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“Fee Letter” means the Fee Letter dated November 15, 2019, between JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and the Company.

“Financial Officer” means, with respect to any Person, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or controller of such Person; provided that, when such term is used in reference to any document executed by, or a certification of, a Financial Officer, the secretary or assistant secretary of such Person shall have delivered an incumbency certificate to or shall have an incumbency certificate on file with the Administrative Agent as to the authority of such individual acting in such capacity.

“Fitch” means Fitch Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Fixed Rate” means, with respect to any Competitive Loan (other than a Term Benchmark Competitive Loan), the fixed rate of interest per annum specified by the Lender making such Competitive Loan in its related Competitive Bid.

“Floor” means the benchmark rate floor, if any, provided in this Agreement initially (as of the execution of this Agreement, the modification, amendment or renewal of this Agreement or otherwise) with respect to the Relevant Rate.

“Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary” means any Borrowing Subsidiary that is a Foreign Subsidiary.

“Foreign Lender” means (a) if a Borrower is a U.S. Person, then a Lender, with respect to such Borrower, that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if a Borrower is not a U.S. Person, then a Lender, with respect to such Borrower, that is resident for tax purposes or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which such Borrower is resident for tax purposes.

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect, subject to Section 1.04, from time to time.

“Governmental Approvals” means all authorizations, consents, approvals, permits, licenses and exemptions of, registrations and filings with, and reports to, Governmental Authorities.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States of America, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national body exercising such powers or functions, such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Guarantee” of or by any Person (the “guarantor”) means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of the guarantor guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of the guarantor, direct or indirect, (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment thereof, (b) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the owner of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment thereof, (c) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity of the

primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation or (d) as an account party in respect of any letter of credit or letter of guaranty issued to support such Indebtedness or other obligation; provided that the term “Guarantee” shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The amount, as of any date of determination, of any Guarantee shall be the principal amount outstanding on such date of Indebtedness or other obligation guaranteed thereby (or, in the case of (i) any Guarantee the terms of which limit the monetary exposure of the guarantor or (ii) any Guarantee of an obligation that does not have a principal amount, the maximum monetary exposure as of such date of the guarantor under such Guarantee (as determined, in the case of clause (i), pursuant to such terms or, in the case of clause (ii), reasonably and in good faith by the chief financial officer of the Company)).

“Guaranteed Obligations” means (a) the due and punctual payment by each Borrower of (i) the principal of and interest (including interest accruing during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding) on the Loans, when and as due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise, (ii) each payment required to be made by any Borrower under this Agreement in respect of any Letter of Credit, when and as due, including payments in respect of reimbursement of disbursements, interest thereon (including interest accruing during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding) and obligations to provide cash collateral, and (iii) all other monetary obligations of each Borrower under this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents, including obligations to pay fees, expense reimbursement obligations and indemnification obligations, whether primary, secondary, direct, contingent, fixed or otherwise (including monetary obligations incurred during the pendency of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding), and (b) the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of each Borrower under or pursuant to this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents.

“Guaranteed Parties” means (a) each Lender, (b) each Issuing Bank, (c) the Administrative Agent, (d) each Arranger, (e) the express beneficiaries of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (f) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

“Hazardous Materials” means all explosive, radioactive, hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

“Hedging Agreement” means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or derivative transaction, or any option or similar agreement, involving, or settled by reference to, one or more rates, currencies, commodities, prices of equity or debt securities or instruments, or economic, financial or pricing indices or measures of economic, financial or pricing risk or value, or any similar transaction or combination of the foregoing transactions; provided that no phantom stock or similar plan providing for payments only on account of services provided by current or former directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or the Subsidiaries shall be a Hedging Agreement.

“Increase Effective Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09(d).

“Increasing Lender” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09(d).

“Indebtedness” of any Person means, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person (excluding trade accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business), (d) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding (i) current accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business, (ii) deferred compensation payable to directors, officers or employees of the Company or any Subsidiary and (iii) any purchase price adjustment or earnout incurred in connection with an Acquisition), (e) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person, (f) the maximum aggregate amount of all letters of credit and letters of guaranty in respect of which such Person is an account party, (g) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers’ acceptances, (h) all Disqualified Equity Interests in such Person, valued, as of the date of determination, at the greater of (i) the maximum aggregate amount that would be payable upon maturity, redemption, repayment or repurchase thereof (or of Disqualified Equity Interests or Indebtedness into which such Disqualified Equity Interests are convertible or exchangeable) and (ii) the maximum liquidation preference of such Disqualified Equity Interests, (i) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed by such Person (but limited, in the event such Indebtedness has not been assumed by such Person, to the lesser of (i) the amount of such Indebtedness and (ii) the fair market value of such property securing such Indebtedness) and (j) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other Person (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person’s ownership interest in or other relationship with such other Person, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in clause (a), Other Taxes.

“Indemnitee” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.03(b).

“Initial Borrowing” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09(d).

“Interest Election Request” means a request by or on behalf of a Borrower to convert or continue a Revolving Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.08, which shall be in the form of Exhibit F or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan (other than a Swingline Loan), the first Business Day following the last day of each March, June, September and December, (b) with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan, the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three

months' duration, such day or days prior to the last day of such Interest Period as shall occur at intervals of three months' duration after the first day of such Interest Period, (c) with respect to any RFR Loan, each date that is on the numerically corresponding day in each calendar month that is one month after the Borrowing of such Loan (or, if there is no such numerically corresponding day in such month, then the last day of such month), (d) with respect to any Fixed Rate Competitive Loan, the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than 90 days' duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of 90 days' duration after the first day of such Interest Period and (e) with respect to any Swingline Loan, the day that such Loan is required to be repaid.

“Interest Period” means (a) with respect to any Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter, as the applicable Borrower may elect, (b) with respect to any Term Benchmark Competitive Borrowing, the period commencing on the date such Borrowing is made and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter, as the applicable Borrower may elect, and (c) with respect to any Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, the period (which shall not be less than seven days or more than 360 days) commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the date specified in the applicable Competitive Bid Request; provided that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing only, such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day and (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a Term Benchmark Borrowing that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and, in the case of a Revolving Borrowing, thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

“IP Assets” means patents, copyrights, trademarks, domain names and other intellectual property.

“IRS” means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

“ISDA Definitions” means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or such successor thereto.

“ISP” means the “International Standby Practices 1998” published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, Inc. (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

“Issuing Bank” means (a) JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., (b) Bank of America, N.A., (c) U.S. Bank National Association and (d) each Lender that shall have become an Issuing Bank hereunder as provided in Section 2.06(j) (other than any Person that shall have ceased to be an Issuing Bank as provided in Section 2.06(k)), each in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder. Each Issuing Bank may, in its

discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of such Issuing Bank, in which case the term “Issuing Bank” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate (it being agreed that such Issuing Bank shall, or shall cause such Affiliate to, comply with the requirements of Section 2.06 with respect to such Letters of Credit).

“Judgment Currency” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.17(b).

“LC Commitment” means, with respect to any Issuing Bank, the maximum permitted amount of the LC Exposure that may be attributable to Letters of Credit that, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, are required to be issued by such Issuing Bank. The amount of each Issuing Bank’s LC Commitment is as set forth on Schedule 2.06B or, in the case of any Issuing Bank that becomes an Issuing Bank hereunder pursuant to Section 2.06(j), as set forth in a written agreement referred to in such Section, or, in each case, is such other maximum permitted amount with respect to any Issuing Bank as may have been agreed in writing (and notified in writing to the Administrative Agent) by such Issuing Bank and the Company.

“LC Disbursement” means a payment made by an Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

“LC Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the sum of the US Dollar Equivalents of the aggregate amount of all Letters of Credit that remains available for drawing at such time and (b) the sum of the US Dollar Equivalents of the aggregate amount of all LC Disbursements that have not yet been reimbursed by or on behalf of the Borrowers at such time. The LC Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total LC Exposure at such time, adjusted to give effect to any reallocation under Section 2.20 of the LC Exposure of Defaulting Lenders in effect at such time.

“Lender Parent” means, with respect to any Lender, any Person in respect of which such Lender is a subsidiary.

“Lenders” means the Persons listed on Schedule 2.01 and any other Person that shall have become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or an Accession Agreement, other than any such Person that shall have ceased to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “Lenders” includes the Swingline Lender.

“Letter of Credit” means each Existing Letter of Credit and any other letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement, in each case other than any such letter of credit that shall have ceased to be a “Letter of Credit” outstanding hereunder pursuant to Section 9.05.

“Leverage Ratio” means, on any date, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness as of such date to (b) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company most recently ended on or prior to such date.

“LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any LIBOR Borrowing for any Interest Period, the LIBO Screen Rate at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

“LIBO Screen Rate” means a rate per annum equal to the London interbank offered rate as administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration (or any

other Person that takes over the administration of such rate) for deposits in US Dollars for the applicable period, as displayed on the Reuters screen page that displays such rate (currently LIBOR01 or LIBOR02) (or, in the event such rate does not appear on a page of the Reuters screen, on any successor or substitute page on such screen that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page of such other information service that publishes such rate as shall be selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion); provided that if the LIBO Screen Rate, determined as provided above, would be less than zero, then the LIBO Screen Rate shall be deemed to be zero for all purposes.

“LIBOR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate or, in the case of a Competitive Loan or a Competitive Borrowing, the LIBO Rate.

“Lien” means, with respect to any asset, (a) any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest or other encumbrance on, in or of such asset, (b) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, finance lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset and (c) in the case of securities, any purchase option, call or similar right of a third party with respect to such securities.

“Loan Documents” means this Agreement, each Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement, each Borrowing Subsidiary Termination, any agreement causing Commitments of the Increasing Lenders to be increased (or cause the Increasing Lenders to extend new Commitments) as contemplated by Section 2.09(d), any agreement designating an additional Issuing Bank as contemplated by Section 2.06(j), the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement, if any, and, except for purposes of Section 9.02, any agreement between the Company and any Issuing Bank regarding such Issuing Bank’s LC Commitment and any promissory note delivered pursuant to Section 2.10(c).

“Loan Parties” means the Borrowers and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

“Loans” means the loans made by the Lenders to the Borrowers pursuant to this Agreement.

“Margin” means, with respect to any Term Benchmark Competitive Loan, the marginal rate of interest, if any, to be added to or subtracted from the Relevant Rate to determine the rate of interest applicable to such Competitive Loan, as specified by the Lender making such Competitive Loan in its related Competitive Bid.

“Material Acquisition” means any acquisition, or a series of related acquisitions, of (a) Equity Interests in any Person if, after giving effect thereto, such Person will become a Subsidiary, (b) assets comprising all or substantially all the assets of any Person or (c) assets comprising all or substantially all the assets constituting a business unit, division, product line or line of business of any Person; provided that, in the case of clauses (a) and (b), such Subsidiary or the assets so acquired (if such assets constituted a new Subsidiary) would be a “significant subsidiary” within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, and in the case of clause (c), if such business unit, division, product line or line of business constituted a new Subsidiary, it would be a “significant subsidiary” within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means an event or condition that has resulted, or would reasonably be expected to result, in a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, operations or financial condition of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (b) the ability of any Loan Party to perform any of its obligations under any Loan Document or (c) the rights of or benefits available to the Lenders under any Loan Document.

“**Material Disposition**” means any sale, transfer or other disposition, or a series of related sales, transfers or other dispositions, of (a) all or substantially all the issued and outstanding Equity Interests in any Person that are owned by the Company or any Subsidiary, (b) assets comprising all or substantially all the assets of any Person or (c) assets comprising all or substantially all the assets constituting a business unit, division, product line or line of business of any Person; provided that, in the case of clauses (a) and (b), if such Person was a Subsidiary (or if such assets constituted a Subsidiary) at the time of such sale, transfer or other disposition, it was a “significant subsidiary” within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, and in the in case of clause (c), if such business unit, division, product line or line of business constituted a Subsidiary, it would be a “significant subsidiary” within the meaning of Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.

“**Material Indebtedness**” means Indebtedness (other than the Loans, Letters of Credit and Guarantees under the Loan Documents), or obligations in respect of one or more Hedging Agreements, of any one or more of the Company and the Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount of US\$75,000,000 or more. For purposes of determining Material Indebtedness, the “principal amount” of the obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary in respect of any Hedging Agreement at any time shall be the maximum aggregate amount (giving effect to any netting agreements) that the Company or such Subsidiary would be required to pay if such Hedging Agreement were terminated at such time.

“**Material IP/Contract Rights Subsidiary**” means any Subsidiary that owns (a) any IP Asset or any license to any IP Asset or (b) any contract right that, in each case of clauses (a) and (b), individually or in the aggregate, is material to the business or operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

“**Material Subsidiary**” means (a) each Borrowing Subsidiary, (b) each Material IP/Contract Rights Subsidiary and (c) each other Subsidiary (i) the consolidated total assets of which equal 10.0% or more of the consolidated total assets of the Company or (ii) the consolidated revenues of which equal 10.0% or more of the consolidated revenues of the Company, in each case as of the end of or for the most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company for which financial statements have been delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b) (or, prior to the first delivery of any such financial statements, as of the end of or for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company most recently ended prior to the date of this Agreement); provided that if at the end of or for any such most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters the combined consolidated total assets or combined consolidated revenues of all such other Subsidiaries that under clauses (i) and (ii) above would not constitute Material Subsidiaries shall have exceeded 20.0% of the consolidated total assets of Company or 20.0% of the consolidated revenues of Company, then one or more of such excluded Subsidiaries shall for all purposes of this Agreement be deemed to be Material Subsidiaries in descending order based on the amounts of their consolidated total assets or consolidated revenues, as the case may be, until such excess shall have been eliminated.

“Maturity Date” means December 12, 2024, subject to extension pursuant to Section 2.22; provided that if such date shall not be a Business Day, then the “Maturity Date” shall be the immediately preceding Business Day.

“Maximum Rate” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.13.

“MNPI” means material information concerning the Company, the Subsidiaries or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing or their securities that has not been disseminated in a manner making it available to investors generally, within the meaning of Regulation FD under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act. For purposes of this definition, “material information” means information concerning the Company, the Subsidiaries or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing, or any of their securities, that could reasonably be expected to be material for purposes of the United States federal and state securities laws.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., and any successor to its rating agency business.

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

“Non-Defaulting Lender” means, at any time, any Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

“Non-Extending Lender” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(b).

“Notice of Competitive Bid Request” means a notice of a request by or on behalf of a Borrower for Competitive Bids in accordance with Section 2.04, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit D-2.

“NYFRB” means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“NYFRB Rate” means, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate in effect on such day (or for any day that is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day); provided that if none of such rates are published for any day that is a Business Day, the term “NYFRB Rate” means the rate for a federal funds transaction quoted at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on such day received by the Administrative Agent from a federal funds broker of recognized standing selected by it; provided, further, that if any of the aforesaid rates as so determined be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero.

“NYFRB Website” means the website of the NYFRB at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source.

“Other Benchmark Rate Election” means, if the then-current Benchmark is the LIBO Rate, the occurrence of:

(a) a request by the Company to the Administrative Agent to notify each of the other parties hereto that, at the determination of the Company, US Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time contain (as a result of an amendment or as originally executed), in lieu of a LIBOR-based rate, a term benchmark rate as a benchmark rate, and

(b) the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and the Company jointly elect to trigger a fallback from the LIBO Rate and the provision, as applicable, by the Administrative Agent of written notice of such election to the Company and the Lenders.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

“Overnight Bank Funding Rate” means, for any day, the rate comprised of both overnight federal funds and overnight Eurodollar borrowings by U.S.-managed banking offices of depository institutions, as such composite rate shall be determined by the NYFRB as set forth on the NYFRB Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as an overnight bank funding rate.

“Participant Register” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.04(c)(ii).

“Participants” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.04(c)(i).

“Payment” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.04(c).

“Payment Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.04(c).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA.

“Permitted Encumbrances” means:

(a) Liens imposed by law for Taxes that are not yet due or are being contested in compliance with Section 5.04;

(b) carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s and other like Liens imposed by law (other than any Lien imposed pursuant to Section 430(k) of the Code or Section 303(k) of ERISA or a violation of Section 436 of the Code), arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue by more than 30 days or are being contested in compliance with Section 5.04;

(c) pledges and deposits made (i) in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws and (ii) in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments issued for the account of the Company or any Subsidiary in

the ordinary course of business supporting obligations of the type set forth in clause (i) above;

(d) pledges and deposits made (i) to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business and (ii) in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments issued for the account of the Company or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business supporting obligations of the type set forth in clause (i) above;

(e) judgment liens in respect of judgments that do not constitute an Event of Default under clause (k) of Article VII;

(f) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Company or any Subsidiary;

(g) banker's liens, rights of setoff or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with depository institutions; provided that such deposit accounts or funds are not established or deposited for the purpose of providing collateral for any Indebtedness and are not subject to restrictions on access by the Company or any Subsidiary in excess of those required by applicable banking regulations;

(h) Liens arising by virtue of Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings (or similar filings under applicable law) regarding operating leases entered into by the Company and the Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(i) Liens representing any interest or title of a licensor, lessor or sublicensor or sublessor, or any interest of a licensee, lessee or sublicensee or sublessee, in each case, in the property subject to any lease, license or sublicense or concession agreement;

(j) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off; and

(k) Liens consisting of (i) non-exclusive licenses of IP Assets in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) other licenses of IP Assets so long as such other licenses do not materially detract from the value of the IP Assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or materially adversely affect the ability of the Company and the Subsidiaries to conduct their business or operations in the ordinary course, taken as a whole; provided that the term "Permitted Encumbrances" shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness, other than Liens referred to in clauses (c) and (d) above securing letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“Plan” means any “employee pension benefit plan”, as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA (other than a Multiemployer Plan), that is subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates is (or, if such plan were terminated would, under Section 4069 of ERISA, be deemed to be) an “employer” as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

“Prime Rate” means the rate of interest last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the “Prime Rate” in the United States or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the highest per annum interest rate published by the Federal Reserve Board in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (Selected Interest Rates) as the “bank prime loan” rate or, if such rate is no longer quoted therein, any similar release by the Federal Reserve Board (as determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion). Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced or quoted as being effective.

“Private Side Lender Representatives” means, with respect to any Lender, representatives of such Lender that are not Public Side Lender Representatives.

“PTE” means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

“Public Side Lender Representatives” means, with respect to any Lender, representatives of such Lender that do not wish to receive MNPI.

“Recipient” means the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank, as applicable.

“Reference Time” with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (a) if such Benchmark is the LIBO Rate, 11:00 a.m., London time, on the day that is two London banking days preceding the date of such setting, (b) if such Benchmark is the EURIBO Rate, 11:00 a.m., Brussels time, two TARGET Days preceding the date of such setting, (c) if such Benchmark is the TIBO Rate, 11:00 a.m., Tokyo time, two Business Days preceding the date of such setting, (d) if the RFR for such Benchmark is SONIA, then (i) in the case of Loans denominated in Sterling, four RFR Business Days prior to such setting and (ii) in the case of LC Disbursements denominated in Sterling, one RFR Business Day prior to such setting, (e) if the RFR for such Benchmark is SARON, then (i) in the case of Loans denominated in Swiss Francs, five RFR Business Days prior to such setting and (ii) in the case of LC Disbursements denominated in Swiss Francs, one RFR Business Day prior to such setting, (f) if the RFR for such Benchmark is ESTR, then one RFR Business Day prior to such setting, (g) if the RFR for such Benchmark is TONA, then one RFR Business Day prior to such setting or (h) otherwise, the time determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

“Register” has the meaning set forth in Section 9.04(b).

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any specified Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the directors, officers, partners, trustees, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and of such Person’s Affiliates.

“Release” means any release, spill, emission, leaking, dumping, injection, pouring, deposit, disposal, discharge, dispersal, leaching or migration into or through the environment or within or upon any building, structure, facility or fixture.

“Relevant Governmental Body” means (a) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in US Dollars, the Board of Governors and/or the NYFRB, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Board of Governors and/or the NYFRB or, in each case, any successor thereto, (b) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in Euro, the European Central Bank, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the European Central Bank or, in each case, any successor thereto, (c) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in Sterling, the Bank of England, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Bank of England or, in each case, any successor thereto, (d) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in Swiss Francs, the Swiss National Bank, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Swiss National Bank or, in each case, any successor thereto, (e) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in Yen, the Bank of Japan, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Bank of Japan or, in each case, any successor thereto and (f) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in any other currency, (i) the central bank for the currency in which such Benchmark Replacement is denominated or any central bank or other supervisor which is responsible for supervising either (A) such Benchmark Replacement or (B) the administrator of such Benchmark Replacement or (ii) any working group or committee officially endorsed or convened by (A) the central bank for the currency in which such Benchmark Replacement is denominated, (B) any central bank or other supervisor that is responsible for supervising either (1) such Benchmark Replacement or (2) the administrator of such Benchmark Replacement, (C) a group of those central banks or other supervisors or (D) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof.

“Relevant Interbank Market” means (a) with respect to US Dollars, the London interbank market, (b) with respect to Euros, the European interbank market and (c) with respect to Yen, the Tokyo interbank market.

“Relevant Rate” means (a) with respect to any LIBOR Borrowing, the LIBO Rate, (b) with respect to any EURIBOR Borrowing, the EURIBO Rate, (c) with respect to any TIBOR Borrowing, the TIBO Rate and (d) with respect to any RFR Borrowing, the applicable Daily Simple RFR.

“Relevant Screen Rate” means (a) with respect to any LIBOR Borrowing, the LIBO Screen Rate, (b) with respect to any EURIBOR Borrowing, the EURIBO Screen Rate and (c) with respect to any TIBOR Borrowing, the TIBO Screen Rate.

“Required Lenders” means, at any time, Lenders having Revolving Credit Exposures and unused Commitments representing more than 50% of the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the unused Aggregate Commitment at such time; provided that, for purposes of declaring the Loans to be due and payable pursuant to Article VII, and for all purposes after the Loans become due and payable pursuant to Article VII or the Commitments expire or terminate, the outstanding Competitive Loans of the Lenders shall be included in their respective Revolving Credit Exposures in determining the Required Lenders. For purposes of this definition, the Swingline Exposure of any Lender that is a Swingline Lender shall be deemed to exclude that portion of its Swingline Exposure that exceeds its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Swingline Loans, adjusted to give effect to any reallocation under Section 2.20 of the Swingline Exposures of Defaulting Lenders in effect at such time, and the unused Commitment of any such Lender shall be determined without regard to any such excess amount.

“Resolution Authority” means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

“Responsible Officer” means the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller, general counsel, secretary or treasurer of the Company.

“Reuters” means Thomson Reuters Corporation, a corporation incorporated under and governed by the Business Corporations Act (Ontario), Canada, Refinitiv or, in each case, a successor thereto.

“Revolving Credit Exposure” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum of (a) the sum of the US Dollar Equivalents of the principal amounts of such Lender’s Revolving Loans outstanding at such time, (b) such Lender’s Swingline Exposure at such time and (c) such Lender’s LC Exposure at such time.

“Revolving Loan” means a Loan made by a Lender pursuant to Section 2.01.

“RFR” means (a) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, SONIA and (b) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, SARON.

“RFR Borrowing” means any Borrowing comprised of RFR Loans.

“RFR Business Day” means (a) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Sterling, any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which banks are closed for business in London, (b) for any Loan or LC Disbursement denominated in Swiss Francs, any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which banks are closed for the settlement of payments and foreign exchange transactions in Zurich, (c) for any LC Disbursement denominated in Euro, any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which banks are closed for business in Brussels and (d) for any LC Disbursement denominated in Yen, any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which banks are closed for business in Tokyo.

“RFR Loan” means a Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Adjusted Daily Simple RFR.

“S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. Ratings Services, and any successor to its rating agency business.

“Sale/Leaseback Transaction” means an arrangement relating to property owned by the Company or any Subsidiary whereby the Company or such Subsidiary sells or transfers such property to any Person other than the Company or any Subsidiary and the Company or any Subsidiary leases such property, or other property that it intends to use for substantially the same purpose or purposes as the property sold or transferred, from such Person or its Affiliates.

“Sanctioned Country” means, at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself subject or target of Sanctions that broadly prohibit dealings with that country, region or territory (as of the date of this Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria).

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom, (b) any Person 50% or more owned by any Person or Persons described in the foregoing clause (a) or (c) any Person otherwise a target of Sanctions.

“Sanctions” means all economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administer or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government including, those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State, and (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

“SARON” means, with respect to any Business Day, a rate per annum equal to the Swiss Average Rate Overnight for such Business Day published by the SARON Administrator on the SARON Administrator Website.

“SARON Administrator” means the SIX Swiss Exchange AG (or any successor administrator of the Swiss Average Rate Overnight).

“SARON Administrator Website” means the SIX Swiss Exchange AG’s website, currently at <https://www.six-group.com>, or any successor source for the Swiss Average Rate Overnight identified as such by the SARON Administrator from time to time.

“SARON Interest Day” has the meaning set forth in the definition of “Daily Simple SARON”.

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Securities Act” means the United States Securities Act of 1933.

“SOFR” means, with respect to any Business Day, a rate per annum equal to the secured overnight financing rate for such Business Day published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator Website on the immediately succeeding Business Day.

“SOFR Administrator” means the NYFRB (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

“SOFR Administrator Website” means the NYFRB Website or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

“SONIA” means, with respect to any Business Day, a rate per annum equal to the Sterling Overnight Index Average for such Business Day published by the SONIA Administrator on the SONIA Administrator Website on the immediately succeeding Business Day.

“SONIA Administrator” means the Bank of England (or any successor administrator of the Sterling Overnight Index Average).

“SONIA Administrator Website” means the Bank of England’s website, currently at <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk>, or any successor source for the Sterling Overnight Index Average identified as such by the SONIA Administrator from time to time.

“SONIA Interest Day” has the meaning set forth in the definition of “Daily Simple SONIA”.

“Statutory Reserve Rate” means a fraction (expressed as a decimal), the numerator of which is the number one and the denominator of which is the number one minus the aggregate of the maximum reserve percentages (including any marginal, special, emergency or supplemental reserves) expressed as a decimal established by the Board of Governors to which the Administrative Agent is subject for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as “Eurocurrency Liabilities” in Regulation D of the Board of Governors). Such reserve percentages shall include those imposed pursuant to such Regulation D. Term Benchmark Loans shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to any Lender under such Regulation D or any comparable regulation. The Statutory Reserve Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage.

“Sterling” or “£” means the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

“Subsequent Borrowing” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09(d).

“subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person (the “parent”) at any date, (a) any Person the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of the parent in the parent’s consolidated financial statements if such financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP as of such date and (b) any other Person (i) of which Equity Interests representing more than 50% of the equity value or more than 50% of the ordinary voting power or, in the case of a partnership, more than 50% of the general partnership interests are, as of such date, owned, controlled or held, or (ii) that is, as of such date, otherwise Controlled, by the parent or one or more subsidiaries of the parent or by the parent and one or more subsidiaries of the parent.

“Subsidiary” means any subsidiary of the Company.

“Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement” means a Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit G, together with all supplements thereto.

“Subsidiary Guarantor” means any Subsidiary that shall have become a party to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement as a guarantor thereunder pursuant to Section 9.20, other than any such Subsidiary that shall have ceased to be a party to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement in accordance with Section 9.20. As of the Effective Date, there are no Subsidiary Guarantors.

“Swingline Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time. The Swingline Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be the sum of (a) its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time (excluding, in the case of the Swingline Lender, Swingline Loans made by it that are outstanding at such time to the extent that the other Lenders shall not have funded their participations in such Swingline Loans), adjusted to give effect to any reallocation under Section 2.20 of the Swingline

Exposure of Defaulting Lenders in effect at such time, and (b) in the case of the Swingline Lender, the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans made by such Lender outstanding at such time to the extent that the other Lenders shall not have funded their participations in such Swingline Loans.

“Swingline Lender” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as lender of Swingline Loans hereunder.

“Swingline Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.05.

“Swiss Francs” means the lawful currency of Switzerland.

“TARGET” means the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) payment system (or, if such payment system ceases to be operative, such other payment system (if any) determined by the Administrative Agent to be a suitable replacement).

“TARGET Day” means any day on which the TARGET is open for the settlement of payments in Euro.

“Taxes” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“Term Benchmark”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate or the Adjusted TIBO Rate or, in the case of a Competitive Loan or a Competitive Borrowing, the LIBO Rate, the EURIBO Rate or the TIBO Rate.

“Term SOFR” means, for the applicable Corresponding Tenor as of the applicable Reference Time, the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

“Term SOFR Notice” means a notification by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders and the Company of the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event.

“Term SOFR Transition Event” means the determination by the Administrative Agent that (a) Term SOFR has been recommended for use by the Relevant Governmental Body, (b) the administration of Term SOFR is administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent and (c) a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, has previously occurred resulting in a Benchmark Replacement in accordance with Section 2.14(b) that is not Term SOFR.

“TIBO Rate” means, with respect to any TIBOR Borrowing for any Interest Period, the TIBO Screen Rate at approximately 11:00 a.m., Tokyo time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

“TIBO Screen Rate” means a rate per annum equal to the Tokyo interbank offered rate as administered by the Ippan Shadan Hojin JBA TIBOR Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of that rate) for deposits in Yen for the applicable period, as displayed on the Reuters screen page that displays such rate (currently DTIBOR0) (or, in the event such rate does not appear on a page of the Reuters

screen, on any successor or substitute page on such screen that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page of such other information service that publishes such rate as shall be selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion); provided that if the TIBO Screen Rate, determined as provided above, would be less than zero, then the TIBO Screen Rate shall be deemed to be zero for all purposes.

“TIBOR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bear interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted TIBO Rate or, in the case of a Competitive Loan or a Competitive Borrowing, the TIBO Rate.

“TONA” means, with respect to any Business Day, a rate per annum equal to the Tokyo Overnight Average Rate for such Business Day published by the TONA Administrator on the TONA Administrator Website.

“TONA Administrator” means the Bank of Japan (or any successor administrator of the Tokyo Overnight Average Rate).

“TONA Administrator Website” means the Bank of Japan’s website, currently at <http://www.boj.or.jp>, or any successor source for the Tokyo Overnight Average Rate identified as such by the TONA Administrator from time to time.

“TONA Interest Day” has the meaning set forth in the definition of “Daily Simple TONA”.

“Transactions” means (a) the execution, delivery and performance by the Company and each other Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and (b) in the case of the Borrowers, the borrowing of Loans hereunder, the use of the proceeds thereof and the issuance of the Letters of Credit hereunder.

“Type”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the rate of interest on such Loan, or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate, the Adjusted TIBO Rate, the Alternate Base Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple RFR or, in the case of a Competitive Loan or a Competitive Borrowing, the LIBO Rate, the EURIBO Rate, the TIBO Rate or a Fixed Rate.

“UK Financial Institutions” means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

“UK Resolution Authority” means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

“Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

“US Dollar Equivalent” means, on any date of determination, (a) with respect to any amount in US Dollars, such amount, and (b) with respect to any amount in any Alternative Currency, the equivalent in US Dollars of such amount, determined by

the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 1.05 using the Exchange Rate with respect to such Alternative Currency at the time in effect under the provisions of Section 1.05.

“US Dollars” or “US\$” refers to lawful money of the United States of America.

“U.S. Person” means a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.17(f)(ii)(B)(3).

“USA PATRIOT Act” means the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001.

“wholly-owned”, when used in reference to a subsidiary of any Person, means that all the Equity Interests in such subsidiary (other than directors’ qualifying shares and other nominal amounts of Equity Interests that are required to be held by other Persons under applicable law) are owned, beneficially and of record, by such Person, another wholly-owned subsidiary of such Person or any combination thereof.

“Withdrawal Liability” means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

“Write-Down and Conversion Powers” means (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

“Yen” means the lawful currency of Japan.

SECTION 1.02. Classification of Loans and Borrowings. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Revolving Loan”) or by Type (e.g., a “LIBOR Loan”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “LIBOR Revolving Loan”). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Revolving Borrowing”) or by Type (e.g., a “LIBOR Borrowing”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “LIBOR Revolving Borrowing”).

SECTION 1.03. Terms Generally. The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include”, “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation”. The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall”. The words “asset” and “property” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all real

and personal, tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights. The word “law” shall be construed as referring to all statutes, rules, regulations, codes and other laws (including official rulings and interpretations thereunder having the force of law or with which affected Persons customarily comply), and all judgments, orders, writs and decrees, of all Governmental Authorities. Except as otherwise provided herein and unless the context requires otherwise, (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including this Agreement and the other Loan Documents) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (b) any definition of or reference to any statute, rule or regulation shall be construed as referring thereto as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (including by succession of comparable successor laws), and all references to any statute shall be construed as referring to all rules, regulations, rulings and official interpretations promulgated or issued thereunder, (c) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns (subject to any restrictions on assignment set forth herein) and, in the case of any Governmental Authority, any other Governmental Authority that shall have succeeded to any or all functions thereof, (d) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder”, and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof and (e) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement.

SECTION 1.04. Accounting Terms; GAAP; Pro Forma Calculations.

(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed in accordance with GAAP as in effect from time to time; provided that (i) if the Company, by notice to the Administrative Agent, shall request an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the date hereof in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders, by notice to the Company, shall request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith and (ii) notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to (A) any election under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 825 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification having a similar result or effect) (and related interpretations) to value any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary at “fair value”, as defined therein, (B) any treatment of Indebtedness in respect of convertible debt instruments under Accounting Standards Codification 470-20 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification or Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) (and related interpretations) to value any such Indebtedness in a reduced or bifurcated manner as described therein, and (C) any valuation of Indebtedness below its full stated principal amount as a result of application of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-03, it being agreed that Indebtedness shall at all times be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof.

(b) All pro forma computations required to be made hereunder giving effect to any Material Acquisition or Material Disposition shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such transaction had occurred on the first day of the period

of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending with the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements shall have been delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b) (or, prior to the delivery of any such financial statements, ending with the last fiscal quarter included in the financial statements referred to in Section 3.04), and, to the extent applicable, to the historical earnings and cash flows associated with the assets acquired or disposed of and any related incurrence or reduction of Indebtedness, all in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Hedging Agreement applicable to such Indebtedness if such Hedging Agreement has a remaining term in excess of 12 months).

SECTION 1.05. Currency Translation. The Administrative Agent shall determine the US Dollar Equivalent of any Borrowing denominated in an Alternative Currency as of the date of commencement of the initial Interest Period therefor (or, in the case of an RFR Loan, the date on which such RFR Loan is made) and as of the date of the commencement of each subsequent Interest Period therefor (or, in the case of an RFR Loan, each date that shall occur at intervals of three months' duration after the date on which such RFR Loan is made), in each case using the Exchange Rate for such currency in relation to US Dollars, and each such amount shall, except as provided in the penultimate sentence of this Section, be the US Dollar Equivalent of such Borrowing until the next required calculation thereof pursuant to this sentence. The Administrative Agent shall determine the US Dollar Equivalent of any Letter of Credit denominated in an Alternative Currency as of the date such Letter of Credit is issued and as of the first Business Day of each subsequent calendar month, in each case using the Exchange Rate for such currency in relation to US Dollars, and each such amount shall, except as provided in the penultimate sentence of this Section, be the US Dollar Equivalent of such Letter of Credit until the next required calculation thereof pursuant to this sentence. The Administrative Agent may also determine the US Dollar Equivalent of any Borrowing or any Letter of Credit denominated in an Alternative Currency as of such other dates as the Administrative Agent shall select in its discretion and each such amount shall be the US Dollar Equivalent of such Borrowing or such Letter of Credit until the next calculation thereof pursuant to this Section. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders of each determination of the US Dollar Equivalent of each Borrowing and Letter of Credit denominated in an Alternative Currency.

SECTION 1.06. Interest Rates; Benchmark Notification. The interest rate on a Loan denominated in US Dollars or an Alternative Currency may be derived from an interest rate benchmark that is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform. Regulators have signaled the need to use alternative benchmark reference rates for some of these interest rate benchmarks and, as a result, such interest rate benchmarks may cease to comply with applicable laws and regulations, may be permanently discontinued, and/or the basis on which they are calculated may change. The London interbank offered rate is intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. On March 5, 2021, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") publicly announced that: (a) immediately after December 31, 2021, publication of all seven Euro London interbank offered rate settings, all seven Swiss Franc London interbank offered rate settings, the spot next, 1-week, 2-month and 12-month Japanese Yen London interbank offered rate settings, the overnight, 1-week, 2-month and 12-month Sterling London interbank offered rate settings, and the 1-week and 2-month US Dollar London interbank offered rate settings will permanently cease; (b) immediately after June 30, 2023, publication of the overnight and 12-month US Dollar London interbank offered rate settings will

permanently cease; (c) immediately after December 31, 2021, the 1-month, 3-month and 6-month Japanese Yen London interbank offered rate settings and the 1-month, 3-month and 6-month Sterling London interbank offered rate settings will cease to be provided or, subject to consultation by the FCA, be provided on a changed methodology (or “synthetic”) basis and no longer be representative of the underlying market and economic reality they are intended to measure and that representativeness will not be restored; and (d) immediately after June 30, 2023, the 1-month, 3-month and 6-month US Dollar London interbank offered rate settings will cease to be provided or, subject to the FCA’s consideration of the case, be provided on a synthetic basis and no longer be representative of the underlying market and economic reality they are intended to measure and that representativeness will not be restored. There is no assurance that dates announced by the FCA will not change or that the administrator of the London interbank offered rate and/or regulators will not take further action that could impact the availability, composition, or characteristics of the London interbank offered rate or the currencies and/or tenors for which the London interbank offered rate is published. Each party to this Agreement should consult its own advisors to stay informed of any such developments. Public and private sector industry initiatives are currently underway to identify new or alternative reference rates to be used in place of the London interbank offered rate. Upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event, an Early Opt-in Election or an Other Benchmark Rate Election, Section 2.14(b) provides a mechanism for determining an alternative rate of interest. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Company, pursuant to Section 2.14(b)(iv), of any change to the reference rate upon which the interest rate on Term Benchmark Loans is based. However, the Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission, performance or any other matter related to the Daily Simple RFR, the London interbank offered rate or other rates in the definition of “LIBO Rate”, “EURIBO Rate” or “TIBO Rate” or with respect to any alternative or successor rate thereto, or replacement rate thereof (including (i) any such alternative, successor or replacement rate implemented pursuant to Section 2.14(b), whether upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event, an Early Opt-in Election or an Other Benchmark Rate Election, and (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes pursuant to Section 2.14(b)(ii)), including whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, the Daily Simple RFR, the LIBO Rate, the EURIBO Rate or the TIBO Rate or have the same volume or liquidity as did the Relevant Screen Rate prior to its discontinuance or unavailability. The Administrative Agent and its Affiliates and/or other related entities may engage in transactions that affect the calculation of any Daily Simple RFR, any alternative, successor or alternative rate and/or any relevant adjustments thereto, in each case, in a manner adverse to any Borrower. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain any Relevant Rate, any component thereof, or rates referenced in the definition thereof, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to any Borrower, any Lender or any other Person for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

SECTION 1.07. Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction’s laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the

subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

ARTICLE II

The Credits

SECTION 2.01. Commitments. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans denominated in US Dollars or Alternative Currencies to any Borrower from time to time during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in (a) the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure exceeding the Aggregate Commitment, (b) the Aggregate Alternative Currency Exposure exceeding the Alternative Currency Sublimit or (c) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender exceeding its Commitment. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrowers may borrow, prepay and reborrow Revolving Loans.

SECTION 2.02. Loans and Borrowings. (a) Each Revolving Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Revolving Loans of the same Type and currency made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments to the same Borrower. Each Competitive Loan shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.04. Each Swingline Loan shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.05. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan required to be made by it shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligations hereunder; provided that the Commitments and Competitive Bids of the Lenders are several and no Lender shall be responsible for any other Lender's failure to make Loans as required.

(b) Subject to Section 2.14, (i) each Revolving Borrowing denominated in US Dollars shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or LIBOR Loans, as the applicable Borrower may request in accordance herewith, (ii) each Revolving Borrowing denominated in Euros shall be comprised entirely of EURIBOR Loans, (iii) each Revolving Borrowing denominated in Sterling or Swiss Francs shall be comprised entirely of RFR Loans, (iv) each Revolving Borrowing denominated in Yen shall be comprised entirely of TIBOR Loans, (v) each Competitive Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of Term Benchmark Competitive Loans or Fixed Rate Competitive Loans, as the applicable Borrower may request in accordance herewith, and (vi) each Swingline Loan shall be an ABR Loan. Each Lender at its option may make any Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan; provided that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the applicable Borrower to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, and at the time each ABR Revolving Borrowing or RFR Borrowing is made, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of the Borrowing Multiple and not less than the Borrowing Minimum; provided that (i) any Term Benchmark Borrowing that results from a continuation of an outstanding Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to such outstanding Borrowing and (ii) an ABR Revolving Borrowing or RFR Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to the entire unused balance of the Commitments or, in the case of an ABR Revolving Borrowing, that is required to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.06(f). Each Competitive Loan shall be in

an amount as set forth in Section 2.04. Each Swingline Loan shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of US\$100,000 and not less than US\$500,000. Borrowings of more than one Type may be outstanding at the same time; provided that there shall not at any time be more than a total of 15 (or such greater number as may be agreed to by the Administrative Agent) Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowings and RFR Borrowings outstanding.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Borrowers shall not be entitled to request, or to elect to convert to or continue, any Term Benchmark Borrowing if the Interest Period requested with respect thereto would end after the Maturity Date.

SECTION 2.03. Requests for Revolving Borrowings. To request a Revolving Borrowing, the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a completed written Borrowing Request executed by a Financial Officer of the applicable Borrower (or of the Company) (a) in the case of a LIBOR Revolving Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing, (b) in the case of a EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing or a TIBOR Revolving Borrowing, not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing, (c) in the case of an RFR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, four RFR Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing and (d) in the case of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the day of the proposed Borrowing. Each Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the Borrower requesting such Borrowing (or on whose behalf the Company is requesting such Borrowing);

(ii) the currency and the principal amount of such Borrowing;

(iii) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;

(iv) the Type of such Borrowing;

(v) in the case of a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period";

(vi) the location and number of the account of the applicable Borrower to which funds are to be disbursed or, in the case of any ABR Revolving Borrowing requested to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(f), the identity of the Issuing Bank that made such LC Disbursement; and

(vii) in the case of a Borrowing by a Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary, the jurisdiction from which payments of the principal and interest on such Borrowing will be made.

If no currency is specified with respect to any requested Revolving Borrowing, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected US Dollars. If no election as to the Type of Revolving Borrowing is specified, then the requested Borrowing shall be (A) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, an ABR Revolving Borrowing, (B) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in Euros, a

EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing, (C) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in Yen, a TIBOR Revolving Borrowing and (d) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in Sterling or Swiss Francs, an RFR Borrowing. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. Promptly following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the requested Borrowing of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

SECTION 2.04. Competitive Bid Procedure. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, from time to time during the Availability Period the Borrowers may request Competitive Bids and may (but shall not have any obligation to) accept Competitive Bids and borrow Competitive Loans denominated in US Dollars or Alternative Currencies in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure exceeding the Aggregate Commitment.

(b) To request Competitive Bids, the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a completed written Competitive Bid Request executed by a Financial Officer of the applicable Borrower (or of the Company) (i) in the case of a Term Benchmark Competitive Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, (A) four Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in US Dollars and (B) five Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in Euro or Yen and (ii) in the case of a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, (A) two Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in US Dollars and (B) three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in an Alternative Currency. No ABR Loan or RFR Loan shall be requested in, or made pursuant to, a Competitive Bid Request. Each Competitive Bid Request shall refer to this Agreement and shall specify (1) the Borrower requesting such Competitive Bids (or on whose behalf the Company is requesting Competitive Bids), (2) whether the Borrowing then being requested is to be a LIBOR Competitive Borrowing (solely in the case of Competitive Borrowings denominated in US Dollars), a EURIBOR Competitive Borrowing (solely in the case of Competitive Borrowings denominated in Euro), a TIBOR Competitive Borrowing (solely in the case of Competitive Borrowings denominated in Yen) or a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, (3) the currency (which shall be US Dollars or an Alternative Currency) and the principal amount of such Borrowing (which shall be an integral multiple of the Borrowing Multiple with a US Dollar Equivalent on the date of the applicable Competitive Bid Request of at least US\$25,000,000), (4) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day, (5) the Interest Period with respect thereto (which may not end after the Maturity Date), (6) the location and number of the account of the applicable Borrower to which funds are to be disbursed and (7) in the case of a Borrowing by a Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary, the jurisdiction from which payments of the principal and interest on such Borrowing will be made. Promptly after its receipt of a Competitive Bid Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall deliver to the Lenders a Notice of Competitive Bid Request inviting the Lenders to bid, on the terms and conditions of this Agreement, to make Competitive Loans.

(c) Each Lender may, in its sole discretion, make one or more Competitive Bids responsive to any Competitive Bid Request. Each Competitive Bid by a Lender must be in the form of Exhibit D-3 and must be received by the Administrative

Agent by email (i) in the case of a Term Benchmark Competitive Borrowing, not later than 9:30 a.m., New York City time, (A) three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in US Dollars and (B) four Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in Euro or Yen and (ii) in the case of a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, not later than 9:30 a.m., New York City time, (A) one Business Day before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in US Dollars and (B) two Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing in the case of Borrowings denominated in an Alternative Currency. A Lender may submit multiple bids to the Administrative Agent. Competitive Bids that do not conform substantially to the format of Exhibit D-3 may be rejected by the Administrative Agent, and the Administrative Agent shall notify the Lender making such nonconforming bid of such rejection as soon as practicable. Each Competitive Bid shall refer to this Agreement and shall specify (I) the principal amount (which shall be in a minimum amount equal to the Borrowing Minimum and an integral multiple of the Borrowing Multiple and which may equal the entire principal amount of the Competitive Borrowing requested) of the Competitive Loan or Loans that the Lender is willing to make, (II) the Competitive Bid Rate or Rates at which the Lender is prepared to make such Competitive Loan or Loans and (III) the Interest Period applicable to each such Loan and the last day thereof. Subject to Section 2.14, a Competitive Bid submitted by a Lender shall be irrevocable.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall as promptly as practicable notify the applicable Borrower (or, if the Competitive Bid Request was submitted by the Company on behalf of such Borrower, the Company) in writing of the Competitive Bid Rate and the principal amount specified in each Competitive Bid and the identity of the Lender that made such Competitive Bid.

(e) The applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) may in its discretion, subject only to the provisions of this paragraph, accept or reject any Competitive Bid. The applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) shall notify the Administrative Agent by telephone, confirmed promptly by email of a completed Competitive Bid Accept/Reject Letter executed by a Financial Officer of the applicable Borrower (or of the Company), whether and to what extent it has decided to accept or reject any or all of the Competitive Bids notified to it not more than one hour after it shall have been so notified; provided that (i) the failure by the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) to give such notice shall be deemed to be a rejection of any such Competitive Bid, (ii) no Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) shall accept a Competitive Bid made at a particular Competitive Bid Rate if it has decided to reject a Competitive Bid made at a lower Competitive Bid Rate, (iii) the aggregate amount of the Competitive Bids accepted by or on behalf of a Borrower shall not exceed the principal amount specified in the applicable Competitive Bid Request, (iv) to the extent necessary to comply with clause (iii) above, the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) may accept Competitive Bids at the same Competitive Bid Rate in part, which acceptance, in the case of multiple Competitive Bids at such Competitive Bid Rate, shall be made pro rata in accordance with the amount of each such Competitive Bid; provided further that in calculating the pro rata allocation of acceptances of portions of multiple Competitive Bids at a particular Competitive Bid Rate pursuant to this clause, the amounts shall be rounded to integral multiples of the Borrowing Multiple in a manner determined by the applicable Borrower. A notice given by or on behalf of any Borrower pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable.

(f) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each bidding Lender whether or not its Competitive Bid has been accepted (and if so, in what amount and at what Competitive Bid Rate), and each successful bidder will thereupon become bound,

subject to the other applicable conditions hereof, to make the Competitive Loan in respect of which its Competitive Bid has been accepted.

(g) If the Person serving as the Administrative Agent shall elect to submit a Competitive Bid in its capacity as a Lender, it shall submit such Competitive Bid directly to the applicable Borrower (or to the Company, on its behalf) one quarter of an hour earlier than the latest time at which the other Lenders are required to submit their Competitive Bids to the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section.

SECTION 2.05. Swingline Loans. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Swingline Lender agrees to make Swingline Loans denominated in US Dollars to the Borrowers from time to time during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding that will not result in (i) the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Swingline Loans exceeding US\$50,000,000, (ii) the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure exceeding the Aggregate Commitment, (iii) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender exceeding its Commitment or (iv) in the event the Maturity Date shall have been extended as provided in Section 2.22, the sum of the Swingline Exposure attributable to the Swingline Loans maturing after any Existing Maturity Date and the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit expiring after such Existing Maturity Date exceeding the sum of the Commitments that shall have been extended to a date after the latest maturity date of such Swingline Loans and the latest expiration date of such Letters of Credit; provided that the Swingline Lender shall not be required to make a Swingline Loan to refinance an outstanding Swingline Loan. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrowers may borrow, prepay and reborrow Swingline Loans.

(b) To request a Swingline Loan, the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a completed Borrowing Request executed by a Financial Officer of the applicable Borrower (or of the Company) not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the day of the proposed Swingline Loan. Each such Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall specify the requested date (which shall be a Business Day) and the amount of the requested Swingline Loan and the location and number of the account of the applicable Borrower to which funds are to be disbursed or, in the case of any Swingline Loan requested to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(f), the identity of the Issuing Bank that has made such LC Disbursement. Promptly following the receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Swingline Lender of the details thereof. The Swingline Lender shall make each Swingline Loan available to the applicable Borrower by means of a wire transfer to the account specified in such Borrowing Request or to the applicable Issuing Bank, as the case may be, by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the requested date of such Swingline Loan.

(c) The Swingline Lender may by written notice given to the Administrative Agent not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on any Business Day require the Lenders to acquire participations on such Business Day in all or a portion of the Swingline Loans outstanding. Such notice shall specify the aggregate amount of the Swingline Loans in which the Lenders will be required to participate. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the Administrative Agent will give notice thereof to each Lender, specifying in such notice such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loan or Loans. Each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay, promptly upon receipt of notice as provided above (and in any event, if such notice is received by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day, no later than 5:00 p.m., New York City

time, on such Business Day and if received after 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day, no later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the immediately succeeding Business Day), to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Swingline Lender, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loan or Loans. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that, in making any Swingline Loan, the Swingline Lender shall be entitled to rely, and shall not incur any liability for relying, upon the representation and warranty of the Borrowers deemed made pursuant to Section 4.02, unless, at least one Business Day prior to the time such Swingline Loan was made, the Required Lenders shall have notified the Swingline Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) in writing that, as a result of one or more events or circumstances described in such notice, one or more of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02(a) or 4.02(b) would not be satisfied if such Swingline Loan were then made (it being understood and agreed that, in the event the Swingline Lender shall have received any such notice, it shall have no obligation to make any Swingline Loan until and unless it shall be satisfied that the events and circumstances described in such notice shall have been cured or otherwise shall have ceased to exist). Each Lender further acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations in Swingline Loans pursuant to this paragraph is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including the occurrence and continuance of a Default or any reduction or termination of the Commitments, and that each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender shall comply with its obligation under this paragraph by wire transfer of immediately available funds, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.07 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.07 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the payment obligations of the Lenders pursuant to this paragraph), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Swingline Lender the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall notify the applicable Borrower of any participations in any Swingline Loan acquired pursuant to this paragraph, and thereafter payments in respect of such Swingline Loan shall be made to the Administrative Agent and not to the Swingline Lender. Any amounts received by the Swingline Lender from a Borrower (or other Person on behalf of such Borrower) in respect of a Swingline Loan after receipt by the Swingline Lender of the proceeds of a sale of participations therein shall be promptly remitted to the Administrative Agent; any such amounts received by the Administrative Agent shall be promptly remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders that shall have made their payments pursuant to this paragraph and to the Swingline Lender, as their interests may appear; provided that any such payment so remitted shall be repaid to the Swingline Lender or to the Administrative Agent, as applicable, if and to the extent such payment is required to be refunded to a Borrower for any reason. The purchase of participations in a Swingline Loan pursuant to this paragraph shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve any Borrower of its obligation to repay such Swingline Loan.

SECTION 2.06. Letters of Credit. (a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, any Borrower may request any Issuing Bank to issue Letters of Credit (or to amend or extend outstanding Letters of Credit) denominated in US Dollars or in any Alternative Currency approved for such purpose by the applicable Issuing Bank, for its own account or, so long as such Borrower is a joint and several co-applicant with respect thereto, for the account of any of its subsidiaries, in a form reasonably acceptable to the applicable Issuing Bank, at any time and from time to time during the Availability Period. Notwithstanding anything contained in any letter of credit application furnished to any Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit, in the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of such letter of credit application and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control. Each Existing Letter of Credit shall be deemed, for all purposes of this Agreement (including

paragraphs (d) and (f) of this Section), to be a Letter of Credit issued hereunder for the account of the applicable Borrower. This Section shall not be construed to impose an obligation upon any Issuing Bank to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit if (i) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain such Issuing Bank from issuing, amending or extending such Letter of Credit, or any law applicable to such Issuing Bank or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over such Issuing Bank shall prohibit, or request that such Issuing Bank refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon such Issuing Bank with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which such Issuing Bank is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Effective Date, or shall impose upon such Issuing Bank any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Effective Date and which such Issuing Bank in good faith deems material to it or (ii) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of general applicability of such Issuing Bank.

(b) Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Extension; Certain Conditions. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit or the amendment or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit (other than an automatic extension permitted pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section), the applicable Borrower shall deliver to the applicable Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent, reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment or extension, a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended or extended, and specifying the requested date of issuance, amendment or extension (which shall be a Business Day), the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with paragraph (c) of this Section), the amount of such Letter of Credit, the currency of such Letter of Credit (which shall comply with paragraph (a) of this Section), the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to enable the applicable Issuing Bank to prepare, amend or extend such Letter of Credit. If requested by the applicable Issuing Bank, the applicable Borrower also shall submit a letter of credit application on such Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any such request. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended or extended only if (and upon each issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment or extension, (i) the LC Exposure will not exceed US\$35,000,000, (ii) the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure will not exceed the Aggregate Commitment, (iii) the Aggregate Alternative Currency Exposure will not exceed the Alternative Currency Sublimit, (iv) the Revolving Credit Exposure of each Lender will not exceed its Commitment, (v) the portion of the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit issued by any Issuing Bank shall not exceed the LC Commitment of such Issuing Bank or (vi) in the event the Maturity Date shall have been extended as provided in Section 2.22, the sum of the Swingline Exposure attributable to the Swingline Loans maturing after any Existing Maturity Date and the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit expiring after such Existing Maturity Date will not exceed the sum of the Commitments that shall have been extended to a date after the latest maturity date of such Swingline Loans and the latest expiration date of such Letters of Credit.

(c) Expiration Date. Each Letter of Credit shall by its terms expire at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of (i) the date one year after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any extension thereof, one year after such extension) and (ii) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Maturity Date; provided that any Letter of Credit may contain customary automatic extension provisions

agreed upon by the applicable Borrower and the applicable Issuing Bank pursuant to which the expiration date of such Letter of Credit shall automatically be extended for a period of up to 12 months (but not to a date later than the date set forth in clause (ii) above), subject to a right on the part of such Issuing Bank to prevent any such extension from occurring by giving notice to the beneficiary in advance of any such extension.

(d) Participations. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof) and without any further action on the part of the applicable Issuing Bank or any Lender, the Issuing Bank that is the issuer thereof hereby grants to each Lender, and each Lender hereby acquires from such Issuing Bank, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of such Issuing Bank, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each LC Disbursement made by such Issuing Bank under such Letter of Credit and not reimbursed by the applicable Borrower on the date due as provided in paragraph (f) of this Section, or of any reimbursement payment required to be refunded to the applicable Borrower for any reason, including after the Maturity Date, each such payment to be made in the currency of such LC Disbursement. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that (i) its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this paragraph in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default, any reduction or termination of the Commitments, or any force majeure or other event that under any rule of law or uniform practices to which any Letter of Credit is subject (including Section 3.14 of the ISP or any successor publication of the International Chamber of Commerce) permits a drawing to be made under such Letter of Credit after the expiration thereof or of the Commitments and (ii) each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender further acknowledges and agrees that, in issuing, amending or extending any Letter of Credit, the applicable Issuing Bank shall be entitled to rely, and shall not incur any liability for relying, upon the representation and warranty of the Borrowers deemed made pursuant to Section 4.02, unless, at least one Business Day prior to the time such Letter of Credit is issued, amended or extended (or, in the case of an automatic extension permitted pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, at least one Business Day prior to the time by which the election not to extend must be made by the applicable Issuing Bank), the Required Lenders shall have notified the applicable Issuing Bank (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) in writing that, as a result of one or more events or circumstances described in such notice, one or more of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02(a) or 4.02(b) would not be satisfied if such Letter of Credit were then issued, amended or extended (it being understood and agreed that, in the event any Issuing Bank shall have received any such notice, no Issuing Bank shall have any obligation to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit until and unless it shall be satisfied that the events and circumstances described in such notice shall have been cured or otherwise shall have ceased to exist).

(e) Disbursements. Each Issuing Bank shall, within the time allowed by applicable law or the specific terms of the Letter of Credit following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit issued by it and shall promptly after such examination notify the Administrative Agent and the applicable Borrower by telephone, fax or email (and, in the case of telephonic notice, confirmed by fax or email) of such demand for payment and whether such Issuing Bank has made or will make an LC Disbursement thereunder; provided that

any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve any Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(f) Reimbursements. If an Issuing Bank shall make an LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the applicable Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to such LC Disbursement, in the currency of such LC Disbursement, not later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on (i) the Business Day that such Borrower receives notice of such LC Disbursement, if such notice is received prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the day of receipt or (ii) the Business Day immediately following the day that such Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is not received prior to such time on the day of receipt; provided that, in the case of an LC Disbursement in US Dollars, if the amount of such LC Disbursement is US\$1,000,000 or more, the applicable Borrower may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Section 2.03 or 2.05 that such payment be financed with an ABR Revolving Borrowing or a Swingline Loan and, to the extent so financed, such Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting ABR Revolving Borrowing or Swingline Loan. If such Borrower fails to reimburse any LC Disbursement by the time specified above, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of such failure, the amount and currency of the payment then due from such Borrower in respect of the applicable LC Disbursement and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. Promptly following receipt of such notice, each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent its Applicable Percentage of the amount then due from such Borrower in the currency of such LC Disbursement, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.07 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.07 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the payment obligations of the Lenders pursuant to this paragraph), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the applicable Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the applicable Borrower pursuant to this paragraph, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the applicable Issuing Bank or, to the extent that Lenders have made payments pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse such Issuing Bank, then to such Lenders and such Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse an Issuing Bank for an LC Disbursement (other than the funding of an ABR Revolving Borrowing or a Swingline Loan as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve any Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(g) Obligations Absolute. Each Borrower's obligation to reimburse LC Disbursements as provided in paragraph (f) of this Section is absolute, unconditional and irrevocable and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit or this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any term or provision thereof or hereof, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, (iii) payment by an Issuing Bank under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit, (iv) any force majeure or other event that under any rule of law or uniform practices to which any Letter of Credit is subject (including Section 3.14 of the ISP or any successor publication of the International Chamber of Commerce) permits a drawing to be made under such Letter of Credit after the stated expiration date thereof or of the Commitments or (v) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this paragraph, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the applicable Borrower's obligations hereunder.

None of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks or any of their Related Parties shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit, any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms, any error in translation or any other act, failure to act or other event or circumstance; provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse any Issuing Bank from liability to the Borrowers to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrowers to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrowers that are caused by such Issuing Bank's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence, bad faith or wilful misconduct on the part of an Issuing Bank (with such absence to be presumed unless otherwise determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final and nonappealable judgment), such Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented that appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, an Issuing Bank may, in its sole discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

(h) Interim Interest. If an Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement, then, unless the applicable Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement in full on the date such LC Disbursement is made, the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such LC Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that such Borrower reimburses such LC Disbursement in full, at (i) in the case of any LC Disbursement denominated in US Dollars, the rate per annum then applicable to ABR Revolving Loans and (ii) in the case of an LC Disbursement denominated in any Alternative Currency, a rate per annum equal to the applicable Alternative Currency Overnight Rate plus the Applicable Rate used to determine interest applicable to Term Benchmark Revolving Loans; provided that if such Borrower fails to reimburse such LC Disbursement when due pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section, Section 2.13(g) shall apply. Interest accrued pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the applicable Issuing Bank, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Lender pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section to reimburse such Issuing Bank shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment, and shall be payable on demand or, if no demand has been made, on the date on which the applicable Borrower reimburses the applicable LC Disbursement in full.

(i) Cash Collateralization. If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, on the Business Day that the Company receives notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph, the Borrowers shall deposit in an account with the Administrative Agent, in the name of the Administrative Agent and for the benefit of the Issuing Banks and the Lenders, an amount in cash and in the currency of each applicable Letter of Credit equal to the LC Exposure as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon; provided that the obligation to deposit such cash collateral shall become effective immediately, and such deposit shall become immediately due and payable, without demand or other notice of any kind, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default

with respect to any Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of Article VII. The Borrowers also shall deposit cash collateral in accordance with this paragraph as and to the extent required by Section 2.11(b) or 2.20. Each such deposit shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrowers under this Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and at the Borrowers' risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse the Issuing Banks for LC Disbursements for which they have not been reimbursed, together with related fees, costs and customary processing charges, and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrowers for the LC Exposure at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated (but subject to, in the case of any such application at a time when any Lender is a Defaulting Lender (but only if, after giving effect thereto, the remaining cash collateral shall be less than the aggregate LC Exposure of all the Defaulting Lenders), the consent of each Issuing Bank), be applied to satisfy other obligations of the Borrowers under this Agreement. If the Borrowers are required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrowers within three Business Days after all Defaults have been cured or waived. If the Borrowers are required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder pursuant to Section 2.11(b), such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrowers to the extent that the applicable excess referred to in such Section shall have been eliminated and no Default shall have occurred and be continuing. If the Borrowers are required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder pursuant to Section 2.20, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrowers as promptly as practicable to the extent that, after giving effect to such return, no Issuing Bank shall have any exposure in respect of any outstanding Letter of Credit that is not fully covered by the Commitments of the Non-Defaulting Lenders and/or the remaining cash collateral and no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(j) Designation of Additional Issuing Banks. The Company may, at any time and from time to time, with the consent of the Administrative Agent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), designate as additional Issuing Banks one or more Lenders that agree to serve in such capacity as provided below. The acceptance by a Lender of an appointment as an Issuing Bank hereunder shall be evidenced by an agreement, which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, executed by the Company, the Administrative Agent and such designated Lender and, from and after the effective date of such agreement, (i) such Lender shall have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Bank under this Agreement and (ii) references herein and in the other Loan Documents to the term "Issuing Bank" shall be deemed to include such Lender in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder.

(k) Termination of an Issuing Bank. The Company may terminate the appointment of any Issuing Bank as an "Issuing Bank" hereunder by providing a written notice thereof to such Issuing Bank, with a copy to the Administrative Agent. Any such termination shall become effective upon the earlier of (i) such Issuing Bank acknowledging receipt of such notice and (ii) the 10th Business Day following the date of the delivery thereof; provided that no such termination shall become effective until and unless the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank (or

its Affiliates) shall have been reduced to zero. At the time any such termination shall become effective, the Borrowers shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the terminated Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 2.12(b). Notwithstanding the effectiveness of any such termination, the terminated Issuing Bank shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights of an Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such termination, but shall not issue any additional Letters of Credit or be required to amend or extend any existing Letter of Credit.

(l) Issuing Bank Reports to the Administrative Agent. Unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Bank shall, in addition to its notification obligations set forth elsewhere in this Section, report in writing to the Administrative Agent (i) periodic activity (for such period or recurrent periods as shall be requested by the Administrative Agent) in respect of Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank, including all issuances, extensions and amendments, all expirations and cancellations and all disbursements and reimbursements and (ii) such other information as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request as to the Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank.

(m) LC Exposure Determination. For all purposes of this Agreement, (i) the amount of a Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any document related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases (other than any such increase consisting of the reinstatement of an amount previously drawn thereunder and reimbursed), whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at the time of determination and (ii) if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Article 29(a) of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time) or Rule 3.13 or Rule 3.14 of the ISP or similar terms of the Letter of Credit itself, or if compliant documents have been presented but not yet honored, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be “outstanding” and “undrawn” in the amount so remaining available to be paid, and the obligations of the applicable Borrower and each Lender hereunder shall remain in full force and effect until the Issuing Banks and the Lenders shall have no further obligations to make any payments or disbursements under any circumstances with respect to any Letter of Credit.

(n) Letters of Credit Issued for Account of Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder supports any obligations of, or is for the account of, a Subsidiary (other than a Borrowing Subsidiary), or states that a Subsidiary (other than a Borrowing Subsidiary) is the “account party”, “applicant”, “customer”, “instructing party”, or the like of or for such Letter of Credit, and without derogating from any rights of the applicable Issuing Bank (whether arising by contract, at law, in equity or otherwise) against such Subsidiary in respect of such Letter of Credit, the Company (i) shall reimburse, indemnify and compensate the applicable Issuing Bank hereunder for such Letter of Credit (including to reimburse any and all drawings thereunder, the payment of interest thereon and the payment of fees due under Section 2.12(b)) as if such Letter of Credit had been issued solely for the account of the Company and (ii) irrevocably waives any and all defenses that might otherwise be available to it as a guarantor or surety of any or all of the obligations of such Subsidiary in respect of such Letter of Credit. Each Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for its Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of such Borrower, and that such Borrower’s business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries.

SECTION 2.07. Funding of Borrowings. (a) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof by wire transfer of immediately available funds in the applicable currency by 1:30 p.m., New York City time, to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders; provided that Swingline Loans shall be made as provided in Section 2.05. The Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the applicable Borrower by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to the account designated in the applicable Borrowing Request or Competitive Bid Request; provided that ABR Revolving Loans made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(f) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent to the applicable Issuing Bank specified in the applicable Borrowing Request.

(b) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section and may, in reliance on such assumption, make available to the applicable Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and such Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to such Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of such Lender, (A) if denominated in US Dollars, the greater of (x) the NYFRB Rate and (y) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (B) if denominated in any other currency, the greater of (x) the interest rate reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent to reflect its cost of funds for the amount advanced by such Administrative Agent on behalf of such Lender (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error, it being understood that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, for such purpose deem its cost of funds to be equal to the Alternative Currency Overnight Rate) and (y) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of such Borrower, the interest rate applicable to the subject Loan pursuant to Section 2.13. If such Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to such Borrower the amount of such interest paid by such Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing. Any such payment by any Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim such Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 2.08. Interest Elections. (a) Each Revolving Borrowing initially shall be of the Type and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in the applicable Borrowing Request or as otherwise provided in Section 2.03. Thereafter, the applicable Borrower may elect to convert such Revolving Borrowing (if denominated in US Dollars) to a Revolving Borrowing of a different Type or to continue such Revolving Borrowing and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section. A Borrower may elect different options with respect to different portions of an affected Revolving Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders holding the Loans comprising such Revolving Borrowing and the Loans resulting from an election made with respect to any such portion shall be considered a separate Revolving Borrowing. This Section shall not apply to Swingline

Borrowings, RFR Borrowings or Competitive Borrowings, which may not be converted or continued. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no Borrower shall be permitted to change the currency of any Revolving Borrowing or elect an Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing that does not comply with Section 2.02(d).

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) shall notify the Administrative Agent of such election by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if such Borrower were requesting a Revolving Borrowing of the Type and in the currency resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election. Each such election shall be made by delivery to the Administrative Agent of a completed Interest Election Request executed by a Financial Officer of the applicable Borrower (or of the Company). Each Interest Election Request shall be irrevocable and shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the Revolving Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Revolving Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to clauses (iii) and (iv) below shall be specified for each resulting Revolving Borrowing);

(ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) the Type of the resulting Revolving Borrowing; and

(iv) if the resulting Revolving Borrowing is to be a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, the Interest Period to be applicable thereto after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period".

If any such Interest Election Request requests a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

(c) Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Revolving Borrowing.

(d) If the applicable Borrower fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, then, unless such Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, at the end of such Interest Period, (i) in the case of a Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, such Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Revolving Borrowing and (ii) in the case of any other Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be continued as a Revolving Borrowing of the applicable Type for an Interest Period of one month.

(e) Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if an Event of Default under clause (h) or (i) of Article VII has occurred and is continuing with respect to any Borrower, or if any other Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Administrative Agent, at the request of the Required Lenders, has notified the Company of the election to give effect to this sentence on account of such other Event of Default, then, in each such case, so long as such Event of Default is continuing, (i) no outstanding

Revolving Borrowing denominated in US Dollars may be converted to or continued as a LIBOR Revolving Borrowing, (ii) unless repaid, each LIBOR Revolving Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Revolving Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto and (iii) unless repaid, each EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing and each TIBOR Revolving Borrowing shall be continued as a EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing or a TIBOR Revolving Borrowing, as applicable, with an Interest Period of one month's duration.

SECTION 2.09. Termination and Reduction of Commitments; Increase of Commitments. (a) Unless previously terminated, the Commitments shall automatically terminate on the Maturity Date.

(b) The Company may at any time terminate, or from time to time permanently reduce, the Commitments; provided that (i) each reduction of the Commitments shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of US\$1,000,000 and not less than US\$5,000,000 and (ii) the Company shall not terminate or reduce the Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Revolving Loans or Swingline Loans in accordance with Section 2.11, (A) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender would exceed its Commitment or (B) the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure would exceed the Aggregate Commitment.

(c) The Company shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Commitments under paragraph (b) of this Section at least three Business Days prior to the effective date of such termination or reduction, specifying the effective date thereof. Promptly following receipt of any such notice, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each notice delivered by the Company pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable; provided that a notice of termination or reduction of the Commitments under paragraph (b) of this Section may state that such notice is conditioned upon the occurrence of one or more events specified therein, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Company (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied. Any termination or reduction of the Commitments shall be permanent. Each reduction of the Commitments shall be made ratably among the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitments.

(d) The Company may at any time and from time to time, by written agreement executed by the Company and one or more financial institutions that is an Eligible Assignee (any such financial institution being referred to as an "Increasing Lender") and delivered to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly deliver a copy to each of the Lenders), cause Commitments of the Increasing Lenders to be increased (or cause the Increasing Lenders to extend new Commitments) in an amount for each Increasing Lender (which shall not be less than US\$5,000,000) set forth in such agreement; provided that (i) no Lender shall have any obligation to increase its Commitment pursuant to this paragraph, (ii) all new Commitments and increases in existing Commitments becoming effective under this paragraph during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed US\$150,000,000 in the aggregate, (iii) each Increasing Lender, if not already a Lender hereunder, shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and each Issuing Bank (in each case, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned) and (iv) each Increasing Lender, if not already a Lender hereunder, shall become a party to this Agreement by completing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a duly executed accession agreement in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Company (an "Accession Agreement"). Upon the effectiveness of any Accession

Agreement to which any Increasing Lender is a party (and the effectiveness of the new Commitment of such Lender in accordance with this paragraph), such Increasing Lender shall thereafter be deemed to be a party to this Agreement and shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges accorded a Lender hereunder and subject to all obligations of a Lender hereunder. New Commitments and increases in Commitments shall become effective on the date specified in the applicable agreement delivered pursuant to this paragraph (which date shall be at least five Business Days after the date of delivery of such notice); provided that no increase in the Commitments (or in the Commitment of any Lender) pursuant to this paragraph shall become effective unless (A) the Administrative Agent shall have received documents consistent with those delivered under Sections 4.01(b) and 4.01(c), giving effect to such increase, (B) on the effective date of such increase, the representations and warranties of each Loan Party set forth in the Loan Documents shall be true and correct (x) in the case of the representations and warranties qualified as to materiality, in all respects and (y) otherwise, in all material respects, in each case on and as of the date of such effectiveness, except in the case of any such representation and warranty that expressly relates to a prior date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be so true and correct on and as of such prior date, (C) on the effective date of such increase, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing prior to or after giving effect thereto and (D) the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate dated such date and executed by a Financial Officer of the Company to the effect that the conditions set forth in clauses (B) and (C) above shall have been satisfied. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders of the effective date of the increase in the Commitments pursuant to this paragraph (the "Increase Effective Date"), and such notice shall be conclusive and binding. On the Increase Effective Date of any increase in the Commitments pursuant to this paragraph (a "Commitment Increase"), (i) the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Loans outstanding (the "Initial Borrowings") immediately prior to the Commitment Increase on the Increase Effective Date shall be deemed to be repaid, (ii) each Increasing Lender that shall have had a Commitment prior to the Commitment Increase shall pay to the Administrative Agent in same day funds and in the applicable currency an amount equal to the difference between (A) the product of (1) such Lender's Applicable Percentage (calculated after giving effect to the Commitment Increase) multiplied by (2) the amount of each Subsequent Borrowing (as hereinafter defined) and (B) the product of (1) such Lender's Applicable Percentage (calculated without giving effect to the Commitment Increase) multiplied by (2) the amount of each Initial Borrowing, (iii) each Increasing Lender that shall not have had a Commitment prior to the Commitment Increase shall pay to Administrative Agent in same day funds and in the applicable currency an amount equal to the product of (1) such Increasing Lender's Applicable Percentage (calculated after giving effect to the Commitment Increase) multiplied by (2) the amount of each Subsequent Borrowing, (iv) after the Administrative Agent receives the funds specified in clauses (ii) and (iii) above, the Administrative Agent shall pay to each Lender the portion of such funds that is equal to the difference between (A) the product of (1) such Lender's Applicable Percentage (calculated without giving effect to the Commitment Increase) multiplied by (2) the amount of each Initial Borrowing, and (B) the product of (1) such Lender's Applicable Percentage (calculated after giving effect to the Commitment Increase) multiplied by (2) the amount of each Subsequent Borrowing, (v) after the effectiveness of the Commitment Increase, the Borrowers shall be deemed to have made new Borrowings (the "Subsequent Borrowings") in amounts and currencies equal to the amounts of the Initial Borrowings and of the Types and for the Interest Periods specified in a Borrowing Request delivered to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 2.03, (vi) each Lender shall be deemed to hold its Applicable Percentage of each Subsequent Borrowing (calculated after giving effect to the Commitment Increase) and (vii) the Borrowers shall pay each Lender any and all accrued but unpaid interest on its Loans comprising the Initial Borrowings. The deemed payments of the Initial

Borrowings made pursuant to clause (i) above shall be subject to compensation by the Borrowers pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.16 if the Increase Effective Date occurs other than on the last day of the Interest Period relating thereto.

SECTION 2.10. Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt. (a) Each Borrower hereby unconditionally promises to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan made by such Lender to such Borrower on the Maturity Date and the then unpaid principal amount of each Competitive Loan made by such Lender to such Borrower on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan and (ii) to the Swingline Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Swingline Loan made to such Borrower on the earlier of the Maturity Date and the fifth Business Day after such Swingline Loan is made; provided that on each date that a Revolving Borrowing or Competitive Borrowing denominated in US Dollars is made, the Borrowers shall repay all Swingline Loans then outstanding.

(b) The records maintained by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall be prima facie evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations of the Borrowers in respect of the Loans, LC Disbursements, interest and fees due or accrued hereunder; provided that the failure of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to maintain such records or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrowers to pay any amounts due hereunder in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) Any Lender may request that Loans made by it be evidenced by a promissory note. In such event, each Borrower shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to such Lender (or, if requested by such Lender, to such Lender and its registered assigns) and in a form approved by the Administrative Agent. Thereafter, the Loans evidenced by such promissory note and interest thereon shall at all times (including after assignment pursuant to Section 9.04) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the payee named therein (or, if such promissory note is a registered note, to such payee and its registered assigns).

SECTION 2.11. Prepayment of Loans. (a) The Borrowers shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, subject to the requirements of this Section; provided that the Borrowers shall not have the right to prepay any Competitive Loan without the prior consent of the Lender thereof.

(b) If, on any date, (i) the Aggregate Alternative Currency Exposure shall exceed the Alternative Currency Sublimit or (ii) the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure shall exceed the Aggregate Commitment, then (A) on the last day of any Interest Period for any Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing (in the case of clause (i) above, only if such Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing is denominated in an Alternative Currency) and (B) on any day on which any RFR Borrowing and, in the case of clause (ii) above, on any day on which any ABR Revolving Borrowing or Swingline Loan is outstanding, the applicable Borrowers shall prepay Loans in an aggregate amount equal to the lesser of (1) the amount necessary to eliminate such excess (after giving effect to any other prepayment of Loans on such day) and (2) the amount of the applicable Revolving Borrowings or Swingline Loans referred to in clause (A) or (B). If, on any date, (i) the Aggregate Alternative Currency Exposure shall exceed 105% of the Alternative Currency Sublimit or (ii) the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure shall exceed 105% of the Aggregate Commitment, then the applicable Borrowers shall, not later than the next Business Day, prepay one or more

Revolving Borrowings (and, if no Revolving Borrowings are outstanding, deposit cash collateral in an account with the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 2.06(i)) in an aggregate amount equal to the lesser of (1) the amount necessary to eliminate such excess and (2) the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure.

(c) Prior to any optional or mandatory prepayment of Borrowings hereunder, the Borrowers shall select the Borrowing or Borrowings to be prepaid and shall specify such selection in the notice of such prepayment pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section.

(d) The applicable Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent (and, in the case of prepayment of a Swingline Loan, the Swingline Lender) by telephone (confirmed by email) of any optional prepayment and any mandatory prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of a LIBOR Borrowing, not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, three Business Days before the date of such prepayment (or, in the case of a prepayment under paragraph (b) of this Section, as soon thereafter as practicable), (ii) in the case of a EURIBOR Borrowing or a TIBOR Borrowing, not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, three Business Days before the date of such prepayment (or, in the case of a prepayment under paragraph (b) of this Section, as soon thereafter as practicable), (iii) in the case of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the date of such prepayment and (iv) in the case of an RFR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, four RFR Business Days before the date of such prepayment (or, in the case of a prepayment under paragraph (b) of this Section, as soon thereafter as practicable). Each such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the prepayment date and the principal amount of each Borrowing or portion thereof to be prepaid; provided that, if a notice of optional prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.09, then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.09. Promptly following receipt of any such notice (other than a notice relating solely to Swingline Loans), the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Borrowing shall be in an amount that would be permitted in the case of an advance of a Borrowing of the same Type as provided in Section 2.02. Each prepayment of a Borrowing shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in the prepaid Borrowing. Prepayments shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the extent required by Section 2.13.

SECTION 2.12. Fees. (a) The Company agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, in US Dollars, for the account of each Lender a commitment fee, which shall accrue at the Applicable Rate on the daily amount of the unused Commitment of such Lender during the period from and including the date hereof to but excluding the date on which such Commitment terminates. Accrued commitment fees shall be payable in arrears on the first Business Day following the last day of March, June, September and December of each year and on the date on which the Commitments terminate, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date hereof. For purposes of calculating the commitment fees only, the Commitment of any Lender shall be deemed to be used to the extent of Revolving Loans of such Lender and the LC Exposure of such Lender (and the Swingline Exposure and Competitive Loans of such Lender shall be disregarded for such purpose). All commitment fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

(b) The Company agrees to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent, in US Dollars, for the account of each Lender a participation fee with respect to its participations in Letters of Credit, which shall accrue at the Applicable Rate used to

determine the interest rate applicable to Term Benchmark Revolving Loans on the average daily amount of such Lender's LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date on which such Lender's Commitment terminates and the date on which such Lender ceases to have any LC Exposure, and (ii) to each Issuing Bank a fronting fee, in US Dollars, which shall accrue at the rate or rates per annum separately agreed upon between the Company and such Issuing Bank on the average daily amount of the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date of termination of the Commitments and the date on which there ceases to be any such LC Exposure, as well as such Issuing Bank's standard fees with respect to the issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit or processing of drawings thereunder. Participation fees and fronting fees accrued through and including the last day of March, June, September and December of each year shall be payable on the first Business Day following such last day, commencing on the first such date to occur after the Effective Date; provided that all such fees shall be payable on the date on which the Commitments terminate and any such fees accruing after the date on which the Commitments terminate shall be payable on demand. Any other fees payable to an Issuing Bank pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable within 10 days after demand. All participation fees and fronting fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

(c) The Company agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account, fees payable in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon between the Company and the Administrative Agent.

(d) All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due, in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent (or to an Issuing Bank, in the case of fees payable to it) for distribution, in the case of commitment fees and participation fees, to the Lenders entitled thereto. Fees paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

SECTION 2.13. Interest. (a) The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing (including each Swingline Loan) shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate.

(b) The Loans comprising each RFR Borrowing shall bear interest at the applicable Adjusted Daily Simple RFR plus the Applicable Rate.

(c) The Loans comprising each LIBOR Borrowing shall bear interest (i) in the case of a LIBOR Revolving Loan, at the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate, or (ii) in the case of a LIBOR Competitive Loan, at the LIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus (or minus, as applicable) the Margin applicable to such Loan.

(d) The Loans comprising each EURIBOR Borrowing shall bear interest (i) in the case of a EURIBOR Revolving Loan, at the Adjusted EURIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate, or (ii) in the case of a EURIBOR Competitive Loan, at the EURIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus (or minus, as applicable) the Margin applicable to such Loan.

(e) The Loans comprising each TIBOR Borrowing shall bear interest (i) in the case of a TIBOR Revolving Loan, at the Adjusted TIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate, or (ii) in the case of a TIBOR Competitive Loan, at the TIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus (or minus, as applicable) the Margin applicable to such Loan.

(f) Each Fixed Rate Competitive Loan shall bear interest at the Fixed Rate applicable to such Loan.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by any Borrower hereunder is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest, after as well as before judgment, at a rate per annum equal to (i) in the case of overdue principal of or interest on any Loan or LC Disbursement, 2% per annum plus the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Section or Section 2.06(h), as applicable, or (ii) in the case of any other amount, 2% per annum plus the rate applicable to ABR Revolving Loans as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.

(h) Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and, in the case of Revolving Loans, upon termination of the Commitments; provided that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (g) of this Section shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than a prepayment of an ABR Revolving Loan prior to the end of the Availability Period), accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (iii) in the event of any conversion or continuation of any Term Benchmark Revolving Loan prior to the end of the current Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion or continuation. All interest shall be payable in the currency in which the applicable Loan is denominated.

(i) All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed by reference to the Daily Simple SONIA, the TIBO Rate or the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), in each case, payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). All interest hereunder on any Loan shall be computed on a daily basis based upon the outstanding principal amount of such Loan as of the applicable date of determination. The applicable Alternate Base Rate, Adjusted LIBO Rate, LIBO Rate, Adjusted EURIBO Rate, EURIBO Rate, Adjusted TIBO Rate, TIBO Rate, Daily Simple RFR or Alternative Currency Overnight Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

SECTION 2.14. Alternate Rate of Interest. (a) Subject to Section 2.14(b), if:

(i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) (A) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing of any Type, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate, the EURIBO Rate, the Adjusted TIBO Rate or the TIBO Rate, as the case may be, for such Interest Period (including because the Relevant Screen Rate is not available or published on a current basis) or (B) at

any time, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable Daily Simple RFR or RFR for the applicable Agreed Currency; or

(ii) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders (or, in the case of clause (A) below, the Lender that is required to make a Competitive Loan) (A) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing of any Type, that the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate, the EURIBO Rate, the Adjusted TIBO Rate or the TIBO Rate, as the case may be, for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period or (B) at any time, that the applicable Adjusted Daily Simple RFR for the applicable Agreed Currency will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of making or maintaining their Loans included in the applicable RFR Borrowing;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice (which may be telephonic or electronic) thereof to the applicable Borrower and the Lenders as promptly as practicable and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the applicable Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, (A) any Borrowing Request for an affected Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing or an affected RFR Borrowing, and any request for a Term Benchmark Competitive Loan, shall (1) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, be deemed a request for an ABR Revolving Borrowing or (2) in all other cases, be ineffective (and no Lender shall be obligated to make a Loan on account thereof), (B) any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Revolving Borrowing to, or continuation of any Revolving Borrowing as, an affected Term Benchmark Revolving Borrowing shall be ineffective, (C) any outstanding affected LIBOR Revolving Borrowing shall, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Borrowing, convert to an ABR Revolving Borrowing, (D) any outstanding affected EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing or TIBOR Revolving Borrowing shall, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Borrowing, convert to a CBR Borrowing that bears interest at the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency plus the CBR Spread; provided that, if the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency cannot be determined, such CBR Borrowing shall be prepaid by the applicable Borrower on the day that such Borrower receives notice thereof from the Administrative Agent, and (E) any outstanding affected RFR Borrowing shall, on the date of such notice by the Administrative Agent, convert to a CBR Borrowing that bears interest at the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency plus the CBR Spread; provided that, if the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency cannot be determined, such outstanding CBR Borrowing shall be prepaid by the applicable Borrower on the day that such Borrower receives notice thereof from the Administrative Agent.

(b) (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, if a Benchmark Transition Event, an Early Opt-in Election or an Other Benchmark Rate Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (1) or (2) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" with respect to US Dollars for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any other Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any

other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (3) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" with respect to any Agreed Currency for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any other Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the fifth Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document and subject to the proviso below in this paragraph, with respect to a Loan denominated in US Dollars, if a Term SOFR Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then the applicable Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder or under any other Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings, without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document; provided that this clause (ii) shall not be effective unless the Administrative Agent has delivered to the Lenders and the Company a Term SOFR Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to deliver a Term SOFR Notice after a Term SOFR Transition Event and may do so in its sole discretion.

(iii) In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent and the Company will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective by written agreement of the Administrative Agent and the Company without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(iv) The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Company and the Lenders of (A) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, an Early Opt-in Election or an Other Benchmark Rate Election, applicable, (B) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (C) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (D) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to clause (v) below and (E) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 2.14(b), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date, and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 2.14(b).

(v) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a

Benchmark Replacement), (A) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including Term SOFR, LIBO Rate, EURIBO Rate or TIBO Rate) and either (1) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (2) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (B) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (A) above either (1) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (2) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(vi) Upon the Company's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the applicable Borrower (or the Company on its behalf) may revoke any request for a borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Term Benchmark Loans or RFR Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, either (x) the applicable Borrower will be deemed to have converted any request for a LIBOR Borrowing into a request for a borrowing of or conversion to ABR Borrowing or (y) any request for a borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of any EURIBOR Borrowing, TIBOR Borrowing or RFR Borrowing, as applicable, shall be ineffective. If any Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan in any Agreed Currency is outstanding on the date of the Company's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to the Relevant Rate applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan, then until such time as a Benchmark Replacement for the applicable Agreed Currency is implemented pursuant to this Section 2.14(b), as applicable, (A) any outstanding LIBOR Revolving Borrowing shall, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Borrowing, convert to an ABR Revolving Borrowing, (B) any outstanding EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing or TIBOR Revolving Borrowing shall, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Borrowing, convert to a CBR Borrowing that bears interest at the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency plus the CBR Spread; provided that, if the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency cannot be determined, such CBR Borrowing shall be prepaid by the applicable Borrower on the day that such Borrower receives notice thereof from the Administrative Agent, and (C) any outstanding RFR Borrowing shall convert to a CBR Borrowing that bears interest at the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency plus the CBR Spread; provided that, if the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the Central Bank Rate for the applicable Agreed Currency cannot be determined, such outstanding CBR Borrowing shall be prepaid by the applicable Borrower on the day that such Borrower receives notice thereof from the Administrative Agent. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of Alternate Base Rate based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, shall be deemed to be zero.

SECTION 2.15. Increased Costs. (a) If any Change in Law shall:

(i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, liquidity or similar requirement (including any compulsory loan requirement, insurance charge or other assessment) against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any such reserve requirement reflected in the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate or the Adjusted TIBO Rate) or any Issuing Bank;

(ii) impose on any Lender, any Issuing Bank or the Relevant Interbank Market or other applicable offshore interbank market for the applicable Agreed Currency any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participations therein; or

(iii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes and (B) Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender or other Recipient of making, converting to, continuing or maintaining any Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), to increase the cost to such Lender, Issuing Bank or other Recipient of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or issue any Letter of Credit) or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender, Issuing Bank or other Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount), then, from time to time upon request of such Lender, Issuing Bank or other Recipient, the Company will pay to such Lender, Issuing Bank or other Recipient, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, Issuing Bank or other Recipient, as the case may be, for such additional costs or expenses incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) If any Lender or Issuing Bank determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or Issuing Bank or any lending office of such Lender or such Lender's or Issuing Bank's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements has had or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or Issuing Bank's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or Issuing Bank's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank, to a level below that which such Lender or Issuing Bank or such Lender's or Issuing Bank's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or Issuing Bank's policies and the policies of such Lender's or Issuing Bank's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then, from time to time upon request of such Lender or Issuing Bank, the Company will pay to such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or Issuing Bank or such Lender's or Issuing Bank's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) If the cost to any Lender of making, converting, continuing or maintaining any Loan to (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan) or the

cost to any Lender or any Issuing Bank of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit issued for the account of any Borrowing Subsidiary (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or issue any such Letter of Credit) is increased (or the amount of any sum received or receivable by any Lender or any Issuing Bank (or its applicable lending office) is reduced) by reason of the fact that such Borrowing Subsidiary is incorporated in, has its principal place of business in, or borrows from, a jurisdiction outside the United States of America, such Borrowing Subsidiary shall indemnify such Lender or such Issuing Bank from time to time for such increased cost incurred or reduction suffered.

(d) Without duplication of any reserve requirement reflected in the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate or the Adjusted TIBO Rate, the Company shall pay to each Lender (i) as long as such Lender shall be required by a central banking or financial regulatory authority with regulatory authority over such Lender to maintain reserves with respect to liabilities or assets consisting of or including funds or deposits obtained in the Relevant Interbank Market or any other offshore interbank market, additional interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan equal to the actual costs of such reserves allocable to such Loan by such Lender (as determined by such Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error), and (ii) as long as such Lender shall be required to comply with any reserve ratio requirement or analogous requirement of any other central banking or financial regulatory authority imposed in respect of the maintenance of the Commitments or the funding of the Term Benchmark Loan or RFR Loan, such additional costs (expressed as a percentage per annum and rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest five decimal places) equal to the actual costs allocated to such Commitment or Loan by such Lender (as determined by such Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error), which in each case shall be due and payable on each date on which interest is payable on such Loan; provided that the Company shall have received the certificate referred to in paragraph (e) of this Section with respect to such additional interest or costs from such Lender at least 10 days prior to such date (and, in the event such certificate shall have been delivered after such time, then such additional interest or costs shall be due and payable as set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section).

(e) A certificate of a Recipient setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Recipient or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Section delivered to the Company shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Company shall pay to such Recipient the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

(f) Failure or delay on the part of any Recipient to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Recipient's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Company shall not be required to compensate any Recipient pursuant to this Section for any increased or other costs or expenses incurred or reductions suffered more than 270 days prior to the date that such Recipient notifies the Company of the Change in Law or other circumstance giving rise to such increased or other costs or expenses or reductions and of such Recipient's intention to claim compensation therefor; provided further that, if the Change in Law or other circumstance giving rise to such increased or other costs or expenses or reductions is retroactive, then the 270-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no Lender shall demand compensation for any increased or other cost or reduction pursuant to this Section if it shall not at the time be the general policy or practice of such Lender to demand such compensation in similar circumstances under comparable provisions of other credit agreements.

SECTION 2.16. Break Funding Payments. In the event of (a) the payment of any principal of any Term Benchmark Loan or Fixed Rate Competitive Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default), (b) the conversion or continuation of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (c) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any Revolving Loan on the date or in the amount specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (whether or not such notice may be revoked in accordance with the terms hereof), (d) the failure to borrow any Competitive Loan after accepting the Competitive Bid to make such Loan or (e) the assignment of any Term Benchmark Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto as a result of a request by the Company pursuant to Section 2.19, then, in any such event, the Company shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense (but not for any anticipated profits) attributable to such event, including, to the extent that any of the foregoing Loans are denominated in any Alternative Currency, the actual costs and expenses of such Lender attributable to the premature unwinding of any hedging agreement entered into by such Lender in respect to the foreign currency exposure attributable to such Loan. In the case of a Term Benchmark Loan, such loss, cost or expense to any Lender shall be deemed to include an amount determined by such Lender to be the excess, if any, of (i) the amount of interest that would have accrued on the principal amount of such Loan had such event not occurred, at the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the LIBO Rate, the Adjusted EURIBO Rate, the EURIBO Rate, the Adjusted TIBO Rate or the TIBO Rate, as applicable, that would have been applicable to such Loan (and, for avoidance of doubt, without giving effect to any Applicable Rate or Margin that would otherwise have been applicable thereto), for the period from the date of such event to the last day of the then current Interest Period therefor (or, in the case of a failure to borrow, convert or continue, for the period that would have been the Interest Period for such Loan), over (ii) the amount of interest that would accrue on such principal amount for such period at the interest rate which such Lender would bid were it to bid, at the commencement of such period, for deposits in the applicable currency of a comparable amount and period from other banks in the Relevant Interbank Market or other applicable offshore interbank market. The Company shall also compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense attributable to any failure by any Borrower to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Term Benchmark Revolving Loan. A certificate of any Lender delivered to the Company setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Company shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

SECTION 2.17. Taxes. (a) Payments Free of Taxes. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable withholding agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a withholding agent, then the applicable withholding agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the

applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(b) Payment of Other Taxes by the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for, Other Taxes.

(c) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by any Loan Party to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section, such Loan Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(d) Indemnification by the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Company by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(e) Indemnification by the Lenders. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that any Loan Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 9.04(c) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by any Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph.

(f) Status of Lenders. (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from, or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent at the time or times reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding; provided that, other than in the case of U.S. Federal withholding Taxes, such Lender has received written notice from the Company advising

it of the availability of such exemption or reduction and containing all applicable documentation (together, if requested by such Lender, with a certified English translation thereof) and such Lender is reasonably satisfied that it is legally entitled to provide such documentation to the Company. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Company or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 2.17(f)(ii)(A), 2.17(f)(ii)(B) and 2.17(f)(ii)(D)) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the applicable Borrower is a U.S. Person:

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. Federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. Federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. Federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the applicable Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign

corporation” described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a “U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate”) and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-2 or Exhibit H-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. Federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Company or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. Federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Company and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender’s obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), “FATCA” shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the applicable Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(g) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph, in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(h) Defined Terms. For purposes of this Section, the term “Lender” includes any Issuing Bank and the term “applicable law” includes FATCA.

(i) Survival. Each party’s obligation under this Section shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, any Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of the Loans and other obligations hereunder.

SECTION 2.18. Payments Generally; Pro Rata Treatment; Sharing of Setoffs. (a) Each Borrower shall make each payment required to be made by it hereunder or under any other Loan Documents prior to the time expressly required hereunder or under such other Loan Document for such payment (or, if no such time is expressly required, then, in the case of payments in US Dollars, prior to 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date when due and, in the case of payments in Alternative Currency, no later than the Applicable Time specified by the Administrative Agent on the date when due), in each case, in immediately available funds, without any defense, setoff, recoupment or counterclaim. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding Business Day for purposes of calculating interest thereon. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative Agent to such account as the Administrative Agent shall from time to time specify in one or more notices delivered to the Company, except that payments required to be made directly to any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender shall be so made, payments pursuant to Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto and payments pursuant to other Loan Documents shall be made to the Persons specified therein. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for the account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. If any payment hereunder shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension. All payments hereunder of principal or interest in respect of any Loan or LC Disbursement shall, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, be made in the currency of such Loan or LC Disbursement; all

other payments hereunder and under each other Loan Document shall be made in US Dollars. Any payment required to be made by the Administrative Agent hereunder shall be deemed to have been made by the time required if the Administrative Agent shall, at or before such time, have taken the necessary steps to make such payment in accordance with the regulations or operating procedures of the clearing or settlement system used by the Administrative Agent to make such payment.

(b) If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, unreimbursed LC Disbursements, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied towards payment of the amounts then due hereunder ratably among the parties entitled thereto, in accordance with the amounts then due to such parties.

(c) If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Revolving Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or Swingline Loans resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans and accrued interest thereon than the proportion received by any other Lender, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall notify the Administrative Agent of such fact and shall purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans of other Lenders to the extent necessary so that the amount of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amounts of principal of and accrued interest on their Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans; provided that (i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest, and (ii) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to any payment made by the Borrowers pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement (for the avoidance of doubt, as in effect from time to time) or any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or Swingline Loans to any Person that is an Eligible Assignee (as such term is defined from time to time). Each Borrower consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Borrowers rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrowers in the amount of such participation.

(d) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of any Lenders or Issuing Banks hereunder that such Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the applicable Lenders or Issuing Banks, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if such Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the applicable Lenders or Issuing Banks, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of (A) if denominated in US Dollars, the greater of (x) the NYFRB Rate and (y) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (B) if denominated in any other currency, the

greater of (x) the interest rate reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent to reflect its cost of funds for the amount advanced by such Administrative Agent on behalf of such Lender or Issuing Bank (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error, it being understood that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, for such purpose deem its cost of funds to be equal to the Alternative Currency Overnight Rate) and (y) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

(e) If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it hereunder to or for the account of the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender, then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof), (i) apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations in respect of such payment until all such unsatisfied obligations have been discharged or (ii) hold any such amounts in a segregated account as cash collateral for, and application to, any future funding obligations of such Lender pursuant to Sections 2.05(c), 2.06(d), 2.06(f), 2.07(b), 2.18(d) and 9.03(c), in each case in such order as shall be determined by the Administrative Agent in its discretion.

(f) In the event that any financial statements delivered under Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b), or any Compliance Certificate delivered under Section 5.01(c), shall prove to have been materially inaccurate, and such inaccuracy shall have resulted in the payment of any interest or fees at rates lower than those that were in fact applicable for any period (based on the actual Leverage Ratio), then, if such inaccuracy is discovered prior to the termination of the Commitments and the repayment in full of the principal of all Loans and the reduction of the LC Exposure to zero, the Borrowers shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for distribution to the Lenders (or former Lenders) as their interests may appear, the accrued interest or fees that should have been paid but were not paid as a result of such misstatement.

SECTION 2.19. Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders. (a) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, or if the Borrowers are required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or to any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, then such Lender shall (at the request of the Company) use commercially reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign and delegate its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or Affiliates if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment and delegation (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.15 or 2.17, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not be inconsistent with its internal policies or otherwise disadvantageous to such Lender. The Company hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment and delegation.

(b) If (i) any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, (ii) any Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, (iii) any Lender has become a Defaulting Lender or (iv) any Lender has failed to consent to a proposed amendment, waiver, discharge or termination that under Section 9.02 requires the consent of all the Lenders (or all the affected Lenders) and with respect to which the Required Lenders shall have granted their consent, then the Company may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and

subject to the restrictions contained in Section 9.04), all its interests, rights (other than any outstanding Competitive Loans held by it and its existing rights to payment pursuant to Section 2.15 or 2.17) and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment and delegation); provided that (A) the Company shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (and, in circumstances where its consent would be required under Section 9.04, each Issuing Bank and the Swingline Lender), which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, delayed or conditioned, (B) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans (other than Competitive Loans) and, if applicable, participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder, from the assignee (in the case of such principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Company (in the case of all other amounts), (C) in the case of any such assignment and delegation resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.15 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.17, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments and (D) in the case of any such assignment and delegation resulting from the failure to provide a consent, the assignee shall have given such consent and, as a result of such assignment and delegation and any contemporaneous assignments and delegations and consents, the applicable amendment, waiver, discharge or termination can be effected. A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment and delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver or consent by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Company to require such assignment and delegation have ceased to apply. Each party hereto agrees that an assignment and delegation required pursuant to this paragraph may be effected pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption executed by the Company, the Administrative Agent and the assignee and that the Lender required to make such assignment and delegation need not be a party thereto.

SECTION 2.20. Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

(a) commitment fees shall cease to accrue on the unused amount of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12(a);

(b) the Commitment, the Revolving Credit Exposure and the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Competitive Loans of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether the Required Lenders or any other requisite Lenders have taken or may take any action hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including any consent to any amendment, waiver or other modification pursuant to Section 9.02); provided that any amendment, waiver or other modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or all Lenders affected thereby shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 9.02, require the consent of such Defaulting Lender in accordance with the terms hereof;

(c) if any Swingline Exposure or LC Exposure exists at the time such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:

(i) the Swingline Exposure (other than any portion thereof with respect to which such Defaulting Lender shall have funded its participation as contemplated by Section 2.05(c) and, in the case of any Defaulting Lender that is the Swingline Lender, other than the portion of the Swingline Exposure referred to in clause (b) of the definition of such term) and LC Exposure of such Defaulting Lender (other

than any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements with respect to which such Defaulting Lender shall have funded its participation as contemplated by Sections 2.06(d) and 2.06(f) shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages but only to the extent that, with respect to each Non-Defaulting Lender, the sum of such Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Exposures plus such Defaulting Lender's Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure (in each case, excluding the portion thereof referred to above) to be reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender does not exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Commitment;

(ii) if the reallocation described in clause (i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrowers shall within one Business Day following notice by the Administrative Agent (A) first, prepay the portion of such Defaulting Lender's Swingline Exposure (other than any portion thereof referred to in the parenthetical in such clause (i)) that has not been reallocated as set forth in such clause and (B) second, cash collateralize for the benefit of the Issuing Banks the portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (other than any portion thereof referred to in the parenthetical in such clause (i)) that has not been reallocated as set forth in such clause in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.06(i) for so long as such LC Exposure is outstanding;

(iii) if the Borrowers cash collateralize any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to clause (ii) above, the Borrowers shall not be required to pay participation fees to such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12(b) with respect to such portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure for so long as such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is cash collateralized;

(iv) if any portion of the LC Exposure of such Defaulting Lender is reallocated pursuant to clause (i) above, then the fees payable to the Lenders pursuant to Sections 2.12(a) and 2.12(b) shall be adjusted to give effect to such reallocation;

(v) if all or any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure that is subject to reallocation pursuant to clause (i) above is neither reallocated nor cash collateralized pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above, then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of any Issuing Bank or any other Lender hereunder, all participation fees payable under Section 2.12(b) with respect to such portion of its LC Exposure, shall be payable to the Issuing Banks (and allocated among them ratably based on the amount of such portion of the LC Exposure of such Defaulting Lender attributable to Letters of Credit issued by each Issuing Bank) until and to the extent that such LC Exposure is reallocated and/or cash collateralized; and

(d) so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan and no Issuing Bank shall be required to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit, unless, in each case, it is satisfied that the related exposure and the Defaulting Lender's then outstanding Swingline Exposure or LC Exposure, as applicable, will be fully covered by the Commitments of the Non-Defaulting Lenders and/or cash collateral provided by the Borrowers in accordance with clause (c) above, and participating interests in any such funded Swingline Loan or in any such issued, amended or extended Letter of Credit will be allocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in a manner

consistent with clause (c)(i) above (and such Defaulting Lender shall not participate therein).

In the event that (x) a Bankruptcy Event with respect to a Lender Parent shall have occurred following the date hereof and for so long as such Bankruptcy Event shall continue or (y) the Swingline Lender or any Issuing Bank has a good faith belief that any Lender has defaulted in fulfilling its obligations under one or more other agreements in which such Lender commits to extend credit, the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan, and such Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit, unless the Swingline Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, shall have entered into arrangements with the Borrowers or the applicable Lender satisfactory to the Swingline Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, to defease any risk to it in respect of such Lender hereunder.

In the event that the Administrative Agent, the Company, the Swingline Lender and each Issuing Bank each agree that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure of the Lenders shall be readjusted to reflect the inclusion of such Lender's Commitment and on such date such Lender shall purchase at par such of the Revolving Loans and such of the funded participations in Swingline Loans and LC Disbursements of the other Lenders as the Administrative Agent shall determine may be necessary in order for such Lender to hold such Loans and participations in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, and such Lender shall thereupon cease to be a Defaulting Lender (but shall not be entitled to receive any fees accrued during the period when it was a Defaulting Lender, and all amendments, waivers or modifications effected without its consent in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.02 and this Section during such period shall be binding on it).

The rights and remedies against, and with respect to, a Defaulting Lender under this Section 2.20 are in addition to, and cumulative and not in limitation of, all other rights and remedies that the Administrative Agent and each Lender, each Issuing Bank, the Company or any other Borrower may at any time have against, or with respect to, such Defaulting Lender.

SECTION 2.21. Borrowing Subsidiaries. (a) The Company may at any time and from time to time request the designation of any wholly-owned Subsidiary as a Borrowing Subsidiary by delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement executed by such Subsidiary and the Company. As soon as practicable upon receipt of a Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall make a copy thereof available to each Lender and Issuing Bank. Unless any Lender or Issuing Bank shall inform the Administrative Agent within 10 Business Days (or, in the case of any such Subsidiary that is a Foreign Subsidiary, 15 Business Days) following the receipt of such Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement by such Lender or Issuing Bank that it is unlawful for such Lender or Issuing Bank to extend credit to such Subsidiary or that such Lender is restricted by internal policies of general applicability from extending credit to Persons organized or located in the jurisdiction in which such Subsidiary is organized or located, such Subsidiary shall for all purposes of this Agreement be a Borrowing Subsidiary and a party to this Agreement; provided that no Subsidiary shall become a Borrowing Subsidiary until each Lender and Issuing Bank shall have received all documentation and other information with respect to such Borrowing Subsidiary required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act, and if the Borrowing Subsidiary is a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, a Beneficial Ownership Certification from such Borrowing Subsidiary, that shall have been

requested by such Lender or Issuing Bank within the applicable period set forth above following its receipt of such Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement.

(b) Upon the execution by the Company and delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Borrowing Subsidiary Termination with respect to any Borrowing Subsidiary, such Subsidiary shall cease to be a Borrowing Subsidiary and a party to this Agreement; provided that no Borrowing Subsidiary Termination will become effective as to any Borrowing Subsidiary (other than to terminate such Borrowing Subsidiary's right to make further Borrowings or obtain Letters of Credit under this Agreement) at a time when any principal of or interest on any Loan to such Borrowing Subsidiary, or any Letter of Credit issued for the account of such Borrowing Subsidiary, shall be outstanding hereunder or any fees or other amounts remain unpaid with respect thereto. As soon as practicable upon receipt of a Borrowing Subsidiary Termination, the Administrative Agent shall make a copy thereof available to each Lender.

(c) Each Borrowing Subsidiary hereby irrevocably appoints the Company as its agent for all purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including (i) the giving and receipt of notices (including any Borrowing Request and any Interest Election Request) and (ii) the execution and delivery of all documents, instruments and certificates contemplated herein. Each Borrowing Subsidiary hereby acknowledges that any amendment or other modification to this Agreement or any other Loan Document may be effected as set forth in Section 9.02, that no consent of such Borrowing Subsidiary shall be required to effect any such amendment or other modification and that such Borrowing Subsidiary shall be bound by this Agreement or any other Loan Document (if it is theretofore a party thereto) as so amended or modified.

SECTION 2.22. Extension of Maturity Date. (a) The Company may, up to two times after the Effective Date, by written notice (an "Extension Notice") delivered to the Administrative Agent, request an extension (each, an "Extension") of the Maturity Date to a date no later than the first anniversary of the then existing Maturity Date (such existing Maturity Date, the "Existing Maturity Date"); provided that not more than a single Extension may be effected in any period of 12 consecutive months and, after giving effect thereto, the Maturity Date may not be more than five years after the applicable Extension Closing Date.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall promptly furnish a copy of each Extension Notice to each Lender, and shall request that each Lender advise the Administrative Agent whether or not such Lender agrees to the requested Extension within 20 days of delivery to such Lender of such Extension Notice; provided that any Lender that does not advise the Administrative Agent by the 20th day after the date of such Extension Notice shall be deemed to be have declined the requested Extension (each Lender agreeing to the requested Extension being called an "Extending Lender", and each Lender declining or deemed to have declined to agree to the requested Extension being called a "Non-Extending Lender"). The decision to agree or withhold agreement to any Extension hereunder shall be at the sole discretion of each Lender. If Lenders constituting not less than the Required Lenders shall have agreed to extend the Maturity Date before the anniversary of the Effective Date immediately following the delivery of the applicable Extension Notice, then, effective as of the Extension Closing Date with respect thereto, the Maturity Date applicable to the Extending Lenders shall be the first anniversary of the Existing Maturity Date; provided that no extension of the Maturity Date pursuant to this Section 2.22 shall become effective unless (the first date on which such consent of the Required Lenders is obtained and the conditions specified in this proviso are satisfied with respect to the applicable Extension being called the "Extension

Closing Date”) (A) the representations and warranties of each Loan Party set forth in the Loan Documents shall be true and correct (x) in the case of the representations and warranties qualified as to materiality, in all respects and (y) otherwise, in all material respects, in each case on and as of the Extension Closing Date, except in the case of any such representation and warranty that expressly relates to a prior date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be so true and correct on and as of such prior date, (B) on the Extension Closing Date, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing prior to or after giving effect thereto and (C) the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate dated as of the Extension Closing Date and executed by a Financial Officer of the Company to the effect that the conditions set forth in clauses (A) and (B) above have been satisfied. The Commitment of each Non-Extending Lender shall terminate on the Existing Maturity Date, and the principal amount of any outstanding Loans made by such Non-Extending Lender, together with any accrued interest thereon, and any accrued fees and other amounts payable to or for the account of such Non-Extending Lender hereunder shall be due and payable on the Existing Maturity Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the terms “Availability Period” and “Maturity Date” (without taking into consideration any extension pursuant to this Section 2.22), as such terms are used in reference to any Issuing Bank or any Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank or in reference to any Swingline Lender or any Swingline Loans, may not be extended with respect to any Issuing Bank or any Swingline Lender without the prior written consent of such Issuing Bank or such Swingline Lender (it being understood and agreed that in the event any Issuing Bank or any Swingline Lender shall not have consented to any Extension, (1) such Issuing Bank shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Bank hereunder and such Swingline Lender shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of a Swingline Lender hereunder through the applicable Existing Maturity Date (or the Availability Period determined on the basis thereof, as applicable), and thereafter shall have no obligation to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit or to make any Swingline Loan, as applicable (but shall, in each case, continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.05, 2.06, 2.15, 2.17 and 9.03 as to Letters of Credit issued or Swingline Loans made prior to such time), and (2) the Borrowers shall cause the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank to be zero no later than the day on which such LC Exposure would have been required to have been reduced to zero in accordance with the terms hereof without giving effect to the effectiveness of the extension of the applicable Existing Maturity Date pursuant to this Section (and in any event, no later than such Existing Maturity Date) and shall repay the principal amount of all outstanding Swingline Loans, together with any accrued interest thereon, on the Existing Maturity Date).

ARTICLE III

Representations and Warranties

Each of the Borrowers represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

SECTION 3.01. Organization; Powers. Each Loan Party and each Material Subsidiary is duly organized, validly existing and (to the extent the concept is applicable in such jurisdiction) in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, has all power and authority and all material Governmental Approvals required for the ownership and operation of its properties and the conduct of its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted and, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, is qualified to do business, and is in good standing, in every jurisdiction where such qualification is required.

SECTION 3.02. Authorization; Enforceability. The Transactions to be entered into by each Loan Party are within such Loan Party's corporate or other organizational powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational and, if required, stockholder or other equity holder action of each Loan Party. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of the Company and the other Borrowers and constitutes, and each other Loan Document to which any Loan Party is to be a party, when executed and delivered by such Loan Party, will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, the other Borrowers or such Loan Party, as the case may be, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 3.03. Governmental Approvals; Absence of Conflicts. The Transactions (a) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with or any other action by any Governmental Authority required to be made or obtained by the Company or any other Loan Party, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (b) will not violate any applicable law, including any order of any Governmental Authority, (c) will not violate the charter, by-laws or other organizational documents of the Company or any Subsidiary, (d) will not violate or result (alone or with notice or lapse of time, or both) in a default under any indenture or other material agreement or instrument binding upon the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their assets, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment, repurchase or redemption to be made by the Company or any Subsidiary, or give rise to a right of, or result in, any termination, cancellation, acceleration or right of renegotiation of any obligation thereunder, and (e) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than Liens permitted by Section 6.02) on any asset of the Company or any Subsidiary, except in the case of each of clauses (b) and (d), as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.04. Financial Condition; No Material Adverse Change.

(a) The Company has heretofore furnished to the Lenders (i) its consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity (or deficit) and cash flows as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, audited by and accompanied by the opinion of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, and (ii) its unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets and condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity (or deficit) and cash flows as of and for the fiscal quarters and the portions of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, June 30, 2019 and September 30, 2019. Such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of such date and for such period in accordance with GAAP, subject to, in the case of the financial statements referred to in clause (ii) above, normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of certain footnotes.

(b) Since December 31, 2018, there has been no event or condition that has resulted, or would reasonably be expected to result, in a material adverse change in the business, assets, operations or financial condition of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

SECTION 3.05. Properties. (a) The Company and each Subsidiary has good title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its property, except where the failure to have such title or interest would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) To the knowledge of the Company, the Company and each Subsidiary owns, or possesses the right to use, all IP Assets or licenses of IP Assets that are necessary for the conduct of its business as currently conducted, except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company, no IP Assets or licenses of IP Assets used by the Company or any Subsidiary in the operation of its business infringes upon the rights of any other Person, except for any such infringements that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.06. Litigation and Environmental Matters. (a) There are no actions, suits or proceedings by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority pending against or, to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, threatened against or affecting the Company or any Subsidiary that (i) would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) involve any of the Loan Documents or the Transactions.

(b) Except with respect to any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, none of the Company or any Subsidiary (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any Environmental Liability or (iv) knows of any basis for any Environmental Liability.

SECTION 3.07. Compliance with Laws and Agreements; No Default. The Company and each Subsidiary is in compliance with all laws, including all orders of Governmental Authorities, applicable to it or its property and all indentures, agreements and other instruments binding upon it or its property, except where the failure to comply, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 3.08. Investment Company Status. None of the Loan Parties are required to be registered as an investment company under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940.

SECTION 3.09. Taxes. The Company and each Subsidiary has timely filed or caused to be filed all Tax returns and reports required to have been filed and has paid or caused to be paid all Taxes required to have been paid by it, except (a) Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (b) to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.10. ERISA. No ERISA Events have occurred or are reasonably expected to occur that would, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The excess of the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 715) over the fair value of the assets of such Plan, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, did not, and would not reasonably be expected to, result in a Material Adverse Effect. The excess of the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations of all underfunded Plans (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Accounting Standards Codification Topic 715) over the fair value of the assets of all such underfunded Plans, as of the date

or dates of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, did not, and would not reasonably be expected to, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.11. Disclosure. The Borrowers have disclosed to the Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which the Company or any Subsidiary is subject, and all other matters known to the Borrowers, that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; provided that such agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions and other matters shall be deemed to have been disclosed if and when such documents or information, as applicable, have been made available in the annual, quarterly or current reports of the Company filed with the SEC and publicly available on the website of the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. None of the reports, financial statements, certificates or other written information or information formally presented in bank or due diligence meetings or conference calls, in each case, furnished by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary to the Administrative Agent, any Arranger or any Lender in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, included herein or therein or furnished hereunder or thereunder (as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that, with respect to forecasts or projected financial information, each of the Borrowers represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed by it to be reasonable at the time made and at the time so furnished and, if furnished prior to the Effective Date, as of the Effective Date (it being understood that such forecasts and projections may vary from actual results and that such variances may be material).

SECTION 3.12. Federal Reserve Regulations. No part of the proceeds of the Loans will be used, directly or indirectly, for any purpose that entails a violation (including on the part of any Lender) of Regulation U or X of the Board of Governors. Not more than 25% of the value of the assets subject to any restrictions on the sale, pledge or other disposition of assets under this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement between the Company or any Subsidiary and any Lender or Affiliate of a Lender will at any time be represented by margin stock.

SECTION 3.13. Borrowing Subsidiaries. (a) Each Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is subject to civil and commercial laws with respect to its obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, and the execution, delivery and performance by such Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary of this Agreement and any other Loan Documents to which it is a party constitute and will constitute private and commercial acts and not public or governmental acts. Neither any Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary nor any of its property has any immunity from jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service or notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution, execution or otherwise) under the laws of the jurisdiction in which such Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is organized and existing in respect of its obligations under this Agreement and any other Loan Documents to which it is a party.

(b) This Agreement and each other Loan Document to which any Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is a party are in proper legal form under the laws of the jurisdiction in which such Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is organized and existing for the enforcement thereof against such Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary under the laws of such jurisdiction and to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability, priority or admissibility in evidence of this Agreement and such other Loan Documents. It is not necessary, in order to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability, priority or admissibility in evidence of this Agreement or any other Loan Document to which any Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is a

party, that this Agreement or any other such Loan Document be filed, registered or recorded with, or executed or notarized before, any court or other authority in the jurisdiction in which such Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is organized and existing or that any registration charge or stamp or similar tax be paid on or in respect of this Agreement or any such other Loan Document, except for (i) any such filing, registration, recording, execution or notarization as has been made or is not required to be made until this Agreement or such other Loan Document is sought to be enforced and (ii) any charge or tax as has been timely paid or is not required to be paid until this Agreement or such other Loan Document is sought to be enforced.

(c) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and each other Loan Document to which any Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is a party are, under applicable foreign exchange control regulations of the jurisdiction in which such Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary is organized and existing, not subject to any notification or authorization, except (i) such as have been made or obtained or (ii) such as cannot be made or obtained until a later date (provided that any notification or authorization described in clause (ii) shall be made or obtained as soon as is reasonably practicable).

SECTION 3.14. Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Company has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to promote compliance by the Company, the Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Company and the Subsidiaries and, to the Company's knowledge and in connection with their activities for the Company and the Subsidiaries, the respective officers, employees, directors and agents of the Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of (a) the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective directors or officers or (b) to the knowledge of the Company, any employee of the Company or any Subsidiary, or any agent of the Company or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country. The Transactions will not violate any Anti-Corruption Law or applicable Sanctions.

ARTICLE IV

Conditions

SECTION 4.01. Effective Date. The obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Banks to issue Letters of Credit hereunder shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following conditions shall be satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02):

(a) The Administrative Agent shall have received from each party hereto either (i) a counterpart of this Agreement signed on behalf of such party or (ii) evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include a facsimile or other electronic transmission) that such party has signed a counterpart of this Agreement.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall have received a favorable written opinion (addressed to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks and dated the Effective Date) of each of (i) Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, counsel for the Borrowers, and (ii) local counsel for the Borrowers in each jurisdiction in which any Borrower is organized, and the laws of which are not

covered by the opinion letter referred to in clause (i) above, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall have received such documents and certificates as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of each Borrower, the authorization of the Transactions and any other legal matters relating to the Borrowers, the Loan Documents or the Transactions, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate, dated the Effective Date and signed by the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer of the Company, confirming satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Sections 4.02(a) and 4.02(b).

(e) The Administrative Agent shall have received all fees and other amounts due and payable on or prior to the Effective Date, including, to the extent invoiced, payment or reimbursement of all fees and expenses (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel) required to be paid or reimbursed by any Borrower under the Fee Letter or any Loan Document.

(f) At least three days prior to the Effective Date, the Lenders shall have received all documentation and other information required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act, and if any Borrower qualifies as a “legal entity customer” under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Borrower, in each case, to the extent requested in writing (which may be by email) at least 10 days’ prior to the Effective Date.

(g) All principal, interest, fees and other amounts due or outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement shall have been paid in full, the commitments thereunder shall have been or substantially concurrently shall be terminated, all letters of credit issued thereunder shall have expired or been terminated or shall be Existing Letters of Credit, and the Administrative Agent shall have received reasonably satisfactory evidence thereof.

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders of the Effective Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Bank to issue Letters of Credit hereunder shall not become effective unless each of the foregoing conditions shall have been satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02) at or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on December 12, 2019 (and, in the event such conditions shall not have been so satisfied or waived, the Commitments shall terminate at such time).

SECTION 4.02. Each Credit Event. The obligation of each Lender to make a Loan on the occasion of any Borrowing (other than any conversion or continuation of any Loan), and of each Issuing Bank to issue, amend to increase the amount thereof or extend any Letter of Credit, is subject to receipt of the request therefor in accordance herewith and to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) The representations and warranties of each Loan Party set forth in the Loan Documents (except, after the Effective Date, the representations and warranties set forth in Sections 3.04(b) and 3.06(a)) shall be true and correct (i) in

the case of the representations and warranties qualified as to materiality, in all respects and (ii) otherwise, in all material respects, in each case on and as of the date of such Borrowing or the date of issuance, amendment or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, except in the case of any such representation and warranty that expressly relates to a prior date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be so true and correct on and as of such prior date.

(b) At the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing or the issuance, amendment or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

On the date of any Borrowing (other than any conversion or continuation of any Loan) or the issuance, amendment to increase the amount thereof or extension of any Letter of Credit, the Company and the other Borrowers shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section have been satisfied and that, after giving effect to such Borrowing, or such issuance, amendment or extension of a Letter of Credit, the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure (or any component thereof) shall not exceed the maximum amount thereof (or the maximum amount of any such component) specified in Section 2.01, 2.04(a), 2.05(a) or 2.06(b).

SECTION 4.03. Conditions to Initial Borrowing by each Borrowing Subsidiary. The obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Banks to issue Letters of Credit hereunder to or for the account of any Borrowing Subsidiary shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following additional conditions shall be satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02):

(a) The Administrative Agent shall have received such documents and certificates, including such opinions of counsel, as the Administrative Agent or its counsel may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of such Borrowing Subsidiary, the authorization of the Transactions by such Borrowing Subsidiary, the incumbency of the Persons executing any Loan Document on behalf of such Borrowing Subsidiary and any other legal matters reasonably relating to such Borrowing Subsidiary, this Agreement, its Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement or the Transactions, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(b) The Lenders shall have received all documentation and other information required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act, and if such Borrowing Subsidiary qualifies as a “legal entity customer” under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Borrowing Subsidiary.

ARTICLE V

Affirmative Covenants

Until the Commitments shall have expired or been terminated, the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder shall have been paid in full, all Letters of Credit shall have expired or been terminated and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, each of the Company and, with respect to itself, each of the other Borrowers covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

SECTION 5.01. Financial Statements and Other Information. The Company will furnish to the Administrative Agent, on behalf of each Lender:

(a) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, its audited consolidated balance sheet and related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity (or deficit) and cash flows as of the end of and for such fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the prior fiscal year, all audited by and accompanied by the opinion of KPMG LLP or another independent registered public accounting firm of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of the end of and for such year in accordance with GAAP;

(b) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of the Company, its condensed consolidated balance sheet as of the end of such fiscal quarter, related condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year and the related statements of cash flows for the then elapsed portion of such fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the prior fiscal year, all certified by a Financial Officer of the Company as presenting fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and such portion of the fiscal year in accordance with GAAP, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of certain footnotes;

(c) concurrently with each delivery of financial statements under clause (a) or (b) above, a completed Compliance Certificate signed by a Financial Officer of the Company, (i) certifying as to whether a Default has occurred and, if a Default has occurred, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, (ii) setting forth reasonably detailed calculations demonstrating compliance with Section 6.06 and (iii) if any change in GAAP or in the application thereof has occurred since the date of the consolidated balance sheet of the Company most recently theretofore delivered under clause (a) or (b) above (or, prior to the first such delivery, referred to in Section 3.04) that has had, or could have, a significant effect on the calculation of the Leverage Ratio, specifying the nature of such change and the effect thereof on such calculations;

(d) promptly after the same become publicly available, copies of all periodic and other reports, proxy statements and other materials filed by the Company or any Subsidiary with the SEC or with any national securities exchange, or distributed by the Company to its shareholders generally, as the case may be;

(e) promptly after any request therefor by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, copies of (i) any documents described in Section 101(k)(1) of ERISA that the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates may request with respect to any Multiemployer Plan and (ii) any notices described in Section 101(l)(1) of ERISA that the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates may request with respect to any

Multiemployer Plan; provided that if the Company or any of its ERISA Affiliates has not requested such documents or notices from the administrator or sponsor of the applicable Multiemployer Plan, the Company or the applicable ERISA Affiliate shall promptly make a request for such documents and notices from such administrator or sponsor and shall provide copies of such documents and notices promptly after receipt thereof;

(f) promptly after any request therefor, all documentation and other information that any Lender may reasonably request in order to comply with ongoing obligations under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation; and

(g) promptly after any request therefor, such other information regarding the operations, business affairs, assets, liabilities (including contingent liabilities) and financial condition of the Company or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of any Loan Document, as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request.

Information required to be delivered pursuant to clause (a), (b) or (d) this Section shall be deemed to have been delivered if and when such information, or one or more annual or quarterly reports containing such information, shall have been posted by the Administrative Agent on an Approved Electronic Platform to which the Lenders have been granted access or shall be publicly available on the website of the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information required to be delivered pursuant to this Section may also be delivered by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent. In the event any financial statements delivered under clause (a) or (b) above shall be restated, the Company shall deliver, promptly after such restated financial statements become available, revised Compliance Certificates with respect to the periods covered thereby that give effect to such restatement, signed by a Financial Officer of the Company.

SECTION 5.02. Notices of Material Events. The Company will furnish to the Administrative Agent, promptly upon any Responsible Officer acquiring knowledge thereof, written notice of the following:

(a) the occurrence of, or receipt by the Company of any written notice claiming the occurrence of, any Default;

(b) the filing or commencement of any action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting the Company or any Subsidiary, or any adverse development in any such pending action, suit or proceeding not previously disclosed in writing by the Company to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, that in each case would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or that in any manner questions the validity of any Loan Document;

(c) the occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(d) any other development that has resulted, or would reasonably be expected to result, in a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice delivered under this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of a Financial Officer or other executive officer of the Company (in the case of clause (a) above, stating that it is a “notice of default”) setting forth the details of the event or development requiring such notice and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto.

SECTION 5.03. Existence; Conduct of Business. (a) The Company and each Subsidiary will do or cause to be done all things reasonably necessary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect (i) its rights, licenses, permits, privileges, franchises and IP Assets, except, in each case, to the extent the failure to do any of the foregoing, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and (ii) in the case of any Borrower, its legal existence; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit any transaction permitted under Section 6.03.

(b) Subject to Section 5.03(a), the Company and each Subsidiary will take all reasonable actions to protect all IP Assets or licenses of IP Assets necessary to the conduct of its business as currently conducted, except where the failure to take any such action, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.04. Payment of Taxes. The Company and each Subsidiary will pay its obligations, including Tax liabilities, before the same shall become delinquent or in default, except where (a)(i) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (ii) the Company or such Subsidiary has set aside on its books reserves with respect thereto to the extent required by GAAP and (iii) such contest effectively suspends collection of the contested obligation and the enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation or (b) the failure to make payment would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.05. Maintenance of Properties. The Company and each Subsidiary will keep and maintain all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and except to the extent the failure to do so would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.06. Insurance. The Company and each Subsidiary will maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance in such amounts (with no greater risk retention) and against such risks as are customarily maintained by companies of established repute engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations.

SECTION 5.07. Books and Records; Inspection and Audit Rights. The Company and each Subsidiary will keep proper books of record and account in which full, true and correct entries in accordance with GAAP and applicable law are made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities. The Company and each Subsidiary will permit the Administrative Agent or any Lender, and any agent designated by any of the foregoing, upon reasonable prior notice, (a) to visit and inspect its properties, (b) to examine and make extracts from its books and records and (c) to discuss its operations, business affairs, assets, liabilities (including contingent liabilities) and financial condition with its officers and independent registered public accounting firm, all at such reasonable times and as often as reasonably requested.

SECTION 5.08. Compliance with Laws. The Company and each Subsidiary will comply with all laws and will maintain in full force and effect all Governmental Approvals, in each case, applicable to it or its property, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to promote compliance by the Company, the Subsidiaries and, in connection with their activities for the Company and the Subsidiaries, their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

SECTION 5.09. Use of Proceeds and Letters of Credit. The proceeds of the Loans will be used solely for working capital purposes of the Company and the Subsidiaries, to finance permitted acquisitions, permitted stock repurchases and capital expenditures and for other general corporate purposes of the Company and the Subsidiaries. Letters of Credit will be issued for general corporate purposes of the Company and the Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE VI

Negative Covenants

Until the Commitments shall have expired or been terminated, the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder shall have been paid in full, all Letters of Credit shall have expired or been terminated and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, each of the Company and, with respect to itself, each of the Borrowing Subsidiaries covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

SECTION 6.01. Subsidiary Indebtedness. The Company will not permit any Subsidiary (other than any Subsidiary Guarantor) to create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) Indebtedness created under the Loan Documents;

(b) Indebtedness existing on the date hereof and set forth on Schedule 6.01, and any extensions, renewals and refinancings thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof except by an amount no greater than accrued and unpaid interest with respect to such Indebtedness and any reasonable fees, premium and expenses relating to such extension, renewal or refinancing;

(c) Indebtedness owed to the Company or any Subsidiary; provided that such Indebtedness shall not have been transferred or assigned to any Person other than the Company or any Subsidiary;

(d) Guarantees by any Subsidiary of Indebtedness of any other Subsidiary permitted under this Section 6.01; provided that no Subsidiary shall Guarantee Indebtedness that it would not have been permitted to incur under this Section 6.01 if it were a primary obligor thereon;

(e) Indebtedness incurred to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of any fixed or capital assets, including Capitalized Lease Obligations, or assumed in connection with the acquisition of any fixed or capital assets, provided that the principal amount of such Indebtedness does not exceed the cost of acquiring, constructing or improving such fixed or capital assets, and

any extensions, renewals and refinancings thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof except by an amount no greater than accrued and unpaid interest with respect to such Indebtedness and any reasonable fees, premium and expenses relating to such extension, renewal or refinancing;

(f) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary (or of any Person not previously a Subsidiary that is merged or consolidated with or into a Subsidiary in a transaction permitted hereunder) after the date hereof, or Indebtedness of any Person that is assumed by any Subsidiary in connection with an acquisition of assets by such Subsidiary in a transaction permitted hereunder; provided that such Indebtedness exists at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary (or is so merged or consolidated) or such assets are acquired and is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such Person becoming a Subsidiary (or such merger or consolidation) or such assets being acquired, and any extensions, renewals and refinancings thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof except by an amount no greater than accrued and unpaid interest with respect to such obligations and any reasonable fees, premium and expenses relating to such extension, renewal or refinancing;

(g) Indebtedness owed in respect of any overdrafts and related liabilities arising from treasury, depository and cash management services or in connection with any automated clearing-house transfers of funds; provided that such Indebtedness shall be repaid in full within five Business Days of the incurrence thereof;

(h) Indebtedness in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees and similar instruments issued for the account of any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business supporting obligations under (i) workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws and (ii) bids, trade contracts, leases (other than Capitalized Lease Obligations), statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and obligations of a like nature; and

(i) other Indebtedness; provided that the sum, without duplication, of (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Indebtedness permitted by this clause (i), (ii) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding obligations secured by Liens permitted by Section 6.02(k) and (iii) the aggregate amount of Attributable Debt in respect of Sale/Leaseback Transactions permitted by Section 6.04(b) shall not at any time exceed US\$300,000,000.

SECTION 6.02. Liens. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary will create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any asset now owned or hereafter acquired by it, or assign or sell any income or revenues (including accounts receivable and royalties) or rights in respect of any thereof, except:

(a) Liens created under the Loan Documents;

(b) Permitted Encumbrances;

(c) any Lien on any asset of the Company or any Subsidiary existing on the date hereof and set forth on Schedule 6.02; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other asset of the Company or any Subsidiary and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations that it secures on the date hereof and any extensions, renewals and refinancings thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof except by an amount no greater than accrued and unpaid

interest with respect to such obligations and any reasonable fees, premium and expenses relating to such extension, renewal or refinancing;

(d) any Lien existing on any asset prior to the acquisition thereof by the Company or any Subsidiary or existing on any asset of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary (or of any Person not previously a Subsidiary that is merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Subsidiary in a transaction permitted hereunder) after the date hereof prior to the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary (or is so merged or consolidated); provided that (i) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition or such Person becoming a Subsidiary (or such merger or consolidation), (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other asset of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than, in the case of any such merger or consolidation, the assets of any Subsidiary that is a party thereto) and (iii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations that it secures on the date of such acquisition or the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary (or is so merged or consolidated), and any extensions, renewals and refinancings thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof except by an amount no greater than accrued and unpaid interest with respect to such obligations and any reasonable fees, premium and expenses relating to such extension, renewal or refinancing;

(e) Liens on fixed or capital assets acquired, constructed or improved by the Company or any Subsidiary; provided that (i) such Liens secure only Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01(e) or, for the avoidance of doubt, Indebtedness of the type referred to in Section 6.01(e) that would be permitted to be incurred by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor under Section 6.01(e) if it were subject to Section 6.01 and obligations relating thereto not constituting Indebtedness and (ii) such Liens shall not apply to any other asset of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than the proceeds and products thereof); provided further that in the event purchase money obligations are owed to any Person with respect to financing of more than one purchase of any fixed or capital assets, such Liens may secure all such purchase money obligations and may apply to all such fixed or capital assets financed by such Person;

(f) in connection with the sale or transfer of any Equity Interests or other assets, customary rights and restrictions contained in agreements relating to such sale or transfer pending the completion thereof;

(g) in the case of (i) any Subsidiary that is not a wholly-owned Subsidiary or (ii) the Equity Interests in any Person that is not a Subsidiary, any encumbrance or restriction, including any put and call arrangements, related to Equity Interests in such Subsidiary or such other Person set forth in the organizational documents of such Subsidiary or such other Person or any related joint venture, shareholders' or similar agreement;

(h) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits, escrow arrangements or similar arrangements made by the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement for any acquisition or other transaction permitted hereunder;

(i) Liens on cash or cash equivalents securing (i) obligations in respect of Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business and (ii) obligations in respect of letters of credit; provided that the aggregate fair value of

the assets subject to such Liens in respect of obligations referred to in subclause (ii) shall not at any time exceed US\$30,000,000 in the aggregate;

(j) Liens on any asset of a Subsidiary securing Indebtedness of such Subsidiary owed to the Company or to another Subsidiary; provided that such Liens on the assets of any Loan Party may only secure Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor; and

(k) other Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations, provided that the sum, without duplication, of (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01(i), (ii) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding obligations secured by Liens permitted by this clause (k) and (iii) the aggregate amount of Attributable Debt in respect of Sale/Leaseback Transactions permitted by Section 6.04(b) shall not at any time exceed US\$300,000,000.

SECTION 6.03. Fundamental Changes; Business Activities. (a) Neither the Company nor any Borrowing Subsidiary or Subsidiary Guarantor (or, in the case of liquidation or dissolution, any other Subsidiary) will merge into or consolidate with any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge into or consolidate with it, or liquidate or dissolve, except that, if at the time thereof and immediately after giving effect thereto no Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (i) any Person (including any Borrowing Subsidiary) may merge into the Company in a transaction in which the Company is the surviving corporation, (ii) any Person (other than the Company) may merge into or consolidate with any Borrowing Subsidiary in a transaction in which such Borrowing Subsidiary (or, in the case of any such transaction involving more than one Borrowing Subsidiary, a Borrowing Subsidiary) is the surviving entity, (iii) any Person may merge into or consolidate with any Subsidiary Guarantor in a transaction in which (x) in the case of any such transaction involving the Company, the Company or (y) otherwise, such Subsidiary Guarantor or any Person that, substantially concurrently with the consummation of such transaction, becomes a Subsidiary Guarantor is the surviving entity and (iv) any Subsidiary (other than a Borrowing Subsidiary) may liquidate or dissolve if the Company determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Company and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders.

(b) The Company will not, and will not permit the Subsidiaries to, sell, transfer, lease, exclusively license or otherwise dispose of (in one transaction or in a series of transactions, and whether directly or through any merger or consolidation), other than to the Company or one or more Subsidiaries, assets representing all or substantially all the consolidated assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries (whether now owned or hereafter acquired), taken as a whole.

(c) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary will engage to any material extent in any business other than businesses of the type conducted by the Company and the Subsidiaries on the date hereof and businesses reasonably related, similar, complementary or ancillary thereto or a reasonable extension thereof.

(d) The Company will not permit any Borrowing Subsidiary, for so long as it is a Borrowing Subsidiary, to cease to be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company.

SECTION 6.04. Sale/Leaseback Transactions. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary will enter into or be a party to any Sale/Leaseback Transaction, except (a) Sale/Leaseback Transactions to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party as of the date hereof and (b) other Sale/Leaseback Transactions not expressly permitted by clause

(a) above, provided that the sum, without duplication, of (i) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01(i), (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding obligations secured by Liens permitted by Section 6.02(k) and (iii) the aggregate amount of Attributable Debt in respect of Sale/Leaseback Transactions permitted by this clause (b) shall not at any time exceed US\$300,000,000.

SECTION 6.05. Use of Proceeds. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary will use part of the proceeds of any Loan or use any Letter of Credit, whether directly or indirectly, for any purpose that violates (including on the part of any Lender) Regulation U or X of the Board of Governors, as in effect from time to time. The Borrowers will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and the Borrowers shall not use, and the Company shall procure that the Subsidiaries and its and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit (a) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or in a material violation of any other Anti-Corruption Laws, (b) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, except to the extent permissible for a Person required to comply with Sanctions or (c) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

SECTION 6.06. Leverage Ratio. The Company will not permit the Leverage Ratio at any time to exceed 4.00 to 1.00.

ARTICLE VII

Events of Default

If any of the following events ("Events of Default") shall occur:

(a) any Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or otherwise;

(b) any Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in clause (a) of this Article) payable under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, when and as the same shall become due and payable, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of three Business Days;

(c) any representation, warranty or statement made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary in any Loan Document or in any report, certificate, financial statement or other information provided pursuant to or in connection with any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made;

(d) any Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 5.02(a), 5.03 (with respect to any Borrower's existence) or 5.09 or in Article VI;

(e) any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in any Loan Document (other than those specified in clause (a), (b) or (d) of this Article), and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after notice thereof from the Administrative Agent or any Lender to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent in the case of any such notice from a Lender);

(f) the Company or any Subsidiary shall fail to make any payment (whether of principal, interest, termination payment or other payment obligation and regardless of amount) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, when and as the same shall become due and payable (but only after all the periods of grace, if any, applicable thereto have lapsed);

(g) any event or condition occurs that results in any Material Indebtedness becoming due prior to its scheduled maturity, or to be required to be prepaid, repurchased, redeemed or defeased prior to its scheduled maturity; provided that this clause (g) shall not apply to (i) any secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the assets securing such Indebtedness, (ii) any Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of a voluntary prepayment, repurchase or redemption thereof or (iii) any Indebtedness incurred to finance an Acquisition that becomes due pursuant to a "special mandatory redemption" or a similar provision on account of such Acquisition not having been consummated;

(h) an involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (i) liquidation, reorganization or other relief in respect of the Company or any Material Subsidiary or its debts, or of a substantial part of its assets, under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for the Company or any Material Subsidiary or for a substantial part of its assets, and, in any such case, such proceeding or petition shall continue undismissed for 60 days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered;

(i) the Company or any Material Subsidiary shall (i) voluntarily commence any proceeding or file any petition seeking liquidation (other than any liquidation permitted by Section 6.03(a)(iv)), reorganization or other relief under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in clause (h) of this Article, (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for the Company or any Material Subsidiary or for a substantial part of its assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding or (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Company or any Material Subsidiary (or any committee thereof) shall adopt any resolution or otherwise authorize any action to approve any of the actions referred to above in this clause (i) or clause (h) of this Article;

(j) the Company or any Material Subsidiary shall admit in writing its inability or fail generally to pay its debts as they become due;

(k) one or more judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of US\$75,000,000 (other than any such judgment covered by

insurance (other than under a self insurance program) to the extent a claim therefor has been made in writing and liability therefor has not been denied by the insurer and such insurer is financially sound), shall be rendered against the Company, any Material Subsidiary or any combination thereof and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of 30 consecutive days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed, or any action shall be legally taken by a judgment creditor to attach or levy upon any assets of the Company or any Material Subsidiary to enforce any such judgment;

(l) one or more ERISA Events shall have occurred that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(m) any Guarantee purported to be created under any Loan Document shall cease to be, or shall be asserted by any Loan Party not to be, in full force and effect, except, in the case of a Guarantee by a Subsidiary Guarantor, as expressly provided in Section 9.20; or

(n) a Change in Control shall occur;

then, and in every such event (other than an event with respect to any Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of this Article), and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such event, the Administrative Agent may with the consent, and shall at the request, of the Required Lenders, by notice to the Company, take any or all of the following actions, at the same or different times: (i) terminate the Commitments, and thereupon the Commitments shall terminate immediately, (ii) declare the Loans then outstanding to be due and payable in whole (or in part (but ratably as among the Loans at the time outstanding), in which case any principal not so declared to be due and payable may thereafter be declared to be due and payable), and thereupon the principal of the Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Borrowers hereunder, shall become due and payable immediately, and (iii) require the deposit of cash collateral in respect of LC Exposure as provided in Section 2.06(i), in each case without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Company and each Borrowing Subsidiary; and in the case of any event with respect to any Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of this Article, the Commitments shall automatically terminate, the principal of the Loans then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Company and each Borrowing Subsidiary hereunder, shall immediately and automatically become due and payable and the deposit of such cash collateral in respect of LC Exposure shall immediately and automatically become due, in each case without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Company and each Borrowing Subsidiary.

ARTICLE VIII

The Administrative Agent

SECTION 8.01. Authorization and Action. (a) Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks hereby irrevocably appoints the entity named as Administrative Agent in the heading of this Agreement and its successors and assigns to serve as Administrative Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise

such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of the Loan Documents, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto.

(b) Any Person serving as Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender or an Issuing Bank as any other Lender or Issuing Bank and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent, and such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Company or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders or the Issuing Banks.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth in the Loan Documents, and the duties of the Administrative Agent hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) the Administrative Agent shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing (and it is understood and agreed that the use of the term “agent” herein or in any other Loan Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law, and that such term is used as a matter of market custom and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties), (b) the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or to exercise any discretionary power, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated by the Loan Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith to be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in the Loan Documents); provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion, could expose the Administrative Agent to liability or be contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law, including any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any requirement of law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any requirement of law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors; provided that the Administrative Agent may seek clarification or direction from the Required Lenders prior to the exercise of any such instructed action and may refrain from acting until such clarification or direction has been provided, and (c) except as expressly set forth in the Loan Documents, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Company, any Subsidiary or any other Affiliate of the Company that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith to be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in the Loan Documents) or in the absence of its own gross negligence or wilful misconduct (such absence to be presumed unless otherwise determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and non-appealable judgment).

(d) The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice thereof (stating that it is a “notice of default”) is given to the Administrative Agent by the Company, a Lender or an Issuing Bank, and

the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made or deemed made in or in connection with any Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered thereunder or in connection therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth in any Loan Document or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the sufficiency, validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere in any Loan Document, other than to confirm receipt of items (which on their face purport to be such items) expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent or satisfaction of any condition that expressly refers to the matters described therein being acceptable or satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not have any liability arising from, or be responsible for any loss, cost or expense suffered on account of, (A) any confirmation of the Revolving Credit Exposure, the component amounts thereof or any Exchange Rate or US Dollar Equivalent or (B) any determination that any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, or the effective date of such status, it being further understood and agreed that the Administrative Agent shall not have any obligation to determine whether any Lender is a Defaulting Lender. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan or any issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or an Issuing Bank, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, reasonably prior to the making of such Loan or such issuance, amendment or extension of a Letter of Credit.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall not incur any liability for relying, upon any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person (whether or not such Person in fact meets the requirements set forth in the Loan Documents for being the signatory, sender or authenticator thereof). The Administrative Agent also shall be entitled to rely, and shall not incur any liability for relying, upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be made by the proper Person (whether or not such Person in fact meets the requirements set forth in the Loan Documents for being the maker thereof), and may act upon any such statement prior to receipt of written confirmation thereof. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Company), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

(f) The Administrative Agent may perform any of and all its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any of and all their duties and exercise their rights and powers through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agent except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and nonappealable judgment that the

Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agent.

(g) In case of the pendency of any proceeding with respect to any Loan Party under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or any LC Disbursement shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on any Loan Party) shall be entitled and empowered (but not obligated) by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, LC Disbursements and all other obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Administrative Agent allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(ii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and each Issuing Bank to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, in the event that the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, to pay to the Administrative Agent any amount due to it, in its capacity as the Administrative Agent, under the Loan Documents (including under Section 9.03). Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or Issuing Bank any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Loans or other amounts outstanding hereunder or the rights of any Lender or Issuing Bank or to authorize the Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender or Issuing Bank in any such proceeding.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Arranger shall have any duties or obligations under this Agreement or any other Loan Document (except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or an Issuing Bank), but shall have the benefit of the indemnities provided for hereunder.

(i) The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, and, except for the Company's rights under Section 8.03, none of the Borrowers shall have any rights as a third party beneficiary of any such provisions.

SECTION 8.02. Posting of Communications. (a) The Borrowers agree that the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make any Communications available to the Lenders and the Issuing Banks by posting the Communications on IntraLinks™, DebtDomain, SyndTrak, ClearPar or any other electronic platform chosen by the Administrative Agent to be its electronic transmission system (the "Approved Electronic Platform").

(b) Although the Approved Electronic Platform and its primary web portal are secured with generally-applicable security procedures and policies implemented or modified by the Administrative Agent from time to time (including, as of the Effective Date, a user ID/password authorization system) and the Approved

Electronic Platform is secured through a per-deal authorization method whereby each user may access the Approved Electronic Platform only on a deal-by-deal basis, each of the Lenders, each of the Issuing Banks and the Borrowers acknowledges and agrees that the distribution of material through an electronic medium is not necessarily secure, that the Administrative Agent is not responsible for approving or vetting the representatives or contacts of any Lender or any Issuing Bank that are added to the Approved Electronic Platform, and that there may be confidentiality and other risks associated with such distribution. Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Borrowers hereby approves distribution of the Communications through the Approved Electronic Platform and understands and assumes the risks of such distribution.

(c) THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS ARE PROVIDED “AS IS” AND “AS AVAILABLE”. THE APPLICABLE PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM AND THE COMMUNICATIONS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY THE APPLICABLE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OR THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, THE ARRANGERS OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RELATED PARTIES (COLLECTIVELY, “APPLICABLE PARTIES”) HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY LOAN PARTY, ANY LENDER, ANY ISSUING BANK OR ANY OTHER PERSON FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT OR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF ANY LOAN PARTY’S OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT’S TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC PLATFORM.

(d) Each Lender and each Issuing Bank agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that Communications have been posted to the Approved Electronic Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender or Issuing Bank for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender and Issuing Bank agrees (i) to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (which could be in the form of electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender’s or Issuing Bank’s (as applicable) email address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and (ii) that the foregoing notice may be sent to such email address.

(e) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Borrowers agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but (except as may be required by applicable law) shall not be obligated to, store the Communications on the Approved Electronic Platform in accordance with the Administrative Agent’s generally applicable document retention procedures and policies.

(f) Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Loan Document in any other manner specified in such Loan Document.

SECTION 8.03. Successor Administrative Agent. Subject to the terms of this paragraph, the Administrative Agent may resign at any time from its capacity as such. In connection with such resignation, the Administrative Agent shall give notice of its intent to resign to the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Company. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, with the consent of the Company (which shall not be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), to appoint a successor. If no successor shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its intent to resign, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, appoint a successor Administrative Agent, which shall be a bank with an office in New York, New York, or an Affiliate of any such bank. If the Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (d) of the definition thereof, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by notice in writing to Company and the Administrative Agent remove the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such and, with the consent of the Company (which shall not be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), appoint a successor. Upon the acceptance of its appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or removed Administrative Agent, as the case may be, and such retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Company to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed by the Company and such successor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event (a) no successor Administrative Agent to a retiring Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its intent to resign, the retiring Administrative Agent may give notice of the effectiveness of its resignation to the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Company or (b) no successor to a removed Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment by the day that is 30 days following of the issuance of a notice of removal, the removal shall become effective on such 30th day, and on the date of effectiveness of such resignation or removal, as the case may be, (i) the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, and (ii) the Required Lenders shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or removed Administrative Agent; provided that (A) all payments required to be made hereunder or under any other Loan Document to the retiring or removed Administrative Agent for the account of any Person other than such Administrative Agent shall be made directly to such Person and (B) all notices and other communications required or contemplated to be given or made to the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall also directly be given or made to the other Administrative Agent and each Lender and each Issuing Bank. Following the effectiveness of an Administrative Agent's resignation or removal from its capacity as such, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.03, as well as any exculpatory, reimbursement and indemnification provisions set forth in any other Loan Document, shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while it was acting as an Administrative Agent.

SECTION 8.04. Acknowledgments of Lenders and Issuing Banks. (a) Each Lender and Issuing Bank acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any Arranger or any other Lender or Issuing Bank, or any of the Related Parties of any of the foregoing, and based on such documents

and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and Issuing Bank also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any Arranger or any other Lender or Issuing Bank, or any of the Related Parties of any of the foregoing, and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

(b) Each Lender, by delivering its signature page to this Agreement, or delivering its signature page to an Assignment and Assumption or an Accession Agreement pursuant to which it shall become a Lender hereunder, shall be deemed to have acknowledged receipt of, and consented to and approved, each Loan Document and each other document required to be delivered to, or be approved by or satisfactory to, any Agent or the Lenders on the Effective Date.

(c) (i) Each Lender and Issuing Bank hereby agrees that (x) if the Administrative Agent notifies such Lender or Issuing Bank that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender or Issuing Bank from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (whether as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, a "Payment") were erroneously transmitted to such Lender or such Issuing Bank (whether or not known to such Lender or Issuing Bank), and demands the return of such Payment (or a portion thereof), such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect, and (y) to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender or Issuing Bank shall not assert, and hereby waives, as to the Administrative Agent, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Payments received, including without limitation any defense based on "discharge for value" or any similar doctrine. A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender or Issuing Bank under this Section 8.04(c) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(ii) Each Lender and Issuing Bank hereby further agrees that if it receives a Payment from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such Payment (a "Payment Notice") or (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, it shall be on notice, in each such case, that an error has been made with respect to such Payment. Each Lender and Issuing Bank agrees that, in each such case, or if it otherwise becomes aware a Payment (or portion thereof) may have been sent in error, such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of such occurrence and, upon demand from the Administrative Agent, it shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender or Issuing Bank to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the

NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

(iii) Each of the Borrowers and each other Loan Party hereby agrees that (x) in the event an erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered from any Lender or Issuing Bank that has received such Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Administrative Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, with respect to such amount and (y) an erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any obligations owed by any Borrower or any other Loan Party, provided that this clause (iii) shall not be interpreted to increase (or accelerate the due date for), or have the effect of increasing (or accelerating the due date for), the Borrower's obligations hereunder relative to the amount (and/or timing for payment) of the obligations that would have been payable had such erroneous payment not been made by the Administrative Agent.

(iv) Each party's obligations under this Section 8.04(c) shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under the Loan Documents.

SECTION 8.05. Certain ERISA Matters. (a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Loan Parties, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments or this Agreement,

(ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement,

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation

in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless either (1) sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Loan Parties, that the Administrative Agent is not a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous

SECTION 9.01. Notices. (a) Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and subject to paragraph (b) of this Section), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by fax (other than in the case of notices or other communications to the Company, any Borrowing Subsidiary, the Administrative Agent or the Swingline Lender) or email (provided that any notices or other communications sent by email to the Company or any Borrowing Subsidiary shall also be delivered promptly by hand or overnight courier service or mailed by certified or registered mail to the Company or such Borrowing Subsidiary), as follows:

(i) if to the Company or any Borrowing Subsidiary, to it at VeriSign Inc., 12061 Bluemont Way, Reston, Virginia 20190, Attention of the General Counsel with a copy sent via email to legal@verisign.com;

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., JPMorgan Loan Services, 500 Stanton Christiana Road, NCC 5, 1st Floor Newark, DE 19713, Attention of Loan and Agency Services Group (Email 12012443630@tls.ldsprod.com);

(iii) if to any Issuing Bank, to it at its address (or fax number or email) most recently specified by it in a notice delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Company (or, in the absence of any such notice, to the address (or fax number or email) set forth in the Administrative Questionnaire of the Lender that is serving as such Issuing Bank or is an Affiliate thereof);

(iv) if to the Swingline Lender, to it at its address (or email) set forth in clause (a)(ii) of this Section; and

(v) if to any other Lender, to it at its address (or fax number or email) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

(b) Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the Issuing Banks hereunder may be delivered or furnished by using Approved Electronic Platforms pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices under Article II to any Lender or Issuing Bank if such Lender or Issuing Bank, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. Any notices or other communications to the Administrative Agent, the Company or any other Loan Party may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by the recipient thereof prior thereto; provided that approval of such procedures may be limited or rescinded by any such Person by notice to each other such Person.

(c) Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; and notices sent by fax shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an email address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Approved Electronic Platform shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient, at its email address as described in the foregoing clause (i), of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; provided that, for both clauses (i) and (ii) above, if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient.

(d) Any party hereto may change its address, fax number or email for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

SECTION 9.02. Waivers; Amendments. (a) No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of any Loan Document or consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by paragraph (b) of this Section, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the making of a Loan or the issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent,

any Lender or any Issuing Bank or any of their respective Affiliates may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section, none of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any provision hereof or thereof may be waived, amended or modified except, in the case of this Agreement, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Company, the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders and, in the case of any other Loan Document, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Administrative Agent and the Loan Party or Loan Parties that are parties thereto, in each case with the consent of the Required Lenders; provided that (i) any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into by the Company and the Administrative Agent to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency so long as, in each case, the Lenders shall have received at least five Business Days' prior written notice thereof and the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date of such notice to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that the Required Lenders object to such amendment and (ii) no such agreement shall (A) increase the Commitment of any Lender, or change the currency in which Loans are available thereunder, without the written consent of such Lender, (B) reduce the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement or reduce the rate of interest thereon, or reduce any fees payable hereunder (other than as a result of any change in the definition, or in any components thereof, of the term "Leverage Ratio"), without the written consent of each Lender affected thereby, (C) postpone the scheduled maturity date of any Loan, or the required date of reimbursement of any LC Disbursement, or any date for the payment of any interest or fees payable hereunder, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, or postpone the scheduled date of expiration of any Commitment, without the written consent of each Lender affected thereby, (D) change Section 2.09(c) or Section 2.18(b) or 2.18(c) in a manner that would alter the ratable reduction of Commitments or the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender, (E) change any of the provisions of this Section or the percentage set forth in the definition of the term "Required Lenders" or any other provision of any Loan Document specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to waive, amend or modify any rights thereunder or make any determination or grant any consent thereunder (including any such provisions set forth in the definition of the term "Alternative Currency"), without the written consent of each Lender, and (F) release the Company from its Guarantee under Article X, without the written consent of each Lender; provided further that no such agreement shall amend, modify, extend or otherwise affect the rights or obligations of any Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, such Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph (b) of this Section:

(i) no consent with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification of this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be required of (x) any Defaulting Lender, except with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification referred to in clause (A), (B) or (C) of clause (ii) of the first proviso of paragraph (b) of this Section and then only in the event such Defaulting Lender shall be affected by such amendment, waiver or other modification and (y) in the case of any amendment, waiver or other modification referred to in clause (ii) of the first proviso of paragraph (b) of this Section, any Lender that receives payment in full of the principal of and interest accrued on each Loan made by, and all other amounts owing to, such Lender or accrued for the account of such

Lender under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents at the time such amendment, waiver or other modification becomes effective and whose Commitments terminate by the terms and upon the effectiveness of such amendment, waiver or other modification;

(ii) the LC Commitment of any Issuing Bank may be reduced or increased by an agreement between such Issuing Bank and the Company (such increase or decrease to become effective upon the delivery of a notice thereof, executed by such Issuing Bank and the Company, to the Administrative Agent);

(iii) this Agreement may be amended in a manner provided in Sections 2.06(j), 2.09(d), 2.14(b) and 2.22;

(iv) any amendment of the definition of the term “Applicable Rate” pursuant to the last sentence of the third paragraph of such definition shall require only the written consent of the Company and the Required Lenders; and

(v) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents may be amended in the manner provided in Section 2.21 and, in connection with any Borrowing Subsidiary becoming a party hereto, this Agreement (including the Exhibits hereto) may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into by the Company and the Administrative Agent to provide for such technical modifications as they determine to be necessary or advisable in connection therewith.

(d) The Administrative Agent may, but shall have no obligation to, with the concurrence of any Lender, execute amendments, waivers or other modifications on behalf of such Lender. Any amendment, waiver or other modification effected in accordance with this Section 9.02 shall be binding upon each Person that is at the time thereof a Lender and each Person that subsequently becomes a Lender.

SECTION 9.03. Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver. (a) The Borrowers shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their Affiliates, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for any of the foregoing, in connection with the structuring, arrangement and syndication of the credit facility provided for herein, including the preparation, execution and delivery of the Fee Letter, as well as the preparation, execution, delivery and administration (it being understood that any such administration expenses exclude the administrative agency fee described in the Fee Letter) of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Issuing Bank or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any of the foregoing, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with the Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

(b) The Borrowers shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Arranger, each Lender and each Issuing Bank and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “Indemnitee”),

against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the structuring, arrangement and the syndication of the credit facility provided for herein, the preparation, execution, delivery and administration of the Fee Letter, this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any other agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties to the Fee Letter, this Agreement or the other Loan Documents of their obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the Transactions or any other transactions contemplated thereby, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by any Issuing Bank to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or Release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property currently owned or operated by the Company or any Subsidiary, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Company or any Subsidiary, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation, arbitration or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory and whether initiated against or by any party to the Fee Letter, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, any Affiliate of any of the foregoing or any third party (and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto); provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence, bad faith, or wilful misconduct of such Indemnitee. This paragraph shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims or damages arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) To the extent that the Borrowers fail to indefeasibly pay any amount required to be paid by them under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), any Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lender or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), such Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lender or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's pro rata share (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount; provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or such sub-agent), such Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender in connection with such capacity. For purposes of this Section, a Lender's "pro rata share" shall be determined based upon its share of the sum of the total Revolving Credit Exposures and unused Commitments at the time (or most recently outstanding and in effect); provided that the Swingline Exposure of any Lender that is a Swingline Lender shall be deemed to exclude that portion of its Swingline Exposure that exceeds its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Swingline Loans, and the unused Commitment of any such Lender shall be determined without regard to any such excess amount.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, no Borrower shall assert, or permit any of its Affiliates or Related Parties to assert, and each hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee (i) for any damages arising from the use by others of information or other materials obtained through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems (including the Internet and the Approved Electronic Platform), or (ii) on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as

opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof.

(e) All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly after written demand therefor.

SECTION 9.04. Successors and Assigns. (a) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) no Borrower may assign or otherwise transfer, except in the case of any Borrowing Subsidiary that merges or consolidates with the Company or another Borrowing Subsidiary, in a transaction permitted by Section 6.03, any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Issuing Bank (and any attempted assignment or transfer by any Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this Section. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), Participants (to the extent provided in paragraph (c) of this Section), the Arrangers and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the sub-agents of the Administrative Agent and the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank and any Lender) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (b)(ii) below, any Lender may assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) of:

(A) the Company; provided that no consent of the Company shall be required (1) for an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund and (2) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, for any other assignment; provided further that the Company shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within 10 Business Days after having received notice thereof;

(B) the Administrative Agent; and

(C) each Issuing Bank and the Swingline Lender.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment or Loans of any Class, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall not be less than US\$5,000,000, unless each of

the Company and the Administrative Agent otherwise consents; provided that (x) no such consent of the Company shall be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; and (y) the Company shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within 10 Business Days after having received notice thereof;

(B) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement; provided that this clause (B) shall not be construed to prohibit the assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations in respect of Competitive Loans without an assignment of any other Class of Loans or its Commitment;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption (or an agreement incorporating by reference a form of Assignment and Assumption posted on the Approved Electronic Platform), together with a processing and recordation fee of US\$3,500; provided that only one such processing and recordation fee shall be payable in the event of simultaneous assignments from any Lender or its Approved Funds to one or more other Approved Funds of such Lender; and

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire in which the assignee designates one or more credit contacts to whom all syndicate-level information (which may contain MNPI) will be made available and who may receive such information in accordance with the assignee's compliance procedures and applicable law, including Federal, State and foreign securities laws.

(iii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to paragraph (b)(v) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption (or an agreement incorporating by reference a form of Assignment and Assumption posted on the Approved Electronic Platform) the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with Section 9.04(c).

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrowers, shall maintain at one of its offices a copy of each Assignment and Assumption (or an agreement incorporating by reference a form of Assignment and Assumption posted on the Approved Electronic Platform) delivered to it and records of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitment of, and principal amount (and stated interest) of the Loans

and LC Disbursements owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the “Register”). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, and the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrowers and, as to entries pertaining to it, any Issuing Bank or Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(v) Upon receipt by the Administrative Agent of an Assignment and Assumption (or an agreement incorporating by reference a form of Assignment and Assumption posted on the Approved Electronic Platform) executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, the assignee’s completed Administrative Questionnaire (unless the assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder) and the processing and recordation fee referred to in this Section, the Administrative Agent shall accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information contained therein in the Register; provided that if either the assigning Lender or the assignee shall have failed to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.05(c), 2.06(d), 2.06(f), 2.07(b), 2.18(d) or 9.03(c), the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information therein in the Register unless and until such payment shall have been made in full, together with all accrued interest thereon; provided further that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to accept such Assignment and Assumption or so record the information contained therein if the Administrative Agent reasonably believes that such Assignment and Assumption lacks any written consent required by this Section or is otherwise not in proper form, it being acknowledged that the Administrative Agent shall have no duty or obligation (and shall incur no liability) with respect to obtaining (or confirming the receipt) of any such written consent or with respect to the form of (or any defect in) such Assignment and Assumption, any such duty and obligation being solely with the assigning Lender and the assignee. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this paragraph, and following such recording, unless otherwise determined by the Administrative Agent (such determination to be made in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent, which determination may be conditioned on the consent of the assigning Lender and the assignee), shall be effective notwithstanding any defect in the Assignment and Assumption relating thereto. Each assigning Lender and the assignee, by its execution and delivery of an Assignment and Assumption (or an agreement incorporating by reference a form of Assignment and Assumption posted on the Approved Electronic Platform), shall be deemed to have represented to the Administrative Agent that all written consents required by this Section with respect thereto (other than the consent of the Administrative Agent) have been obtained and that such Assignment and Assumption is otherwise duly completed and in proper form, and each assignee, by its execution and delivery of an Assignment and Assumption (or an agreement incorporating by reference a form of Assignment and Assumption posted on the Approved Electronic Platform), shall be deemed to have represented to the assigning Lender and the Administrative Agent that such assignee is an Eligible Assignee.

(c) (i) Any Lender may, without the consent of any Borrower, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender, sell participations to one or more Eligible Assignees (“Participants”) in all or a portion of such Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitments and

the Loans owing to it); provided that (A) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (C) the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in clause (ii) of the first proviso to Section 9.02(b) that affects such Participant or requires the approval of all the Lenders. The Borrowers agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 2.17(f) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.17(f) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section; provided that such Participant (x) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 2.18 and 2.19 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section and (y) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.15 or 2.17, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrowers' request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrowers to effectuate the provisions of Section 2.19(b) with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.08 as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.18(c) as though it were a Lender.

(ii) Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrowers, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans, Letters of Credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan, Letter of Credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as the Administrative Agent) shall not have any responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(d) Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank or any central bank, and this Section shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

SECTION 9.05. Survival. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Issuing Bank or any Lender or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any Loan Document is executed and delivered or any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any LC Exposure is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else to the contrary set forth in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, in the event that, in connection with the refinancing or repayment in full of the credit facility provided for herein, an Issuing Bank shall have provided to the Administrative Agent a written consent to the release of the Lenders from their obligations hereunder with respect to any Letter of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank (whether as a result of the obligations of the Borrowers (and any other account party) in respect of such Letter of Credit having been collateralized in full by a deposit of cash with such Issuing Bank, or being supported by a letter of credit that names such Issuing Bank as the beneficiary thereunder, or otherwise), then from and after such time such Letter of Credit shall cease to be a "Letter of Credit" outstanding hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including for purposes of determining whether the Company is required to comply with Articles V and VI hereof, but excluding Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 and any expense reimbursement or indemnity provisions set forth in any other Loan Document), and the Lenders shall be deemed to have no participations in such Letter of Credit, and no obligations with respect thereto, under Section 2.06(d) or 2.06(f). The provisions of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18(e), 9.03 and 9.17 and Article VIII shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

SECTION 9.06. Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness; Electronic Execution. (a) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof, including the commitments, if any, of the Lenders or their Affiliates under any commitment letter relating hereto, any commitment advices submitted by them (but do not supersede any other provisions of any such commitment letter or the Fee Letter (or any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to any Agent or any Issuing Bank) that do not by the terms of such documents terminate upon the effectiveness of this Agreement, all of which provisions shall remain in full force and effect, it being understood that, in the case of compensation, indemnity and reimbursement provisions, to the extent such provisions are duplicative of the provisions set forth herein, the survival thereof shall not be construed as entitling the beneficiaries thereof to duplicative payment). Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto,

and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

(b) Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of (x) this Agreement, (y) any other Loan Document and/or (z) any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any notice delivered pursuant to Section 9.01), certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or the transactions contemplated hereby and/or thereby (each, an "Ancillary Document") that is an Electronic Signature transmitted by fax, emailed .pdf or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement, such other Loan Document or such Ancillary Document, as applicable. The words "execution", "signed", "signature", "delivery" and words of like import in or relating to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in any electronic form (including deliveries by fax, emailed .pdf or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page), each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be; provided that nothing herein shall require the Administrative Agent to accept Electronic Signatures in any form or format without its prior written consent and pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided further, that, without limiting the foregoing, (A) to the extent the Administrative Agent has agreed to accept any Electronic Signature, the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks shall be entitled to rely on such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of any Borrower or any other Loan Party without further verification thereof and without any obligation to review the appearance or form of any such Electronic signature and (B) upon the request of the Administrative Agent or any Lender or Issuing Bank, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by a manually executed counterpart. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Borrower and each other Loan Party hereby (1) agrees that, for all purposes, including, without limitation, in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Borrowers and the other Loan Parties, Electronic Signatures transmitted by fax, emailed .pdf or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page and/or any electronic images of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, (2) agrees that the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders and Issuing Banks may, at its option, create one or more copies of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document in the form of an imaged electronic record in any format, which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document (and all such electronic records shall be considered an original for all purposes and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record), (3) waives any argument, defense or right to contest the legal effect, validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document based solely on the lack of paper original copies of this Agreement, such other Loan Document and/or such Ancillary Document, respectively, including with respect to any signature pages thereto, and (4) waives any claim against any the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and their Related Parties for any losses, claims, damages or liabilities arising solely from the Administrative Agent's, any Lender's and/or any Issuing Bank's reliance on or use of Electronic Signatures and/or transmissions by fax, emailed .pdf or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page, including any losses, claims, damages or

liabilities arising as a result of the failure of any Borrower or any other Loan Party to use any available security measures in connection with the execution, delivery or transmission of any Electronic Signature.

SECTION 9.07. Severability. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any provision of this Agreement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 9.08. Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender and Issuing Bank, and each Affiliate of any of the foregoing, is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) or other amounts at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender or Issuing Bank, or by such an Affiliate, to or for the credit or the account of the Company or any other Borrower against any of and all the obligations then due of the Company or any other Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement held by such Lender or Issuing Bank, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or Issuing Bank shall have made any demand under this Agreement and although such obligations are owed to a branch office or Affiliate of such Lender or such Issuing Bank different from the branch office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. Each Lender and Issuing Bank agrees to notify the Company and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such set off and application; provided that the failure to give notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application. The rights of each Lender and Issuing Bank, and each Affiliate of any of the foregoing, under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, Issuing Bank or Affiliate may have.

SECTION 9.09. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process. (a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(b) Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York and of the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in New York County, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document brought by it or any of its Affiliates shall be brought, and shall be heard and determined, exclusively in such Federal court or, if such Federal court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, in such New York State court. Each party hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any Loan Party or any of its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(c) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

(d) Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9.01. Nothing in this Agreement or any other Loan Document will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

(e) Each Borrowing Subsidiary hereby irrevocably designates, appoints and empowers the Company, and the Company hereby accepts such appointment, as its designee, appointee and agent to receive, accept and acknowledge for and on its behalf, and in respect of its property, service of any and all legal process, summons, notices and documents that may be served in any such action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document. Such service may be made by mailing or delivering a copy of such process to any Borrowing Subsidiary in care of the Company at the Company's address used for purposes of giving notices under Section 9.01, and each Borrowing Subsidiary hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs the Company to accept such service on its behalf.

(f) In the event any Borrowing Subsidiary or any of its assets has or hereafter acquires, in any jurisdiction in which judicial proceedings may at any time be commenced with respect to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, any immunity from jurisdiction, legal proceedings, attachment (whether before or after judgment), execution, judgment or setoff, such Borrowing Subsidiary hereby irrevocably agrees not to claim and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives such immunity.

SECTION 9.10. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 9.11. Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 9.12. Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Related Parties,

including accountants, legal counsel and other agents and advisors, it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential or shall be subject to a professional or employment obligation of confidentiality applying to the Information, (b) to the extent requested by any Governmental Authority (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable law or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies under this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any suit, action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing confidentiality undertakings substantially similar to those of this Section and which are enforceable by the Company, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its Related Parties) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Company or any Subsidiary and its obligations or (iii) any actual or prospective credit insurance provider or such provider's advisors, (g) with the consent of the Company, (h) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (ii) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, any Issuing Bank or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than a Loan Party or (j) on a confidential basis to (1) any rating agency in connection with rating the Company or its Subsidiaries or the credit facilities provided for herein or (2) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of identification numbers with respect to the credit facilities provided for herein. In addition, each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks may disclose the existence of this Agreement and non-confidential information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar service providers to the lending industry and service providers to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks in connection with the administration of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Commitments. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information (including requests for waivers and amendments) received from the Loan Parties relating to the Company, any Subsidiary or their businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Loan Parties; provided that, in the case of information received from any Loan Party after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

SECTION 9.13. Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts that are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively the "Charges"), shall exceed the maximum lawful rate (the "Maximum Rate") that may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in accordance with applicable law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the NYFRB Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

SECTION 9.14. Certain Notices. Each Lender and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies each Loan Party that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act and/or the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies such Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of such Loan Party and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify such Loan Party in accordance with the USA Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

SECTION 9.15. No Fiduciary Relationship. Each Borrower, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, agrees that in connection with all aspects of the transactions contemplated hereby and any communications in connection therewith, the Loan Parties and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and their Affiliates, on the other hand, will have a business relationship that does not create, by implication or otherwise, any fiduciary duty on the part of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks or their Affiliates, and no such duty will be deemed to have arisen in connection with any such transactions or communications. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Borrowers hereby agree not to assert any claims against any of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders or the Issuing Banks or their respective Affiliates with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby.

SECTION 9.16. Non-Public Information. (a) Each Lender acknowledges that all information, including requests for waivers and amendments, furnished by the Loan Parties or the Administrative Agent pursuant to or in connection with, or in the course of administering, this Agreement will be syndicate-level information, which may contain MNPI. Each Lender represents to the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent that (i) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of MNPI and that it will handle MNPI in accordance with such procedures and applicable law, including Federal, state and foreign securities laws, and (ii) it has identified in its Administrative Questionnaire a credit contact who may receive information that may contain MNPI in accordance with its compliance procedures and applicable law, including Federal, state and foreign securities laws.

(b) The Borrowers and each Lender acknowledge that, if information furnished by the Loan Parties pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement is being distributed by the Administrative Agent through the Approved Electronic Platform, (i) the Administrative Agent may post any information that the Company has indicated as containing MNPI solely on that portion of the Approved Electronic Platform as is designated for Private Side Lender Representatives and (ii) if the Company has not indicated whether any information furnished by it pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement contains MNPI, the Administrative Agent reserves the right to post such information solely on that portion of the Approved Electronic Platform as is designated for Private Side Lender Representatives. The Company agrees to clearly designate all information provided to the Administrative Agent by or on behalf of the Loan Parties that is suitable to be made available to Public Side Lender Representatives, and the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely on any such designation by the Company without liability or responsibility for the independent verification thereof.

SECTION 9.17. Conversion of Currencies. (a) If, for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert a sum owing hereunder in one currency into another currency, each party hereto (including each Borrowing Subsidiary) agrees, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so, that the rate of exchange used

shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures in the relevant jurisdiction the first currency could be purchased with such other currency on the Business Day immediately preceding the day on which final judgment is given.

(b) The obligations of each Borrower in respect of any sum due to any party hereto or any holder of the obligations owing hereunder (the “Applicable Creditor”) shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a currency (the “Judgment Currency”) other than the currency in which such sum is stated to be due hereunder (the “Agreement Currency”), be discharged only to the extent that, on the Business Day following receipt by the Applicable Creditor of any sum adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, the Applicable Creditor may in accordance with normal banking procedures in the relevant jurisdiction purchase the Agreement Currency with the Judgment Currency; if the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is less than the sum originally due to the Applicable Creditor in the Agreement Currency, such Borrower agrees, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, to indemnify the Applicable Creditor against such loss.

SECTION 9.18. Notices under Existing Credit Agreement. Each Lender that is also a lender under the Existing Credit Agreement hereby consents and agrees that no prior notice shall be required under the Existing Credit Agreement with respect to the termination of commitments under the Existing Credit Agreement; provided that notice thereof is given on the Effective Date.

SECTION 9.19. Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of a Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by a Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:

(i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent entity, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of any Resolution Authority.

SECTION 9.20. Subsidiary Guarantees. The Company may (but is not required to), at any time upon three Business Days’ notice to the Administrative Agent, cause any of its Domestic Subsidiaries to become a Subsidiary Guarantor, in each case, by each of the Company and such Subsidiary executing and delivering to the

Administrative Agent a counterpart of the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement (or, after the initial execution thereof, such Subsidiary executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a counterpart of the supplement in the form specified in the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement), together with such evidence of authority, secretary's certificates and opinions as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request. So long as no Default has occurred and is continuing (or would result from such release), (a) if all of the Equity Interests in a Subsidiary Guarantor that are owned by the Company or any Subsidiary are sold or otherwise disposed of in a transaction or transactions permitted by this Agreement and as a result of such disposition such Person is no longer a Subsidiary or (b) in the event that, immediately after giving effect to the release of any Subsidiary Guarantor from its Guarantee under the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement, all of the Indebtedness of the Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors is permitted under Section 6.01, then, in each case, promptly following the Company's request, the Administrative Agent shall execute a release of such Subsidiary Guarantor from its Guarantee under the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement. In connection with an execution by the Administrative Agent of any such release, upon request of the Administrative Agent the Company shall deliver a certificate of a Financial Officer of the Company as to the satisfaction of the requirements to such release set forth in the immediately preceding sentence. Any execution and delivery of any release documents by the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall be without recourse or warranty by the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE X

Guarantee

In order to induce the Guaranteed Parties to extend credit to the Borrowing Subsidiaries hereunder, the Company hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees, as a primary obligor and not merely as a surety, the Guaranteed Obligations. The Company further agrees that the due and punctual payment of the Guaranteed Obligations may be extended or renewed, in whole or in part, without notice to or further assent from it, and that it will remain bound upon its Guarantee hereunder notwithstanding any such extension or renewal of any Guaranteed Obligation.

The Company waives presentment to, demand of payment from and protest to any Borrowing Subsidiary or any Subsidiary Guarantor of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, and also waives notice of acceptance of its obligations and notice of protest for nonpayment. The obligations of the Company under this Article X shall not be affected by (a) the failure of any Guaranteed Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any right or remedy against any Borrowing Subsidiary or any Subsidiary Guarantor under the provisions of this Agreement, any Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement, any other Loan Document or otherwise; (b) any extension or renewal of any of the Guaranteed Obligations; (c) any rescission, waiver, amendment or modification of, or release of any Borrowing Subsidiary or any Subsidiary Guarantor from, any of the terms or provisions applicable to any Borrowing Subsidiary or any Subsidiary Guarantor of this Agreement, any Borrowing Subsidiary Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement or instrument; (d) the failure or delay of any Guaranteed Party to exercise any right or remedy against any other guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations; (e) any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance of the Guaranteed Obligations; or (f) any other act (other than payment or performance of the Guaranteed Obligations), omission or delay to do any other act which may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of the Company or otherwise operate as a discharge of the Company as guarantor as a matter of law or equity or which would impair or eliminate any right of the Company to subrogation.

The Company further agrees that its Guarantee hereunder constitutes a promise of payment when due (whether or not any bankruptcy or similar proceeding of any Borrowing Subsidiary shall have stayed the accrual or collection of any of the Guaranteed Obligations of such Borrowing Subsidiary or operated as a discharge thereof) and not merely of collection, and waives any right to require that any resort be had by any Guaranteed Party to any balance of any deposit account or credit on the books of any Guaranteed Party in favor of any Borrower or Subsidiary or any other Person.

The obligations of the Company under this Article X shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason, and shall not be subject to any defense or setoff, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever, by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, any impossibility in the performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, any law or regulation of any jurisdiction or any other event affecting any term of any of the Guaranteed Obligations or otherwise.

The Company further agrees that its obligations under this Article X shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of any Guaranteed Obligation is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by any Guaranteed Party upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of any Borrower or otherwise.

In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation of any other right which any Guaranteed Party may have at law or in equity against the Company by virtue hereof, upon the failure of any Borrowing Subsidiary to pay any Guaranteed Obligation of such Borrowing Subsidiary when and as the same shall become due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, after notice of prepayment or otherwise, the Company hereby promises to and will, upon receipt of written demand by the Administrative Agent, forthwith pay, or cause to be paid, to the Administrative Agent for distribution to the applicable Guaranteed Parties in cash an amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of such Guaranteed Obligation. The Company further agrees that if payment in respect of any such Guaranteed Obligation shall be due in a currency other than US Dollars and/or at a place of payment other than New York and if, by reason of any legal prohibition, disruption of currency or foreign exchange markets, war or civil disturbance or other event, payment of such Guaranteed Obligation in such currency or at such place of payment shall be impossible or, in the reasonable judgment of any Guaranteed Party, not consistent with the protection of its rights or interests, then, at the election of such Guaranteed Party, the Company shall make payment of such Obligation in US Dollars (based upon the applicable Exchange Rate in effect on the date of payment) and/or in New York, and shall indemnify such Guaranteed Party against any losses or expenses (including losses or expenses resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates) that it shall sustain as a result of such alternative payment.

Upon payment in full by the Company of any Guaranteed Obligation, each Guaranteed Party shall, in a reasonable manner, assign to the Company the amount of such Guaranteed Obligation owed to such Guaranteed Party and so paid, such assignment to be pro tanto to the extent to which the Guaranteed Obligation in question was discharged by the Company, or, if requested by the Company, make such disposition thereof as the Company shall direct (all without recourse to any Guaranteed Party and without any representation or warranty by any Guaranteed Party). Upon payment by the Company of any sums as provided above, all rights of the Company against any Borrowing Subsidiary arising as a result thereof by way of right of subrogation or otherwise shall in all respects be subordinated and junior in right of payment to the prior

indefeasible payment in full of all the Guaranteed Obligations owed by such Borrowing Subsidiary to the Guaranteed Parties.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

VERISIGN, INC.,

by

/s/ George E. Kilguss, III

Name: George E. Kilguss, III

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as the Administrative Agent, a Lender and an Issuing Bank,

by

/s/ Zachary Quan

Name: Zachary Quan

Title: Vice President

Bank of America, N.A.

by

/s/ Ravi Patel

Name: Ravi Patel

Title: Vice President

U.S. Bank National Association

by

/s/ Alexander Wilson

Name: Alexander Wilson

Title: Assistant Vice President

Schedule 2.01

Commitments

Lender	Commitment
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$75,000,000.00
Bank of America, N.A.	\$62,500,000.00
U.S. Bank National Association	\$62,500,000.00
TOTAL:	\$200,000,000.00

Schedule 2.06A

Existing Letters of Credit

None.

Schedule 2.06B

LC Commitments

Issuing Bank	LC Commitment
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$13,125,000.00
Bank of America, N.A.	\$10,937,500.00
U.S. Bank National Association	\$10,937,500.00
TOTAL:	\$35,000,000.00

Schedule 6.01

Existing Indebtedness

A. Bank Guarantees or Other Commitments:

1. Issuer: Bank of America N.A., Sydney Branch, Beneficiary: Feature Queens Pty Ltd, Amount: AUD 63,234.30
2. Issuer: Bank of America N.A., Bengaluru Branch, Beneficiary: The President of India, through Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Amount: INR 255,527,533
3. Issuer: Credit Suisse, Rental Guarantee, Fribourg offices in Villars-sur-Glane, CHF 100,000.00
4. Issuer: VeriSign Sarl, Commitment Letter to ICANN, USD 3,700,000
5. Issuer: Bank of America, VeriSign Sarl/ICANN/Bank of America Escrow Agreement, USD 3,300,000.

Schedule 6.02
Existing Liens

None.

[FORM OF] ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

This Assignment and Assumption (this “Assignment and Assumption”) is dated as of the Effective Date set forth below and is entered into by and between the Assignor (as defined below) and the Assignee (as defined below). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement identified below, receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged by the Assignee. The Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in Annex 1 attached hereto are hereby agreed to and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Assignment and Assumption as if set forth herein in full.

For an agreed consideration, the Assignor hereby irrevocably sells and assigns to the Assignee, and the Assignee hereby irrevocably purchases and assumes from the Assignor, subject to and in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions referred to below and the Credit Agreement, as of the Effective Date inserted by the Administrative Agent as contemplated below, (a) all the Assignor’s rights and obligations in its capacity as a Lender under the Credit Agreement and any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto to the extent related to the amount and percentage interest identified below of all of such outstanding rights and obligations of the Assignor under the credit facility provided for under the Credit Agreement (including any Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans included in, and any Guarantees made pursuant to, such credit facility) and (b) to the extent permitted to be assigned under applicable law, all claims, suits, causes of action and any other right of the Assignor (in its capacity as a Lender) against any Person, whether known or unknown, arising under or in connection with the Credit Agreement, any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto or the loan transactions governed thereby or in any way based on or related to any of the foregoing, including contract claims, tort claims, malpractice claims, statutory claims and all other claims at law or in equity, related to the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (a) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clauses (a) and (b) above being referred to herein collectively as the “Assigned Interest”). Such sale and assignment is without recourse to the Assignor and, except as expressly provided in this Assignment and Assumption, without representation or warranty by the Assignor.

1. Assignor: _____

2. Assignee: _____

[and is [a Lender] [an Affiliate/Approved Fund] of [identify Lender]]¹

3. Borrowers: VeriSign, Inc. and the Borrowing Subsidiaries

4. Administrative Agent: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

5. Credit Agreement: Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”), among VeriSign, Inc., the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

6. Assigned Interest:

	Aggregate Amount of Commitments/ Revolving Loans for all Lenders	Amount of Commitment/ Revolving Loans/ Competitive Loans Assigned ²	Percentage Assigned of Commitments/ Revolving Loans for all Lenders ³
Commitment/ Revolving Loans	\$/[Currency]	\$/[Currency]	%
Competitive Loans ⁴	N/A	\$/[Currency]	N/A

Effective Date: _____, 20____ [TO BE INSERTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND WHICH SHALL BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECORDATION OF TRANSFER IN THE REGISTER THEREFOR].

The Assignee, if not already a Lender, agrees to deliver to the Administrative Agent a completed Administrative Questionnaire in which the Assignee designates one or more credit contacts to whom all syndicate-level information (which may contain MNPI about the Company, the Subsidiaries and their securities) will be made available and who may receive such information in accordance with the Assignee's compliance procedures and applicable laws, including Federal, state and foreign securities laws.

² Must comply with Section 9.04(b)(ii) of the Credit Agreement.

³ Set forth, to at least 9 decimals, as a percentage of the Commitments/Revolving Loans of all Lenders.

⁴ Specify the Competitive Loan assigned, including whether it is a LIBOR Loan, EURIBOR Loan or a Fixed Rate Loan.

The terms set forth above are hereby agreed to:

_____, as Assignor,

by

Name:
Title:

_____, as Assignee,

by

Name:
Title:

Consented to and Accepted:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent,

by

Name:
Title:

Consented to:

[VERISIGN, INC.,

by

Name:
Title:]

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as an Issuing Bank and the Swingline Lender,

by

Name:
Title:

[NAME OF EACH OTHER ISSUING BANK],

by

Name:
Title:

⁵ The Assignee must deliver to the Company all applicable Tax forms required to be delivered by it under Section 2.17(f) of the Credit Agreement.

⁶ To be included only if the consent of the Company is required by Section 9.04(b)(i) of the Credit Agreement.

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR
ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

1. Representations and Warranties.

1.1. Assignor. The Assignor (a) represents and warrants that (i) it is the legal and beneficial owner of the Assigned Interest, (ii) the Assigned Interest is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim and (iii) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, other than statements made by it herein, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (iii) the financial condition of the Borrowers, any of their Subsidiaries or other Affiliates or any other Person obligated in respect of the Credit Agreement or (iv) the performance or observance by the Borrowers, any of their Subsidiaries or other Affiliates or any other Person of any of their respective obligations under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document.

1.2. Assignee. The Assignee (a) represents and warrants that (i) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to become a Lender under the Credit Agreement, (ii) it is an Eligible Assignee, (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of the Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to acquire assets of the type represented by the Assigned Interest and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to acquire the Assigned Interest, is experienced in acquiring assets of such type, (v) it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement, together with copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 5.01 thereof and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase the Assigned Interest independently and without reliance on the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, the Assignor or any other Lender, (vi) if it is a U.S. Person, attached hereto is an executed original of IRS Form W-9 certifying that it is exempt from U.S. Federal backup withholding tax and (vii) if it is a Foreign Lender, attached hereto is any documentation required to be delivered by it pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, duly completed and executed by the Assignee; and (b) agrees that (i) it will, independently and without reliance on the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, the Assignor or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement, and (ii) it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Credit Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

2. Payments. From and after the Effective Date, the Administrative Agent shall make all payments in respect of the Assigned Interest (including payments of principal, interest, fees and other amounts) to the Assignee whether such amounts have accrued prior to or on or after the Effective Date. The Assignor and the Assignee shall make all appropriate adjustments in payments by the Administrative Agent for periods

prior to the Effective Date or with respect to the making of this assignment directly between themselves.

3. **General Provisions.** This Assignment and Assumption shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Assignment and Assumption may be executed in any number of counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Assignment and Assumption by facsimile or other electronic image scan transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumption. This Assignment and Assumption shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

[FORM OF] BORROWING REQUEST

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
as Administrative Agent
JPMorgan Loan Services
500 Stanton Christiana Road, NCC 5
1st Floor Newark, DE 19713
Attention: Loan and Agency Services Group
12012443630@tls.ldsprod.com

[Date]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 12, 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings specified in the Credit Agreement.

This notice constitutes a Borrowing Request and the [Borrower specified below] [the Company on behalf of the Borrower specified below] hereby gives you notice, pursuant to Section [2.03] [2.05] of the Credit Agreement, that it requests a Borrowing under the Credit Agreement, and in connection therewith specifies the following information with respect to such Borrowing:

- (A) Name of Borrower: _____
- (B) Class of Borrowing: ¹ _____
- (C) Currency and aggregate principal amount of Borrowing: ² [\$][specify Alternative Currency for Revolving Borrowings] _____
- (D) Date of Borrowing (which is a Business Day): _____
- (E) Type of Borrowing: ³ _____

¹ Specify Revolving Borrowing or Swingline Borrowing.

² Must comply with Section 2.02(c) of the Credit Agreement.

³ Specify LIBOR Revolving Borrowing, EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing, TIBOR Revolving Borrowing, RFR Revolving Borrowing or ABR Borrowing (all Swingline Loans are ABR Loans). If no election as to the Type of Revolving Borrowing is specified, then the requested Borrowing shall be (a) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, an ABR Revolving Borrowing, (b) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in Euro, a EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing (c) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in Yen, a TIBOR Revolving Borrowing and (d) in the case of a Revolving Borrowing denominated in Sterling or Swiss Francs, an RFR Revolving Borrowing.

(F) Interest Period and the last day thereof: ⁴ _____

(G) Location and number of the Borrower's account to which proceeds of the requested Borrowing are to be disbursed: [Name of Bank] (Account No.: _____)

[Issuing Bank to which proceeds of the requested Borrowing are to be disbursed: _____]⁵

[(H) Jurisdiction from which payments of the principal and interest on such Borrowing will be made: _____]⁶

[Signature Page Follows]

⁴ Applicable to LIBOR Revolving Borrowings, EURIBOR Revolving Borrowings and TIBOR Revolving Borrowings only. Shall be subject to the definition of "Interest Period" and can be a period of one, three or six months. If an Interest Period is not specified, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

⁵ Specify only in the case of an ABR Revolving Borrowing or a Swingline Loan requested to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(f) of the Credit Agreement.

⁶ Specify only in the case of a Borrowing by a Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary.

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF BORROWER] [COMPANY]

By:

Name:

Title:

[FORM OF] BORROWING SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT dated as of [] (this "Agreement"), among VERISIGN, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), [NAME OF NEW BORROWING SUBSIDIARY], a [Jurisdiction] [organizational form] (the "New Borrowing Subsidiary"), and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among the Company, the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.21 of the Credit Agreement, the Company and the New Borrowing Subsidiary desire that the New Borrowing Subsidiary become a Borrowing Subsidiary under the Credit Agreement. The Company represents that (a) the New Borrowing Subsidiary is a Subsidiary organized in [jurisdiction] as a [organizational form], (b) the representations and warranties of the Loan Parties (including, after giving effect to this Agreement, the New Borrowing Subsidiary) set forth in the Loan Documents (including this Agreement) are true and correct (i) in the case of the representations and warranties qualified as to materiality, in all respects and (ii) otherwise, in all material respects, in each case on and as of the date of the date hereof, except in the case of any such representation and warranty that expressly relates to a prior date, in which case such representation and warranty are so true and correct on and as of such prior date, and (c) no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

Subject to Section 2.21 of the Credit Agreement, upon execution of this Agreement by each of the Company, the New Borrowing Subsidiary and the Administrative Agent, the New Borrowing Subsidiary shall be a party to the Credit Agreement and shall constitute a "Borrowing Subsidiary" for all purposes thereof, and the New Borrowing Subsidiary hereby agrees to be bound by all provisions of the Credit Agreement.

[The New Borrowing Subsidiary hereby represents and warrants that (a) it is subject, under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized and existing, to civil and commercial laws with respect to its obligations under this Agreement, the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, and the execution, delivery and performance by the New Borrowing Subsidiary of this Agreement, the Credit Agreement and such other Loan Documents constitute and will constitute private and commercial acts and not public or governmental acts and (b) neither the New Borrowing Subsidiary nor any of its property has any immunity from jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service or notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution, execution or otherwise) under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized and existing in respect of its obligations under this Agreement, the Credit Agreement and such other Loan Documents.]¹

¹Insert if the New Borrowing Subsidiary is a Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary.

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their authorized officers as of the date first appearing above.

VERISIGN, INC.,

by

Name:
Title:

[NAME OF NEW BORROWING SUBSIDIARY],

by

Name:
Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent,

by

Name:
Title:

[FORM OF BORROWING SUBSIDIARY TERMINATION]

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 as Administrative Agent
 JPMorgan Loan Services
 500 Stanton Christiana Road, NCC 5
 1st Floor Newark, DE 19713
 Attention: Loan and Agency Services Group
12012443630@tls.ldsprod.com

[Date]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.21 of the Credit Agreement, the Company hereby terminates the status of [Name of Terminated Borrowing Subsidiary] (the "Terminated Borrowing Subsidiary") as a Borrowing Subsidiary under the Credit Agreement. The Company represents and warrants that no Loans made to the Terminated Borrowing Subsidiary, or any Letter of Credit issued for the account of the Terminated Borrowing Subsidiary, are outstanding as of the date hereof and that all amounts payable by the Terminated Borrowing Subsidiary in respect of interest and/or fees (and, to the extent notified by the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender, any Lender or any Issuing Bank, any other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement) pursuant to the Credit Agreement have been paid in full on or prior to the date hereof.

Very truly yours,

VERISIGN, INC.,

by

 Name:

Title:

[FORM OF COMPETITIVE BID REQUEST]

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
as Administrative Agent
JPMorgan Loan Services
500 Stanton Christiana Road, NCC 5
1st Floor Newark, DE 19713
Attention: Loan and Agency Services Group
12012443630@tls.ldsprod.com

[Date]

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 12, 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.04(a) of the Credit Agreement, the [Borrower specified below] [the Company on behalf of the Borrower specified below] hereby requests Competitive Bids, and in connection therewith sets forth below the terms on which such Competitive Bids are requested to be made:

- | | | |
|-----|---|--|
| (A) | Name of Borrower: | |
| (B) | Type of Competitive Borrowing: ¹ | |
| (C) | Currency of Competitive Borrowing: ² | |
| (D) | Principal amount of Competitive Borrowing: ³ | |
| (E) | Date of Competitive Borrowing: ⁴ | |
| (F) | Interest Period and the last day thereof: ⁵ | |

¹ Either a LIBOR Competitive Borrowing, EURIBOR Competitive Borrowing, TIBOR Competitive Borrowing or a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing.

² Must be US Dollars or an Alternative Currency.

³ Must be an integral multiple of the Borrowing Multiple with a US Dollar Equivalent on the date of the applicable Competitive Bid Request of at least US\$25,000,000. Must be in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure plus the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure exceeding the Aggregate Commitment.

⁴ Must be a Business Day.

⁵ Subject to the provisions of the definition of the term “Interest Period”, (a) in the case of a LIBOR Competitive Borrowing, EURIBOR Competitive Borrowing or TIBOR Competitive Borrowing, the period commencing on the date such Borrowing is made and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter and (b) in the case of a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, the period (which shall not be less than seven days or more than 360 days) commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the date specified herein. The Interest Period may not end after the Maturity Date.

(G) Location and number of the Borrower's account to which proceeds of the requested Borrowing are to be disbursed (give name of bank and account number):

[(H) Jurisdiction from which payments of the principal and interest on such Borrowing will be made:]⁶

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF APPLICABLE BORROWER]
[COMPANY]

by

Name:

Title:

⁶Specify only in the case of a Borrowing by a Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary.

[FORM OF NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE BID REQUEST]

Lenders under the Credit Agreement
Referred to below

[Date]

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 12, 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

[The Company on behalf of] [NAME OF APPLICABLE BORROWER] (the "Borrower") made a Competitive Bid Request on , 20[], pursuant to Section 2.04(b) of the Credit Agreement, and in connection therewith you are invited to submit a Competitive Bid by [Date]/[Time]. Your Competitive Bid must comply with Section 2.04(c) of the Credit Agreement and the terms set forth below on which the Competitive Bid Request was made:

(A) Name of Borrower:

(B) Type of Competitive Borrowing:²

(C) Currency of Competitive Borrowing:³

(D) Principal amount of Competitive Borrowing:⁴

1 The Competitive Bid must be received by the Administrative Agent (a) in the case of a LIBOR Competitive Borrowing, EURIBOR Competitive Borrowing or TIBOR Competitive Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, (i) four Business Days before a proposed Borrowing in the case of a Borrowing denominated in US Dollars and (ii) five Business Days before a proposed Borrowing in the case of a Borrowing denominated in Euro or Yen and (b) in the case of a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, (i) two Business Day before a proposed Borrowing in the case of a Borrowing denominated in US Dollars and (ii) three Business Days before a proposed Borrowing in the case of a Borrowing denominated in an Alternative Currency.

2 Either a LIBOR Competitive Borrowing, EURIBOR Competitive Borrowing, TIBOR Competitive Borrowing or a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing.

3 Must be US Dollars or an Alternative Currency.

4 Must be an integral multiple of the Borrowing Multiple with a US Dollar Equivalent on the date of the applicable Competitive Bid Request of at least US\$25,000,000. Must be in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in the sum of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure plus the Aggregate Competitive Loan Exposure exceeding the Aggregate Commitment.

- (E) Date of Competitive Borrowing:⁵ _____
- (F) Interest Period and the last day thereof:⁶ _____
- (G) Location and number of the Borrower's account to which proceeds of the requested Borrowing are to be disbursed (give name of bank and account number): _____
- [(H) Jurisdiction from which payments of the principal and interest on such Borrowing will be made:]⁷ _____

⁵ Must be a Business Day.

⁶ Subject to the provisions of the definition of the term "Interest Period", (a) in the case of a LIBOR Competitive Borrowing, EURIBOR Competitive Borrowing or TIBOR Competitive Borrowing, the period commencing on the date such Borrowing is made and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter and (b) in the case of a Fixed Rate Competitive Borrowing, the period (which shall not be less than seven days or more than 360 days) commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the date specified herein. The Interest Period may not end after the Maturity Date

⁷ Specify only in the case of a Borrowing by a Foreign Borrowing Subsidiary.

Very truly yours,

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT,

by

Name:

Title:

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[FORM OF COMPETITIVE BID]

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 as Administrative Agent
 JPMorgan Loan Services
 500 Stanton Christiana Road, NCC 5
 1st Floor Newark, DE 19713
 Attention: Loan and Agency Services Group
12012443630@tls.ldsprod.com

[Date]

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 12, 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned hereby makes a Competitive Bid pursuant to Section 2.04(c) of the Credit Agreement, in response to the Competitive Bid Request made by [the Company on behalf of] [NAME OF APPLICABLE BORROWER] (the "Borrower") on _____, 20[], and in connection therewith sets forth below the terms on which such Competitive Bid is made:

(A) Principal Amount¹(B) Competitive Bid Rate²

(C) Interest Period and last day thereof

The undersigned hereby confirms that it is prepared, subject to the conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement, to extend credit to the Borrower upon acceptance by the Borrower of this Competitive Bid in accordance with Section 2.04(e) of the Credit Agreement.

¹Must be in a minimum amount equal to the Borrowing Minimum and an integral multiple of the Borrowing Multiple and may equal the entire principal amount of the Competitive Borrowing requested.

²i.e., LIBO Rate + or - __%, in the case of LIBOR Competitive Loans, EURIBO Rate + or - __%, in the case of EURIBOR Competitive Loans, or __%, in the case of Fixed Rate Competitive Loans.

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF LENDER],

by

Name:

Title:

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[FORM OF COMPETITIVE BID ACCEPT/REJECT LETTER]

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Pursuant to Section 2.04(b) of the Credit Agreement, the [undersigned] [the Company on behalf of [specify the Borrowing Subsidiary]] requested Competitive Bids pursuant to a Competitive Bid Request dated [].

In accordance with Section 2.04(e) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned [on behalf of [specify the Borrowing Subsidiary]] hereby accepts the following Competitive Bids with an Interest Period ending on [date]:

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Rate/LIBO</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Lender</u>
		<u>Margin/EURIBO</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Margin</u>	
		[%]/[+/- . %]	[+/- . %]		

The undersigned [on behalf of [specify the Borrowing Subsidiary]] hereby rejects the following Competitive Bids:

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Fixed</u>	<u>Rate/LIBO</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Lender</u>
		<u>Margin/EURIBO</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Margin</u>	
		[%]/[+/- . %]	[+/- . %]		

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF APPLICABLE BORROWER]
[COMPANY],

by

Name:
Title:

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[FORM OF] COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

[The form of this Compliance Certificate has been prepared for convenience only, and is not to affect, or to be taken into consideration in interpreting, the terms of the Credit Agreement referred to below. The obligations of the Company and the Borrowing Subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement are as set forth in the Credit Agreement, and nothing in this Compliance Certificate, or the form hereof, shall modify such obligations or constitute a waiver of compliance therewith in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Compliance Certificate and the terms of the Credit Agreement, the terms of the Credit Agreement shall govern and control, and the terms of this Compliance Certificate are to be modified accordingly.]

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Each capitalized term used but not defined herein shall have the meaning specified in the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned hereby certifies, in his capacity as a Financial Officer of the Company and not in a personal capacity, as follows:

1. I am a Financial Officer of the Company.

2. [[Attached as Schedule I hereto are the][The] consolidated financial statements required by Section 5.01(a) of the Credit Agreement as of the end of and for the fiscal year ended [], setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the prior fiscal year, together with an audit opinion thereon of [KPMG LLP] required by Section 5.01(a) of the Credit Agreement [have been filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission with the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, [].]

[or]

[[Attached as Schedule I hereto are the][The] consolidated financial statements required by Section 5.01(b) of the Credit Agreement as of the end of and for the fiscal quarter ended [] and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the prior fiscal year [have been filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission with the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended []]. Such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year in accordance with GAAP, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of certain footnotes.]

3. I have reviewed the terms of the Credit Agreement and I have made, or have caused to be made under my supervision, a review in reasonable detail of the transactions and condition of the Company and the Subsidiaries during the accounting period covered by the [attached][above-referenced] financial statements. The foregoing examination did not disclose, and I have no knowledge of, (a) the existence of any condition or event that constitutes a Default during or at the end of the accounting period covered by the

[attached][above-referenced] financial statements or as of the date of this Certificate, except as set forth in a separate attachment, if any, to this Certificate, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, or (b) any change in GAAP or in the application thereof since the date of the consolidated balance sheet of the Company most recently theretofore delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b) of the Credit Agreement (or, prior to the first such delivery, referred to in Section 3.04 of the Credit Agreement), that has had, or could have, a significant effect on the calculation of the Leverage Ratio, except as set forth in a separate attachment, if any, to this Certificate, specifying the nature of such change and the effect thereof on such calculation.

4. The financial covenant analyses and other information set forth on Annex A hereto are true and accurate on and as of the date of this Certificate.

The foregoing certifications are made and delivered on [], pursuant to Section 5.01(c) of the Credit Agreement.

VERISIGN, INC.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

ANNEX A TO
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL [QUARTER] [YEAR] ENDED [mm/dd/yy].

Consolidated Net Income: (i) - (ii) =	\$[____,____,____]
(i) the net income or loss of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP:	\$[____,____,____]
(ii) the income or loss of any consolidated Subsidiary that is not wholly owned by the Company to the extent such income or loss is attributable to the noncontrolling interest in such consolidated Subsidiary:	\$[____,____,____]
Consolidated EBITDA: ¹ = (i) + (ii) - (iii) =	\$[____,____,____]
(i) Consolidated Net Income:	\$[____,____,____]
(ii) ² (a) consolidated interest expense for such period:	\$[____,____,____]
(b) consolidated income tax expense for such period:	\$[____,____,____]
(c) all amounts attributable to depreciation for such period and amortization of intangible assets for such period:	\$[____,____,____]
(d) any noncash charges for such period (including any noncash expense for such period resulting from the grant of stock options or other equity-based incentives to any director, officer or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary and any noncash restructuring charges and other noncash charges relating to acquisitions and dispositions or to closure or consolidation of facilities, but excluding any additions to bad debt reserves or bad debt expense, any write-down or write-off of marketable securities and any noncash charge to the extent it represents an accrual of or a reserve for cash expenditures in any future period):	\$[____,____,____]

¹ Consolidated EBITDA shall be calculated so as to exclude the effect of any gain or loss that represents after-tax gains or losses attributable to any sale, transfer or other disposition of assets by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, other than dispositions of inventory and other dispositions in the ordinary course of business. In the event any Subsidiary shall be a Subsidiary that is not wholly owned by the Company, all amounts added back in computing Consolidated EBITDA for any period pursuant to clause (ii) below, and all amounts subtracted in computing Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (iii) below, to the extent such amounts are, in the reasonable judgment of a Financial Officer of the Company, attributable to such Subsidiary, shall be reduced by the portion thereof that is attributable to the noncontrolling interest in such Subsidiary. For purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA for any period, if during such period the Company or any Subsidiary shall have consummated a Material Acquisition or a Material Disposition, Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto in accordance with Section 1.04(b) of the Credit Agreement.

² Items to be set forth without duplication and to the extent deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income.

³ Includes imputed interest expense in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations.

(e) non-recurring cash charges or expenses for such period incurred in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of assets (other than dispositions of inventory and other dispositions in the ordinary course of business) or in connection with Acquisitions: \$[__, __, __]

(f) any losses attributable to early extinguishment of Indebtedness or obligations under any Hedging Agreement: \$[__, __, __]

(g) any unrealized losses for such period attributable to the application of “mark to market” accounting in respect of Hedging Agreements: \$[__, __, __]

(h) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles: \$[__, __, __]

(iii)⁴ (a) any gains attributable to the early extinguishment of Indebtedness or obligations under any Hedging Agreement: \$[__, __, __]

(b) any unrealized gains for such period attributable to the application of “mark to market” accounting in respect of Hedging Agreements: \$[__, __, __]

(c) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles: \$[__, __, __]

(d) any other noncash items of income for such period (excluding any noncash items of income (A) in respect of which cash was received in a prior period or will be received in a future period or (B) that represents the reversal of any accrual made in a prior period for anticipated cash charges, but only to the extent such accrual reduced Consolidated EBITDA for such prior period): \$[__, __, __]

⁴ Items to be set forth without duplication and to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income.

Consolidated Funded Indebtedness:⁵⁶(i) + (ii) + (iii) + (iv) = \$[__,__,__]

(i) the aggregate principal amount as of such date of Indebtedness of the type referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the definition of the term “Indebtedness” in the Credit Agreement of the Company and the Subsidiaries: \$[__,__,__]

(ii) the aggregate amount as of such date of obligations of the Company and the Subsidiaries in respect of Indebtedness of the type referred to in clauses (f) and (g) of the definition of the term “Indebtedness” in the Credit Agreement:⁷ \$[__,__,__]

(iii) the aggregate amount as of such date of all Guarantees by the Company or any Subsidiary of any Indebtedness of the type referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) above of any Person (other than the Company or any Subsidiary): \$[__,__,__]

(iv) the aggregate amount as of such date of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (i) through (iii) above of any Person (other than the Company or any Subsidiary) to the extent the Company or any Subsidiary is liable therefor as a result of its ownership interest in or other relationship with such other Person (excluding any such Indebtedness to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that the Company or such Subsidiary is not liable therefor): \$[__,__,__]

Leverage Ratio: (i) / (ii) = \$[__,__,__]

(i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness: \$[__,__,__]

(ii) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company most recently ended on or prior to the date hereof: \$[__,__,__]

⁵ Items to be set forth without duplication.

⁶ “Consolidated Funded Indebtedness” is prepared on a consolidated basis for the Company and the Subsidiaries.

⁷ For purposes of this clause (ii), the term “Indebtedness” shall not include contingent obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary as an account party in respect of any letter of credit, letter of guaranty or banker’s acceptance to the extent such letter of credit, letter of guaranty or banker’s acceptance does not support Indebtedness.

[FORM OF INTEREST ELECTION REQUEST]

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as Administrative Agent
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This notice constitutes an Interest Election Request and the undersigned [on behalf of [specify the Borrowing Subsidiary]] hereby gives you notice, pursuant to Section 2.08 of the Credit Agreement, that it requests the conversion or continuation of a Revolving Borrowing under the Credit Agreement, and in that connection specifies the following information with respect to such Revolving Borrowing and each resulting Revolving Borrowing:

1. Borrowing to which this request applies: _____

Principal Amount: _____
 Currency: _____
 Type: _____
 Interest Period¹: _____

2. Effective date of this election²: _____

3. Resulting Borrowing[s]³

Principal Amount⁴: _____

¹ In the case of a LIBOR Revolving Borrowing, EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing or TIBOR Revolving Borrowing, specify the last day of the current Interest Period therefor.

² Must be a Business Day.

³ If different options are being elected with respect to different portions of the Revolving Borrowing, provide the information required by this item 3 for each resulting Revolving Borrowing. Each resulting Revolving Borrowings shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of, and not less than, the amount specified for a Revolving Borrowing of such Type and currency in Section 2.02(c) of the Credit Agreement.

⁴ Indicate the principal amount of the resulting Revolving Borrowing and the percentage of the Revolving Borrowing in item 1 above.

Type⁵ _____

Interest Period⁶ _____

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF APPLICABLE BORROWER]
[COMPANY]

by

Name:

Title:

⁵ Must comply with Section 2.02(c) of the Credit Agreement.

⁶ Applicable only if the resulting Borrowing is to be a LIBOR Revolving Borrowing, EURIBOR Revolving Borrowing or TIBOR Revolving Borrowing. Shall be subject to the definition of "Interest Period" and can be a period of one, three or six months. May not extend beyond the Maturity Date.

[FORM OF] SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

dated as of

[],

among

VERISIGN, INC.,

THE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS PARTY HERETO

and

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,

as Administrative Agent

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SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE AGREEMENT dated as of [] (this "Agreement"), among VERISIGN, INC., the SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS party hereto and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto (together with the Company, the "Borrowers"), the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. The Lenders and the Issuing Banks have agreed to extend credit to the Borrowers subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement. In accordance with the Credit Agreement, Subsidiaries of the Company may in the discretion of the Company become Subsidiary Guarantors by becoming a party to this Agreement. The Subsidiary Guarantors are Affiliates of the Borrowers, will derive substantial benefits from the extension of credit to the Borrowers pursuant to the Credit Agreement and are willing to execute and deliver this Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement. Accordingly, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

SECTION 1.01. Credit Agreement. (a) Terms used in this Agreement (including in the introductory paragraph hereto) that are defined in the Credit Agreement and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings specified in the Credit Agreement.

(b) The rules of construction specified in Section 1.03 of the Credit Agreement also apply to this Agreement, mutatis mutandis.

SECTION 1.02. Other Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

"Borrowers" has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Claiming Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.02.

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Contributing Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.02.

"Credit Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Guaranteed Obligations" has the meaning set forth in the Credit Agreement.

"Guaranteed Party" means (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) the Lenders, (c) the Issuing Banks, (d) the Arrangers, (e) the express beneficiaries of each

indemnification obligation undertaken by any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (f) the successors and assigns of any of the foregoing.

“Subsidiary Guarantors” means each Subsidiary party hereto on the date hereof or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to Section 5.12; provided that if a Subsidiary is released from its obligations as a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder as provided in Section 5.11(b), such Subsidiary shall cease to be a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder effective upon such release.

“Supplement” means an instrument in the form of Exhibit A hereto, or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE II

The Guarantees

SECTION 2.01. Guarantee. Each Subsidiary Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees, jointly with the other Subsidiary Guarantors and severally, the due and punctual payment and performance of the Guaranteed Obligations. Each Subsidiary Guarantor further agrees that the Guaranteed Obligations may be extended or renewed, in whole or in part, or amended or modified, without notice to or further assent from it, and that it will remain bound upon its guarantee hereunder notwithstanding any extension, renewal, amendment or modification of any of the Guaranteed Obligations. Each Subsidiary Guarantor waives presentment to, demand of payment from and protest to any Borrower or any other Loan Party of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, and also waives notice of acceptance of its Guarantee and notice of protest for nonpayment.

SECTION 2.02. Guarantee of Payment; Continuing Guarantee. Each Subsidiary Guarantor further agrees that its guarantee hereunder constitutes a guarantee of payment when due (whether or not any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding shall have stayed the accrual or collection of any of the Guaranteed Obligations or operated as a discharge thereof) and not merely of collection, and waives any right to require that any resort be had by the Administrative Agent or any other Guaranteed Party to any balance of any deposit account or credit on the books of the Administrative Agent or any other Guaranteed Party in favor of any Borrowers, any other Loan Party or any other Person. Each Subsidiary Guarantor agrees that its guarantee hereunder is continuing in nature and applies to all of the Guaranteed Obligations, whether currently existing or hereafter incurred.

SECTION 2.03. No Limitations. (a) Except for the termination or release of a Subsidiary Guarantor’s obligations hereunder as expressly provided in Section 5.11, the obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason, including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, and shall not be subject to any defense or set-off, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, any impossibility in the performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except for termination or release of its obligations hereunder as expressly provided in Section 5.11, the obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder shall not be discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by (i) the failure of the Administrative Agent or any other Guaranteed Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any right or remedy under the provisions of any Loan Document or otherwise, (ii) any rescission, waiver, amendment, or modification of, or any release from any of the terms

or provisions of, any Loan Document or any other agreement, including with respect to any other Subsidiary Guarantor under this Agreement, (iii) any default, failure or delay, wilful or otherwise, in the performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations or (iv) any other act or omission that may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of any Subsidiary Guarantor or otherwise operate as a discharge of any Subsidiary Guarantor as a matter of law or equity (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Guaranteed Obligations).

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Subsidiary Guarantor waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of any Borrower or any other Loan Party or the unenforceability of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of any Borrower or any other Loan Party (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Guaranteed Obligations). The Administrative Agent and the other Guaranteed Parties may, at their election, foreclose on any security held by one or more of them by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales, accept an assignment of any such security in lieu of foreclosure, compromise or adjust any part of the Guaranteed Obligations, make any other accommodation with any Borrower or any other Loan Party or exercise any other right or remedy available to them against any Borrower or any other Loan Party, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder (except to the extent the Guaranteed Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash). To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Subsidiary Guarantor waives any defense arising out of any such election even though such election operates, pursuant to applicable law, to impair or to extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of such Subsidiary Guarantor against any Borrower or any other Loan Party, as the case may be, or any security.

SECTION 2.04. Reinstatement. Each Subsidiary Guarantor agrees that its guarantee hereunder shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of any Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by the Administrative Agent or any other Guaranteed Party upon the bankruptcy or reorganization (or any analogous proceeding in any jurisdiction) of the Company, any other Loan Party or otherwise.

SECTION 2.05. Agreement to Pay; Subrogation. In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation of any other right that the Administrative Agent or any other Guaranteed Party may have at law or in equity against any Subsidiary Guarantor by virtue hereof, upon the failure of any Borrowers or any other Loan Party to pay any Guaranteed Obligation when and as the same shall become due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, after notice of prepayment or otherwise, each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby promises to and will forthwith pay, or cause to be paid, to the Administrative Agent for distribution to the applicable Guaranteed Parties in cash the amount of such unpaid Guaranteed Obligation. Each Subsidiary Guarantor agrees that if payment in respect of any Guaranteed Obligation shall be due in a currency other than US Dollars and/or at a place of payment other than New York and if, by reason of any change in law, disruption of currency or foreign exchange markets, war or civil disturbance or other event, circumstance or condition, payment of such Guaranteed Obligation in such currency or at such place of payment shall be impossible or, in the reasonable judgment of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, not consistent with the protection of its rights or interests, then, at the election of the Administrative Agent, such Subsidiary Guarantor shall make payment of such Guaranteed Obligation in US Dollars (based upon the applicable Exchange Rate in effect on the date of payment) and/or in New York, and shall indemnify the Administrative Agent and each other Guaranteed Party against any losses or reasonable out-of-pocket expenses that it shall sustain as a result of such

alternative payment. Upon payment by any Subsidiary Guarantor of any sums to the Administrative Agent as provided above, all rights of such Subsidiary Guarantor against any Borrower or any other Loan Party arising as a result thereof by way of right of subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or otherwise shall in all respects be subject to Article III.

SECTION 2.06. Information. Each Subsidiary Guarantor assumes all responsibility for being and keeping itself informed of each Borrower's and each other Loan Party's financial condition and assets, and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Guaranteed Obligations and the nature, scope and extent of the risks that such Subsidiary Guarantor assumes and incurs hereunder, and agrees that neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Guaranteed Party will have any duty to advise such Subsidiary Guarantor of information known to it or any of them regarding such circumstances or risks.

SECTION 2.07. Payments Free of Taxes. Each Subsidiary Guarantor that is not a party to the Credit Agreement hereby acknowledges the provisions of Section 2.17 of the Credit Agreement and agrees to be bound by such provisions with the same force and effect, and to the same extent, as if such Subsidiary Guarantor were a party to the Credit Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Indemnity, Subrogation and Subordination

SECTION 3.01. Indemnity and Subrogation. In addition to all such rights of indemnity and subrogation as the Subsidiary Guarantors may have under applicable law (but subject to Section 3.03), the Company agrees that (a) in the event a payment in respect of any Guaranteed Obligation shall be made by any Subsidiary Guarantor under this Agreement the Company shall indemnify such Subsidiary Guarantor for the full amount of such payment and such Subsidiary Guarantor shall be subrogated to the rights of the Person to whom such payment shall have been made to the extent of such payment.

SECTION 3.02. Contribution and Subrogation. Each Subsidiary Guarantor (a "Contributing Party") agrees (subject to Section 3.03) that, in the event a payment shall be made by any other Subsidiary Guarantor (other than a payment by any Borrower of its Guaranteed Obligations under the Credit Agreement) hereunder in respect of any Guaranteed Obligations and such other Subsidiary Guarantor (the "Claiming Party") shall not have been fully indemnified by the Company as provided in Section 3.01, the Contributing Party shall indemnify the Claiming Party in an amount equal to the amount of such payment or the greater of the book value or the fair market value of such assets, as the case may be, in each case multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the net worth of the Contributing Party on the date hereof and the denominator shall be the aggregate net worth of all the Subsidiary Guarantors on the date hereof (or, in the case of any Subsidiary Guarantor becoming a party hereto pursuant to Section 5.12, the date of the Supplement hereto executed and delivered by such Subsidiary Guarantor). Any Contributing Party making any payment to a Claiming Party pursuant to this Section 3.02 shall (subject to Section 3.03) be subrogated to the rights of such Claiming Party under Section 3.01 to the extent of such payment.

SECTION 3.03. Subordination. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all rights of the Subsidiary Guarantors under Sections 3.01 and 3.02 and all other rights of the Subsidiary Guarantors of indemnity, contribution or subrogation under applicable law or otherwise shall be fully subordinated to the payment

in full in cash of all the Guaranteed Obligations. No failure on the part of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor to make the payments required by Sections 3.01 and 3.02 (or any other payments required under applicable law or otherwise) shall in any respect limit the obligations and liabilities of any Subsidiary Guarantor with respect to its obligations hereunder, and each Subsidiary Guarantor shall remain liable for the full amount of the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder.

ARTICLE IV

Representations and Warranties

Each Subsidiary Guarantor represents and warrants that (a) the execution, delivery and performance by such Subsidiary Guarantor of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other action and, if required, action by the holders of such Subsidiary Guarantor's Equity Interests, and that this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such Subsidiary Guarantor and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, and (b) all representations and warranties set forth in the Credit Agreement as to such Subsidiary Guarantor (if such Subsidiary Guarantor is not a party to the Credit Agreement) are true and correct.

ARTICLE V

Miscellaneous

SECTION 5.01. Notices. All communications and notices hereunder shall (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein) be in writing and given as provided in Section 9.01 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be given to it in care of the Company as provided in Section 9.01 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 5.02. Waivers; Amendment. (a) No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by paragraph (b) of this Section, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the making of a Loan or the issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank, any Lender or any of their respective Affiliates may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time. No notice or demand on any Loan Party in any case shall entitle any Loan Party to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

(b) Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Administrative Agent and the Subsidiary Guarantor or Subsidiary Guarantors with respect to which such waiver, amendment or modification is to apply, subject to any consent required in accordance with Section 9.02 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 5.03. Administrative Agent's Fees and Expenses; Indemnification. (a) Each Subsidiary Guarantor that is not a party to the Credit Agreement, jointly with each other such Subsidiary Guarantor and severally, agrees to reimburse the Administrative Agent for its fees and expenses incurred hereunder as provided in Section 9.03(a) of the Credit Agreement as if each reference in such Section to "the Borrowers" were a reference to "the Subsidiary Guarantors" and with the same force and effect as if such Subsidiary Guarantor were a party to the Credit Agreement.

(b) Each Subsidiary Guarantor that is not a party to the Credit Agreement, jointly with each other such Subsidiary Guarantor and severally, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee as provided in Section 9.03(b) of the Credit Agreement as if each reference in such Section to "the Borrowers" were a reference to "the Subsidiary Guarantors" and with the same force and effect as if such Subsidiary Guarantor were a party to the Credit Agreement.

(c) All amounts due under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section shall be payable promptly after written demand therefor.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, no Subsidiary Guarantor shall assert, or permit any of its Affiliates or Related Parties to assert, and each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee (i) for any damages arising from the use by others of information or other materials obtained through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems (including the Internet and the Approved Electronic Platform), or (ii) on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 5.04. Survival of Agreement. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such Person or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Issuing Bank or any Lender or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any Loan Document is executed and delivered or any credit is extended under the Credit Agreement, and, subject to Section 9.05 of the Credit Agreement, shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under the Credit Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any LC Exposure is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated. The provisions of Sections 2.04, 2.07 and 5.03 shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the

Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

SECTION 5.05. Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement shall become effective as to the Company and any Subsidiary Guarantor when a counterpart hereof executed on behalf of the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor shall have been delivered to the Administrative Agent and a counterpart hereof shall have been executed on behalf of the Administrative Agent, and thereafter shall be binding upon such Subsidiary Guarantor and the Administrative Agent and their respective permitted successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Company and such Subsidiary Guarantor, the Administrative Agent and the other Guaranteed Parties and their respective successors and assigns, except that neither the Company nor any Subsidiary Guarantor shall have the right to assign or transfer its rights or obligations hereunder or any interest herein (and any attempted assignment or transfer by any Loan Party shall be null and void), except as expressly provided in this Agreement and the Credit Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed as a separate agreement with respect to each Subsidiary Guarantor and may be amended, modified, supplemented, waived or released with respect to any Subsidiary Guarantor without the approval of any other Subsidiary Guarantor and without affecting the obligations of any other Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder.

(a) Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile, emailed .pdf or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of the actual executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to any document to be signed in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act; provided that nothing herein shall require the Administrative Agent to accept electronic signatures in any form or format without its prior written consent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby (i) agrees that, for all purposes, including in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Loan Parties, electronic images of this Agreement or any other Loan Documents (in each case, including with respect to any signature pages thereto) shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, and (ii) waives any argument, defense or right to contest the validity or enforceability of the Loan Documents based solely on the lack of paper original copies of any Loan Documents, including with respect to any signature pages thereto.

SECTION 5.06. Severability. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any provision of this Agreement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the invalidity of

a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 5.07. Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender and Issuing Bank, and each Affiliate of any of the foregoing, is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) or other amounts at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender or Issuing Bank, or by such an Affiliate, to or for the credit or the account of any Subsidiary Guarantor against any of and all the obligations then due of such Subsidiary Guarantor now or hereafter existing under this Agreement held by such Lender or Issuing Bank, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or Issuing Bank shall have made any demand under this Agreement and although such obligations are owed to a branch office or Affiliate of such Lender or such Issuing Bank different from the branch office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. Each Lender and Issuing Bank agrees to notify the Company and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such set off and application; provided that the failure to give notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application. The rights of each Lender and Issuing Bank, and each Affiliate of any of the foregoing, under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, Issuing Bank or Affiliate may have.

SECTION 5.08. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process; Appointment of Service of Process Agent. (a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(b) Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York and of the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in New York County, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and the Company and each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document brought by it or any of its Affiliates shall be brought, and shall be heard and determined, exclusively in such Federal court or, if such Federal court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, in such New York State court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any Loan Party or any of its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(c) Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

(d) Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 5.01. Nothing in this Agreement or any other Loan Document will affect the right of any party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

(e) Each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby irrevocably designates, appoints and empowers the Company, and the Company hereby accepts such appointment, as its designee, appointee and agent to receive, accept and acknowledge for and on its behalf, and in respect of its property, service of any and all legal process, summons, notices and documents that may be served in any such action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document. Such service may be made by mailing or delivering a copy of such process to any Subsidiary Guarantor in care of the Company at the Company's address used for purposes of giving notices under Section 5.01, and each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs the Company to accept such service on its behalf.

(f) In the event any Subsidiary Guarantor or any of its assets has or hereafter acquires, in any jurisdiction in which judicial proceedings may at any time be commenced with respect to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, any immunity from jurisdiction, legal proceedings, attachment (whether before or after judgment), execution, judgment or setoff, such Subsidiary Guarantor hereby irrevocably agrees not to claim and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives such immunity.

SECTION 5.09. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 5.10. Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 5.11. Termination or Release. (a) Subject to Section 2.04, this Agreement and the Guarantees made herein shall terminate and be released when all the Guaranteed Obligations (other than contingent obligations for indemnification, expense reimbursement, tax gross-up or yield protection as to which no claim has been made) have been paid in full in cash, all Commitments have expired or terminated, the LC Exposure has been reduced to zero (including as a result of obtaining consent of the applicable Issuing Bank as described in Section 9.05 of the Credit Agreement) and the Issuing Banks have no further obligations to issue, amend or extend Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement.

(b) The Guarantees made herein shall also be released at the time or times and in the manner set forth in Section 9.20 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) In connection with any termination or release pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, (i) upon request of the Administrative Agent the Company shall deliver a certificate of a Financial Officer of the Company as to the satisfaction of the requirements to such release set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section and (ii) the Administrative Agent shall execute and deliver to any Subsidiary Guarantor, at such Subsidiary Guarantor's expense, all documents that such Subsidiary Guarantor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release. Any execution and delivery of documents by the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 5.12. Additional Subsidiary Guarantors. Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, certain Subsidiaries not a party hereto on the date of this Agreement may enter into this Agreement. Upon the execution and delivery by the Administrative Agent and any such Subsidiary of a Supplement, such Subsidiary shall become a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder with the same force and effect as if originally named as such herein. The execution and delivery of any Supplement shall not require the consent of any other Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder. The rights and obligations of the Company and each Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Subsidiary as a party to this Agreement.

SECTION 5.13. Conversion of Currencies. (a) If, for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert any Guaranteed Obligation denominated in one currency into another currency, each party hereto agrees, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so, that the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures in the relevant jurisdiction the first currency could be purchased with such other currency on the Business Day immediately preceding the day on which final judgment is given.

(b) The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor in respect of any Guaranteed Obligation due to any Guaranteed Party shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a currency (the "Judgment Currency") other than the currency in which such Guaranteed Obligation is stated to be due under the Loan Documents (the "Agreement Currency"), be discharged only to the extent that, on the Business Day following receipt by such Guaranteed Party of any sum adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, such Guaranteed Party may in accordance with normal banking procedures in the relevant jurisdiction purchase the Agreement Currency with the Judgment Currency; if the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is less than the sum originally due to such Guaranteed Party in the Agreement Currency, such Subsidiary Guarantor agrees, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, to indemnify such Guaranteed Party against such loss.

SECTION 5.14. No Fiduciary Relationship. Each Subsidiary Guarantor, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, agrees that in connection with all aspects of the transactions contemplated hereby and any communications in connection therewith, the Loan Parties and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and their Affiliates, on the other hand, will have a business relationship that does not create, by implication or otherwise, any fiduciary duty on the part of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders, the Issuing Banks or their Affiliates, and no such duty will be deemed to have arisen in connection with any such transactions or communications. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Subsidiary Guarantors hereby agree not to assert any claims against any of the

Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Lenders or the Issuing Banks or their respective Affiliates with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

VERISIGN, INC.,

By

Name:

Title:

[NAME OF SUBSIDIARY GUARANTOR],

By

Name:

Title:

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as
Administrative Agent,

By

Name:

Title:

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

SUPPLEMENT NO. __ dated as of [] (this “Supplement”) to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement dated as of [], 20[], among VERISIGN, INC., the other GUARANTORS party thereto and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Reference is made to (a) the Credit Agreement dated as of December [•], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and (b) the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement dated as of [], 20[] (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement”), among the Company, the other Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Terms used herein that are defined in the Credit Agreement and the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement or the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement, as applicable.

The Subsidiary Guarantors have entered into the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement in order to induce the Lenders and the Issuing Banks to extend credit to the Borrowers. Section 5.12 of the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement provides that additional Subsidiaries may become Subsidiary Guarantors under the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement by execution and delivery of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. The undersigned Subsidiary (the “New Subsidiary”) is executing this Supplement to become a Subsidiary Guarantor under the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.

Accordingly, the Administrative Agent and the New Subsidiary agree as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 5.12 of the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement, the New Subsidiary by its signature below becomes a Subsidiary Guarantor under the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Subsidiary Guarantor, and the New Subsidiary hereby agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement applicable to it as a Subsidiary Guarantor thereunder. Each reference to a “Subsidiary Guarantor” in the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement shall be deemed to include the New Subsidiary. The Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The New Subsidiary represents and warrants that (a) the execution, delivery and performance by the New Subsidiary of this Supplement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other action and, if required, action by the holders of the New Subsidiary’s Equity Interests, and that this Supplement has been duly executed and delivered by the New Subsidiary and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, and (b) all representations and warranties set forth in the Credit Agreement and the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement as to the New Subsidiary are true and correct.

SECTION 3. This Supplement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an

original but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile, emailed .pdf or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of the actual executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Supplement. This Supplement shall become effective as to the New Subsidiary when a counterpart hereof executed on behalf of the New Subsidiary shall have been delivered to the Administrative Agent and a counterpart hereof shall have been executed on behalf of the Administrative Agent, and thereafter shall be binding upon the New Subsidiary and the Administrative Agent and their respective permitted successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the New Subsidiary, the Administrative Agent, the other Guaranteed Parties and their respective successors and assigns, except that the New Subsidiary shall not have the right to assign or transfer its rights or obligations hereunder or any interest herein (and any such assignment or transfer shall be void) except as expressly provided in this Supplement, the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement and the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. THIS SUPPLEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 6. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any provision of this Supplement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 7. All communications and notices hereunder shall be in writing and given as provided in Section 5.01 of the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement.

SECTION 8. The provisions of Sections 5.02, 5.04, 5.08 and 5.09 of the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference herein as if set forth in full force herein, mutatis mutandis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Subsidiary and the Administrative Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF NEW SUBSIDIARY],

By

Name:

Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as
Administrative Agent,

By

Name:

Title:

SIGNATURE PAGE TO SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENT

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.17 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing such Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of any Borrower who is a U.S. Person within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to any Borrower who is a U.S. Person as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Administrative Agent and the Company with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Company and the Administrative Agent, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Company and the Administrative Agent with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By:

Name:

Title:

Date: _____, 20[]

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE
(For Non-U.S. Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.17 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of any Borrower who is a U.S. Person within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to any Borrower who is a U.S. Person as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

By:

Name:

Title:

Date: _____, 20[]

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE
(For Non-U.S. Participants That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.17 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such participation, (iii) with respect such participation, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of any Borrower who is a U.S. Person within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to any Borrower who is a U.S. Person as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

By:

Name:

Title:

Date: _____, 20[]

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE
 (For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., the Borrowing Subsidiaries party thereto, the Lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.17 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing such Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing such Loan(s)), (iii) with respect to the extension of credit pursuant to this Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of any Borrower who is a U.S. Person within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to any Borrower who is a U.S. Person as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Administrative Agent and the Company with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Company and the Administrative Agent, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Company and the Administrative Agent with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By:

Name:

Title:

Date: _____, 20[]

[FORM OF] NOTE

Lender: [NAME OF LENDER]
 Principal Amount: \$[AMOUNT] [DATE]

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, [NAME OF BORROWER] (the "Company"), hereby promises to pay to [NAME OF LENDER] (the "Lender") or its registered assigns, in the applicable currency and in immediately available funds, in each case as provided for in the Credit Agreement dated as of December [●], 2019 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among VeriSign, Inc., a Delaware corporation, the Borrowing Subsidiaries from time to time party thereto, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (a) on the dates set forth in the Credit Agreement, the lesser of (i) the principal amount set forth above and (ii) the aggregate unpaid principal amount of all Loans made by the Lender to the Company pursuant to the Credit Agreement, and (b) interest from the date hereof on the principal amount from time to time outstanding at the rate or rates per annum and payable on such dates as provided in the Credit Agreement. Each capitalized term used but not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Credit Agreement.

The Company promises to pay interest, on demand, on any overdue principal and, to the extent permitted by law, overdue interest from their due dates at a rate or rates provided in the Credit Agreement.

The Company hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand, protest and notice of any kind whatsoever. The nonexercise by the holder hereof of any of its rights hereunder in any particular instance shall not constitute a waiver thereof in that or any subsequent instance.

This promissory note (this "Note") is one of the promissory notes referred to in the Credit Agreement that, among other things, contains provisions for the acceleration of the maturity hereof upon the happening of certain events, for optional and mandatory prepayment of the principal hereof prior to the maturity hereof and for the amendment or waiver of certain provisions of the Credit Agreement, all upon the terms and conditions therein specified.

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

[NAME OF BORROWER]

by

Name:

Title:

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements (Nos. 333-39212, 333-45237, 333-46803, 333-59458, 333-69818, 333-75236, 333-82941, 333-86178, 333-86188, 333-106395, 333-117908, 333-126352, 333-144590, 333-147136, and 333-223107) on Form S-8, the registration statements (Nos. 333-256347 and 333-72222) on Form S-3, and the registration statements (Nos. 333-190732, 333-204485, and 333-219525) on Form S-4 of our reports dated February 18, 2022, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of VeriSign, Inc. and subsidiaries and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

McLean, Virginia
February 18, 2022

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, D. James Bidzos, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of VeriSign, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 18, 2022

By: _____
/S/ D. JAMES BIDZOS
D. James Bidzos
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, D. James Bidzos, Chief Executive Officer of VeriSign, Inc. (the “Company”), do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Report”), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 18, 2022

/S/ D. JAMES BIDZOS

D. James Bidzos
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, George E. Kilguss, III, Chief Financial Officer of VeriSign, Inc. (the "Company"), do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 18, 2022

/S/ GEORGE E. KILGUSS, III

George E. Kilguss, III
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)