UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

Maryland

December 31, 2007

41-2230745

Main Street Capital Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-33723

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1300 Post Oak Bouelvard, Suite 800,		77056
Houston, Texas		
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:		713 350 6000
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information set forth in Item 2.03 of this Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

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

On December 31, 2007, Main Street Capital Corporation ("Main Street") entered into a Treasury Secured Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") among Main Street, Wachovia Bank, National Association and Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), as administrative agent for the lenders. On the date of this filing, Main Street did not have any outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

Under the Credit Agreement, the lenders have agreed to extend revolving loans to Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000. The purpose of the Credit Agreement is to provide flexibility in the sizing of portfolio investments and to facilitate the growth of Main Street's investment portfolio. The Credit Agreement has a two year term and bears interest, at Main Street's option, either (i) at the LIBOR rate or (ii) at a published prime rate of interest, plus 25 basis points in each case. The applicable interest rates under the Credit Agreement would be increased by 15 basis points if usage under the Credit Agreement is in excess of 50% of the days within a given calendar quarter. The Credit Agreement also requires payment of 15 basis points per annum in unused commitment fees based on average daily unused balances under the facility.

The Credit Agreement is secured by certain securities accounts maintained by BB&T and is also guaranteed by certain of Main Street's subsidiaries. The Credit Agreement contains cross default provisions to other material debt of Main Street and contains certain affirmative and negative covenants, including but not limited to, (i) maintaining a cash collateral coverage ratio (as defined) of at least 1.01 to 1.0, (ii) maintaining an interest coverage ratio (as defined) of at least 2.0 to 1.0, and (iii) maintaining a minimum tangible net worth (as defined).

BB&T and the other lenders under the Credit Agreement, and their respective affiliates, may from time to time receive customary fees and expenses in the performance of investment banking, financial advisory or other services for Main Street.

The above summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety to the full text of the Credit Agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

10.1 Treasury Secured Revolving Credit Agreement dated December 31, 2007

10.2 Security Agreement dated December 31, 2007

10.3 Control Agreement dated December 31, 2007

10.4 Custody Agreement dated December 31, 2007

SIGNATURES

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

Main Street Capital Corporation

January 3, 2008

By: /s/Rodger A. Stout

Name: Rodger A. Stout

Title: Chief Accounting Officer, Chief Compliance Officer

and Secretary

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TREASURY SECURED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of

December 31, 2007

among

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION

as Borrower.

The Initial Guarantor Listed Herein,

The Lenders Listed Herein

and

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,

as Administrative Agent

and

BB&T CAPITAL MARKETS,

as Lead Arranger

TREASURY SECURED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS TREASURY SECURED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT is dated as of December 31, 2007 among MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation, as borrower, the INITIAL GUARANTOR listed on the signature pages hereof, as guarantor, the LENDERS listed on the signature pages hereof and BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, as Administrative Agent.

The parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01. <u>Definitions</u>. The terms as defined in this Section 1.01 shall, for all purposes of this Agreement and any amendment hereto (except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires), have the meanings set forth herein:

"90-Day Treasury Securities" shall mean Treasury Securities of the United States maturing within 90 days of the date of acquisition thereof.

"Adjusted London InterBank Offered Rate" applicable to any Interest Period means a rate per annum equal to the quotient obtained (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%) by dividing (i) the applicable London InterBank Offered Rate for such Interest Period by (ii) 1.00 minus the Euro-Dollar Reserve Percentage.

"Administrative Agent" means BB&T, in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders, and its successors and permitted assigns in such capacity.

"Administrative Agent's Letter Agreement" means that certain letter agreement, dated as of December 10, 2007, between Borrower and the Administrative Agent relating to the terms of this Agreement, and certain fees from time to time payable by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent, together with all amendments and modifications thereto. If there is any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Administrative Agent's Letter Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement will control.

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

"Advances" means collectively the Revolver Advances. "Advance" means any one of such Advances, as the context may require.

"Affiliate" of any Person means (i) any other Person which directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls such Person, (ii) any other Person which directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person, or (iii) any other Person of which such Person owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the common stock or equivalent equity interests. As used herein, the term "control" means possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Agreement" means this Credit Agreement, together with all amendments and supplements hereto.

"Applicable Laws" means all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes, executive orders, and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law

"Applicable Margin" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.06(a).

"Applicable Percentage" means with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the total Revolver Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolver Commitment. If the Revolver Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Revolver Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.

"Approved Fund" means any Fund 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.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.07), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit I or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

"Authority" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.02.

"Bankruptcy Code" means the United States Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 (11 U.S.C. §§101, et. seq.), as amended from time to time.

"Base Rate" means for any Base Rate Advance for any day, the rate per annum equal to the higher as of such day of (i) the Prime Rate, or (ii) one-half of one percent (0.5%) above the Federal Funds Rate. For purposes of determining the Base Rate for any day, changes in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Rate shall be effective on the date of each such change.

"Base Rate Advance" means, with respect to any Advance, such Advance when such Advance bears or is to bear interest at a rate based upon the Base Rate.

"BB&T" means Branch Banking and Trust Company, and its successors.

"Borrower" means Main Street Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation, and its successors and its permitted assigns.

"Borrowing" means a borrowing hereunder consisting of Revolver Advances made to the Borrower at the same time by the Lenders pursuant to Article II. A Borrowing is a "Base Rate Borrowing" if such Advances are Base Rate Advances or a "Euro-Dollar Borrowing" if such Advances are Euro-Dollar Advances.

"Capital Securities" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests (including membership interests and partnership interests), participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) of such Person's capital (including any instruments convertible into equity), whether now outstanding or issued after the Closing Date.

"Cash Collateral" shall mean the cash and 90-Day Treasury Securities of the Borrower that are the subject of a fully perfected first priority Lien granted pursuant to a Security Agreement to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders to secure the whole or any part of the Obligations or any Guarantee thereof.

"Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio" shall mean the ratio of Cash Collateral to the aggregate amount of the Revolver Advances of all Lenders.

"CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. and its implementing regulations and amendments.

"CERCLIS" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System established pursuant to CERCLA.

"Change in Control" means the occurrence after the Closing Date of any of the following: (i) any Person or two or more Persons acting in concert (excluding the Persons that are officers and directors of the Borrower on the Closing Date) shall have acquired beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of 20% or more of the outstanding shares of the voting stock of the Borrower; or (ii) as of any date a majority of the board of directors of the Borrower consists of individuals who were not either (A) directors of the Borrower as of the corresponding date of the previous year, (B) selected or nominated to become directors by the board of directors of the Borrower of which a majority consisted of individuals described in clause (A), or (C) selected or nominated to become directors by the board of directors of the Borrower of which a majority consisted of individuals described in clause (B).

"Change of Law" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.02.

"Closing Certificate" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01(d).

"Closing Date" means December 31, 2007.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor Federal tax code. Any reference to any provision of the Code shall also be deemed to be a reference to any successor provision or provisions thereof.

"Collateral" shall mean collectively: (1) the Cash Collateral and (2) any other property which secures the Obligations pursuant to the Collateral Documents.

"Collateral Documents" means, collectively, the Security Agreement and all other agreements (including control agreements), instruments and other documents, whether now existing or hereafter in effect, pursuant to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall grant or convey (or shall have granted or conveyed) to the Secured Parties a Lien in, or any other Person shall acknowledge any such Lien in, property as security for all or any portion of the Obligations, as any of them may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Compliance Certificate" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.01(c).

"Consolidated EBITDA" means and includes, for the Borrower and the Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Guarantors for any period, an amount equal to the sum of (a) Consolidated Net Realized Income for such period; <u>plus</u>, (b) to the extent such amounts were deducted in computing Consolidated Net Realized Income for such period: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period; (ii) income tax expense determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; and (iii) Depreciation and Amortization for such period, all determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP in each case for such period.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" for any period means interest, whether expensed or capitalized, in respect of Debt of the Borrower or any of its respective Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Guarantors outstanding during such period on a consolidated basis.

"Consolidated Net Realized Income" means, for any period the net realized income of the Borrower and the Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Guarantors as set forth or reflected on the most recent consolidated income statement of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Subsidiary" means at any date any Subsidiary or other entity the accounts of which, in accordance with GAAP, would be consolidated with those of the Borrower in its consolidated financial statements as of such date.

"Consolidated Tangible Net Worth" means, at any time, Net Assets less the sum of the value, (to the extent reflected in determining Net Assets) as set forth or reflected on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Guarantors, on a consolidated basis prepared in accordance with

- (A) Cumulative net unrealized gains and losses;
- (B) All assets which would be treated as intangible assets for balance sheet presentation purposes under GAAP, including without limitation goodwill (whether representing the excess of cost over book value of assets acquired, or otherwise), trademarks, tradenames, copyrights, patents and technologies, and unamortized debt discount and expense;
- (C) To the extent not included in (B) of this definition, any amount at which the Capital Securities of the Borrower appear as an asset on the balance sheet of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries;
 - (D) Loans or advances to owners of Capital Securities, directors, officers, managers or employees; and
 - (E) To the extent not included in (B) of this definition, deferred expenses.

"Controlled Group" means all members of a controlled group of corporations and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control which, together with any Loan Party, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Debt" of any Person means at any date, without duplication, (i) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (ii) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (iii) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services, except trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business, (iv) all obligations of such Person as lessee under capital leases, (v) all obligations of such Person to reimburse any bank or other Person in respect of amounts payable under a banker's acceptance, (vi) all Redeemable Preferred Securities of such Person, (vii) all obligations (absolute or contingent) of such Person to reimburse any bank or other Person in respect of amounts which are available to be drawn or have been drawn under a letter of credit or similar instrument, (viii) all Debt of others secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Debt is assumed by such Person, (ix) all Debt of others Guaranteed by such Person, (x) all obligations of such Person with respect to interest rate protection agreements, foreign currency exchange agreements or other hedging agreements (valued as the termination value thereof computed in accordance with a method approved by the International Swap Dealers Association and agreed to by such Person in the applicable hedging agreement, if any); and (xi) all obligations of such Person under any synthetic lease, tax retention operating lease, sale and leaseback transaction, asset securitization, off-balance sheet loan or other off-balance sheet financing product, (xiii) all obligations of such Person to purchase securities or other property arising out of or in connection with the sale of the same or substantially similar securities or property and (xiv) all obligations of such Person created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person. The Debt of any Person shall include the Debt of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefore as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Debt provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

"Default" means any condition or event which constitutes an Event of Default or which with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both would, unless cured or waived in writing, become an Event of Default.

"Default Rate" means, with respect to the Advances, on any day, the sum of 2% plus the then highest interest rate (including the Applicable Margin) which may be applicable to any Advance (irrespective of whether any such type of Advance is actually outstanding hereunder).

"Depreciation and Amortization" means for any period an amount equal to the sum of all depreciation and amortization expenses of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Guarantors for such period, as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Dollars" or "\$" means dollars in lawful currency of the United States of America.

"Domestic Business Day" means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in North Carolina are authorized or required by law to close.

"Domestic Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary which is organized under the laws of any state or territory of the United States of America.

"Eligible Assignee" means (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender, (c) an Approved Fund, and (d) any other Person (other than a natural person) approved by (i) the Administrative Agent, and (ii) unless a Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower (each such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); <u>provided</u> that

notwithstanding the foregoing, "Eligible Assignee" shall not include the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

"Environmental Authority" means any foreign, federal, state, local or regional government that exercises any form of jurisdiction or authority under any Environmental Requirement.

"Environmental Authorizations" means all licenses, permits, orders, approvals, notices, registrations or other legal prerequisites for conducting the business of a Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party required by any Environmental Requirement.

"Environmental Judgments and Orders" means all judgments, decrees or orders arising from or in any way associated with any Environmental Requirements, whether or not entered upon consent or written agreements with an Environmental Authority or other entity arising from or in any way associated with any Environmental Requirement, whether or not incorporated in a judgment, decree or order.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all federal, state, local and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or other governmental restrictions relating to the environment or to emissions, discharges or releases of pollutants, contaminants, petroleum or petroleum products, chemicals or industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes into the environment, including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater or land, or otherwise relating to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of pollutants, contaminants, petroleum or petroleum products, chemicals or industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes or the clean-up or other remediation thereof.

"Environmental Liabilities" means any liabilities, whether accrued, contingent or otherwise, arising from and in any way associated with any Environmental Requirements.

"Environmental Notices" means notice from any Environmental Authority or by any other person or entity, of possible or alleged noncompliance with or liability under any Environmental Requirement, including without limitation any complaints, citations, demands or requests from any Environmental Authority or from any other person or entity for correction of any violation of any Environmental Requirement or any investigations concerning any violation of any Environmental Requirement.

"Environmental Proceedings" means any judicial or administrative proceedings arising from or in any way associated with any Environmental Requirement.

"Environmental Releases" means releases as defined in CERCLA or under any applicable federal, state or local environmental law or regulation and shall include, in any event and without limitation, any release of petroleum or petroleum related products.

"Environmental Requirements" means any legal requirement relating to health, safety or the environment and applicable to a Loan Party, any Subsidiary of a Loan Party or the Properties, including but not limited to any such requirement under CERCLA or similar state legislation and all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, writs, decrees and common law.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, or any successor law and all rules and regulations from time to time promulgated thereunder. Any reference to any provision of ERISA shall also be deemed to be a reference to any successor provision or provisions thereof.

"Euro-Dollar Advance" means, with respect to any Advance, such Advance during Interest Periods when such Advance bears or is to bear interest at a rate based upon the London InterBank Offered Rate.

"Euro-Dollar Business Day" means any Domestic Business Day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are carried out in the London interbank market.

"Euro-Dollar Reserve Percentage" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.06(c).

"Event of Default" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.01.

"Excluded Taxes" means, with respect to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder, (a) taxes imposed on or measured by its overall net income (however denominated), and franchise taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income taxes), by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its

principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located, (b) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States of America or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction in which the Borrower is located and (c) in the case of a Foreign Lender, any withholding tax that is imposed on amounts payable to such Foreign Lender at the time such Foreign Lender becomes a party hereto (or designates a new lending office) or is attributable to such Foreign Lender's failure or inability (other than as a result of a Change of Law) to comply with Section 2.12(e), except to the extent that such Foreign Lender (or its assignor, if any) was entitled, at the time of designation of a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from the Borrower with respect to such withholding tax pursuant to Section 2.12(e).

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate per annum (rounded upward, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%) equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers on such day, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Domestic Business Day next succeeding such day, provided that (i) if the day for which such rate is to be determined is not a Domestic Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Domestic Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Domestic Business Day, and (ii) if such rate is not so published for any day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate charged to BB&T on such day on such transactions as determined by the Administrative Agent.

"Fiscal Quarter" means any fiscal quarter of the Borrower.

"Fiscal Year" means any fiscal year of the Borrower.

"Foreclosed Subsidiary" shall mean any Person that becomes a direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Borrower solely as a result of the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower acquiring the Capital Securities of such Person, through a bankruptcy, foreclosure or similar proceedings, with the intent to sell or transfer all of the Capital Securities of such Person; provided, that, in the event that the Borrower or such Subsidiary of the Borrower is unable to sell all of the Capital Securities of such Person within 180 days after the Borrower or such Subsidiary of the Borrower acquires the Capital Securities of such Person, such Person shall no longer be considered a "Foreclosed Subsidiary" for purposes of this Agreement.

"Foreign Lender" means any Lender that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes. For purposes of this definition, the United States of America, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

"Foreign Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary which is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with those which, in accordance with Section 1.02, are to be used in making the calculations for purposes of determining compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States of America or any other nation, or of 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 bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantee" by any Person means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Debt or other obligation of any other Person and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person (i) to secure, purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Debt or other obligation (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, by agreement to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to provide collateral security, to take-or-pay, or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise) or (ii) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Debt or other obligation of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), provided that the term Guarantee shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term "Guarantee" used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guaranteed Obligations" means any and all liabilities, indebtedness and obligations of any and every kind and nature, heretofore, now or hereafter owing, arising, due or payable from the Borrower to one or more of the Lenders, the

Administrative Agent, or any of them, arising under or evidenced by this Agreement, the Revolver Notes, the Collateral Documents or any other Loan Document.

"Guarantors" shall mean collectively: (a) the Initial Guarantors; and (b) all direct and indirect Subsidiaries of the Borrower or Guarantor acquired, formed or otherwise in existence after the Closing Date and required to become a Guarantor pursuant to Section 5.25; provided however, neither Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP nor Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC shall be a Guarantor until required pursuant to Section 5.25(c).

"Hazardous Materials" includes, without limitation, (a) solid or hazardous waste, as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq. and its implementing regulations and amendments, or in any applicable state or local law or regulation, (b) any "hazardous substance", "pollutant" or "contaminant", as defined in CERCLA, or in any applicable state or local law or regulation, (c) gasoline, or any other petroleum product or by-product, including crude oil or any fraction thereof, (d) toxic substances, as defined in the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, or in any applicable state or local law or regulation and (e) insecticides, fungicides, or rodenticides, as defined in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1975, or in any applicable state or local law or regulation, as each such Act, statute or regulation may be amended from time to time.

"Hedging Obligations" of any Person shall mean any and all obligations of such Person, whether absolute or contingent and howsoever and whensoever created, arising, evidenced or acquired under (i) any and all Hedging Transactions, (ii) any and all cancellations, buy backs, reversals, terminations or assignments of any Hedging Transactions and (iii) any and all renewals, extensions and modifications of any Hedging Transactions and any and all substitutions for any Hedging Transactions.

"Hedging Transaction" of any Person shall mean any transaction (including an agreement with respect thereto) now existing or hereafter entered into by such Person that is a rate swap, basis swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, interest rate option, foreign exchange transaction, cap transaction, floor transaction, collateral transaction, forward transaction, currency swap transaction, cross-currency rate swap transaction, currency option or any other similar transaction (including any option with respect to any of these transactions) or any combination thereof, whether linked to one or more interest rates, foreign currencies, commodity prices, equity prices or other financial measures.

"Indemnified Taxes" means Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.

"Initial Guarantor" shall mean Main Street Capital Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Interest Coverage Ratio" shall mean, as of any date, the ratio of (i) Consolidated EBITDA (including revenue from the Cash Collateral) to (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense (including Consolidated Interest Expense from the Revolver Advances) in each case for the four consecutive Fiscal Quarters ending on or immediately prior to such date.

"Interest Period" means with respect to each Euro-Dollar Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the first, second or third month thereafter, as the Borrower may elect in the applicable Notice of Borrowing; <u>provided</u> that:

- (a) any Interest Period (subject to clause (b) below) which would otherwise end on a day which is not a Euro-Dollar Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Euro-Dollar Business Day unless such Euro-Dollar Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Euro-Dollar Business Day;
- (b) any Interest Period which begins on the last Euro-Dollar Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the appropriate subsequent calendar month) shall, subject to clause (c) below, end on the last Euro-Dollar Business Day of the appropriate subsequent calendar month; and
- (c) no Interest Period may be selected that begins before the Termination Date and would otherwise end after the Termination Date.

"Lender" means each lender listed on the signature pages hereof as having a Revolver Commitment and their respective successors and assigns.

"Lending Office" means, as to each Lender, its office located at its address set forth on the signature pages hereof (or identified on the signature pages hereof as its Lending Office) or such other office as such Lender may hereafter designate as its Lending Office by notice to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, lien, pledge, charge,

security interest, security title, preferential arrangement which has the practical effect of constituting a security interest or encumbrance, servitude or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset to secure or assure payment of a Debt or a Guarantee, whether by consensual agreement or by operation of statute or other law, or by any agreement, contingent or otherwise, to provide any of the foregoing. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall be deemed to own subject to a Lien any asset which it has acquired or holds subject to the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or other title retention agreement relating to such asset.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, the Notes, the Collateral Documents, any other document evidencing or securing the Advances, and any other document or instrument delivered from time to time in connection with this Agreement, the Notes, the Collateral Documents or the Advances, as such documents and instruments may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Loan Parties" means collectively the Borrower and each Guarantor that is now or hereafter a party to any of the Loan Documents.

"London InterBank Offered Rate" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.06(c).

"Margin Stock" means "margin stock" as defined in Regulations T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as in effect from time to time, together with all official rulings and interpretations issued thereunder.

"Material Adverse Effect" means, with respect to any event, act, condition or occurrence of whatever nature (including any adverse determination in any litigation, arbitration, or governmental investigation or proceeding), whether singly or in conjunction with any other event or events, act or acts, condition or conditions, occurrence or occurrences, whether or not related, a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, any of (a) the financial condition, operations, business or properties of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders under the Loan Documents, or the ability of the Borrower or any other Loan Party to perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, as applicable, or (c) the legality, validity or enforceability of any Loan Document.

"Multiemployer Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

"Net Assets" means, at any time, the net assets of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Guarantors, as set forth or reflected on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Net Mark to Market Exposure" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the aggregate amount with respect to all Hedging Obligations of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries of the excess (if any) of all unrealized losses in respect of all such Hedging Obligations over all unrealized profits in respect of all Hedging Transactions of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries. "Unrealized losses" shall mean as to any Hedging Obligation, the fair market value of the cost to such Person of replacing the Hedging Transaction giving rise to such Hedging Obligation as of the date of determination (assuming the Hedging Transaction were to be terminated as of that date), and "unrealized profits" means as to any Hedging Transaction, the fair market value of the gain to such Person in respect of the Hedging Transaction as of the date of determination (assuming such Hedging Transaction were to be terminated as of that date)

"Notes" means collectively the Revolver Notes and any and all amendments, consolidations, modifications, renewals, substitutions and supplements thereto or replacements thereof. "Note" means any one of such Notes.

"Notice of Borrowing" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.02.

"Notice of Continuation or Conversion" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.03.

"OFAC" means The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

"Obligations" means the collective reference to all of the following indebtedness obligations and liabilities:

(a) the due and punctual payment by the Borrower of: (i) the principal of and interest on the Notes (including without limitation, any and all Revolver Advances), when and as due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; (ii) each payment required to be made by the Borrower under this Agreement, when and as due, including payments in respect of reimbursement of disbursements, interest thereon, and obligations, if any, to provide cash collateral and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; and (iii) all other monetary obligations of the Borrower to the Secured Parties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which the Borrower is or is to be a party and any

renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; (b) the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which the Borrower is or is to be a party, and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; and (c) the due and punctual payment and performance of all obligations of the Guarantor under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which they are or are to be a party and any and all renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part.

"Officer's Certificate" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01(e).

"Operating Documents" means with respect to any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership or other legally authorized incorporated or unincorporated entity, the bylaws, operating agreement, partnership agreement, limited partnership agreement, shareholder agreement or other applicable documents relating to the operation, governance or management of such entity.

"Organizational Action" means with respect to any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership or other legally authorized incorporated or unincorporated entity, any corporate, organizational or partnership action (including any required shareholder, member or partner action), or other similar official action, as applicable, taken by such entity.

"Organizational Documents" means with respect to any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership or other legally authorized incorporated or unincorporated entity, the articles of incorporation, certificate of incorporation, articles of organization, certificate of limited partnership or other applicable organizational or charter documents relating to the creation of such entity.

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies arising from any payment made hereunder or under any other Loan Document or from the execution, delivery or enforcement of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

"Participant" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.07(d).

"Patriot Act" means the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-56, signed into law October 26, 2001.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any entity succeeding to any or all of its functions under ERISA.

"Person" means a natural person, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership (including without limitation, a joint venture), an unincorporated association, a trust or any other entity or organization, including, but not limited to, a government or political subdivision or an agency or instrumentality thereof.

"Plan" means at any time an employee pension benefit plan which is covered by Title IV of ERISA or subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code and is either (i) maintained by a member of the Controlled Group for employees of any member of the Controlled Group or (ii) maintained pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or any other arrangement under which more than one employer makes contributions and to which a member of the Controlled Group is then making or accruing an obligation to make contributions or has within the preceding 5 plan years made contributions.

"Prime Rate" refers to that interest rate so denominated and set by BB&T from time to time as an interest rate basis for borrowings. The Prime Rate is but one of several interest rate bases used by BB&T. BB&T lends at interest rates above and below the Prime Rate. The Prime Rate is not necessarily the lowest or best rate charged by BB&T to its customers or other banks.

"Properties" means all real property owned, leased or otherwise used or occupied by a Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party, wherever located. "Property" means any one of such Properties.

"Quarterly Payment Date" means each March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, or, if any such day is not a Domestic Business Day, the next succeeding Domestic Business Day.

"Redeemable Preferred Securities" of any Person means any preferred stock or similar Capital Securities (including, without limitation, limited liability company membership interests and limited partnership interests) issued by such Person which is at any time prior to the Termination Date either (i) mandatorily redeemable (by sinking fund or similar payments or otherwise) or (ii) redeemable at the option of the holder thereof.

"Register" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.07(c).

"Related Fund" means, with respect to any Lender that is a fund that invests in lender loans, any other fund that invests in lender loans and is advised or managed by the same investment advisor as such Lender.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Required Lenders" means at any time Lenders having at least 66-2/3% of the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments or, if the Revolver Commitments are no longer in effect, Lenders holding at least 66-2/3% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Revolver Notes.

"Revolver Advance" shall mean an advance made to the Borrower under this Agreement pursuant to Section 2.01. A Revolver Advance is a "Base Rate Advance" if such Revolver Advance is part of a Base Rate Borrowing or a "Euro-Dollar Advance" if such Revolver Advance is part of a Euro-Dollar Borrowing.

"Revolver Commitment" means, with respect to each Lender, (i) the amount set forth opposite the name of such Lender on the signature pages hereof, or (ii) as to any Lender which enters into an Assignment and Assumption (whether as transferor Lender or as assignee thereunder), the amount of such Lender's Revolver Commitment after giving effect to such Assignment and Assumption, in each case as such amount may be reduced from time to time pursuant to Sections 2.08 and 2.09.

"Revolver Notes" means the promissory notes of the Borrower, substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, evidencing the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Revolver Advances, together with all amendments, consolidations, modifications, renewals, substitutions and supplements thereto or replacements thereof and "Revolver Note" means any one of such Revolver Notes.

"RIC" or "regulated investment company" shall mean an investment company or business development company that qualifies for the special tax treatment provided for by subchapter M of the Code.

"Sale/Leaseback Transaction" means any arrangement with any Person providing, directly or indirectly, for the leasing by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries of real or personal property which has been or is to be sold or transferred by any Loan Party or such Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of any Loan Party or such Subsidiary.

"Sanctioned Entity" shall mean (i) a country or a government of a country, (ii) an agency of the government of a country, (iii) an organization directly or indirectly controlled by a country or its government, (iv) a person or entity resident in or determined to be resident in a country, that is subject to a country sanctions program administered and enforced by OFAC described or referenced at http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/ or as otherwise published from time to time.

"Secured Parties" shall mean collectively: (1) the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such under this Agreement, the Collateral Documents and the other Loan Documents; (2) the Lenders, and (3) the successors and assigns of the foregoing.

"Security Agreement" means the Security Agreement by and between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties to be executed and delivered in connection herewith.

"Special Purpose Subsidiary" shall mean any single purpose Subsidiary created for the purpose of holding specific assets.

"Subsidiary" of any Person means a corporation, partnership or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interest having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person; provided however, the term "Subsidiary" shall not include any Person that constitutes an investment made by the Borrower or a Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business and consistently with practices existing on the Closing Date in a Person that is accounted for under GAAP as a portfolio investment of the Borrower. Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" in this Agreement shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

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

"Termination Date" means the earlier to occur of (i) December 31, 2009, (ii) the date the Revolver Commitments are terminated pursuant to Section 6.01 following the occurrence of an Event of Default, or (iii) the date the Borrower terminates the Revolver Commitments entirely pursuant to Section 2.09.

"Third Parties" means all lessees, sublessees, licensees and other users of the Properties, excluding those users of the Properties in the ordinary course of the Borrower's business and on a temporary basis.

"Total Unused Revolver Commitments" means at any date, an amount equal to: (A) the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments of all of the Lenders at such time, less (B) the sum of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Revolver Advances of all of the Lenders at such time.

"Unused Commitment" means at any date, with respect to any Lender, an amount equal to its Revolver Commitment less the sum of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the sum of its Revolver Advances.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary all of the Capital Securities of which are at the time directly or indirectly owned by the Borrower.

SECTION 1.02. Accounting Terms and Determinations. Unless otherwise specified herein, all terms of an accounting character used herein shall be interpreted, all accounting determinations hereunder shall be made, and all financial statements required to be delivered hereunder shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP, applied on a basis consistent (except for changes concurred in by the Borrower's independent public accountants or otherwise required by a change in GAAP) with the most recent audited consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries delivered to the Administrative Agent for distribution to the Lenders, unless with respect to any such change concurred in by the Borrower's independent public accountants or required by GAAP, in determining compliance with any of the provisions of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents: (i) the Borrower shall have objected to determining such compliance on such basis at the time of delivery of such financial statements, or (ii) the Required Lenders shall so object in writing within 30 days after the delivery of such financial statements, in either of which events such calculations shall be made on a basis consistent with those used in the preparation of the latest financial statements as to which such objection shall not have been made (which, if objection is made in respect of the first financial statements delivered under Section 5.01 hereof, shall mean the financial statements referred to in Section 4.04).

SECTION 1.03. <u>Use of Defined Terms</u>. All terms defined in this Agreement shall have the same meanings when used in any of the other Loan Documents, unless otherwise defined therein or unless the context shall otherwise require.

SECTION 1.04. 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." Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein 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 reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (c) 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, (d) 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, (e) any reference to any law or regulation herein shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time; (f) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights; and (g) titles of Articles and Sections in this Agreement are for convenience only, and neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

THE CREDIT

SECTION 2.01. <u>Commitments to Make Advances</u>. Each Lender severally agrees, on the terms and conditions set forth herein, to make Revolver Advances to the Borrower from time to time before the Termination Date; <u>provided</u>

that, immediately after each such Revolver Advance is made, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Revolver Advances by such Lender shall not exceed the amount of the Revolver Commitment of such Lender at such time, provided further that the aggregate principal amount of all Revolver Advances shall not exceed the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments of all of the Lenders at such time. Each Borrowing under this Section 2.01 shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 or any larger multiple of \$100,000 (except that any such Borrowing may be in the aggregate amount of the Total Unused Revolver Commitments) and shall be made from the several Lenders ratably in proportion to their respective Revolver Commitments. Within the foregoing limits, the Borrower may borrow under this Section, repay or, to the extent permitted by Section 2.10, prepay Revolver Advances and reborrow under this Section 2.01 at any time before the Termination Date.

SECTION 2.02. Method of Borrowing Advances.

- (a) The Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (a "Notice of Borrowing") prior to (i) 9:30 A.M. (Eastern time) on the same Domestic Business Day of each Base Rate Borrowing, and (ii) 11:00 A.M. (Eastern time) at least three (3) Euro-Dollar Business Days before each Euro-Dollar Borrowing, specifying:
 - (i) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Domestic Business Day in the case of a Base Rate Borrowing or a Euro-Dollar Business Day in the case of a Euro-Dollar Borrowing,
 - (ii) the aggregate amount of such Borrowing,
 - (iii) whether the Revolver Advances comprising such Borrowing are to be Base Rate Advances or Euro-Dollar Advances, and
 - (iv) in the case of a Euro-Dollar Borrowing, the duration of the Interest Period applicable thereto, subject to the provisions of the definition of Interest Period.
- (b) Upon receipt of a Notice of Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the contents thereof and of such Lender's ratable share of such Borrowing and such Notice of Borrowing, once received by the Administrative Agent, shall not thereafter be revocable by the Borrower.
- (c) Not later than 11:00 A.M. (Eastern time) on the date of each Borrowing, each Lender shall (except as provided in subsection (d) of this Section) make available its ratable share of such Borrowing, in Federal or other funds immediately available in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to the Administrative Agent at its address referred to in or specified pursuant to Section 9.01. Unless the Administrative Agent determines that any applicable condition specified in Article III has not been satisfied, the Administrative Agent will disburse the funds so received from the Lenders to the Securities Account (as defined in the Security Agreement).
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, no Euro-Dollar Borrowing may be made if there shall have occurred a Default, which Default shall not have been cured or waived.
- (e) In the event that a Notice of Borrowing fails to specify whether the Revolver Advances comprising such Borrowing are to be Base Rate Advances or Euro-Dollar Advances, such Revolver Advances shall be made as Base Rate Advances. If the Borrower is otherwise entitled under this Agreement to repay any Revolver Advances maturing at the end of an Interest Period applicable thereto with the proceeds of a new Borrowing, and the Borrower fails to repay such Revolver Advances using its own moneys and fails to give a Notice of Borrowing in connection with such new Borrowing, a new Borrowing shall be deemed to be made on the date such Revolver Advances mature in an amount equal to the principal amount of the Revolver Advances so maturing, and the Revolver Advances comprising such new Borrowing shall be Base Rate Advances.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, there shall not be more than three (3) Interest Periods outstanding at any given time.

SECTION 2.03. Continuation and Conversion Elections. By delivering a notice (a "Notice of Continuation or Conversion"), which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit C, to the Administrative Agent on or before 12:00 P.M., Eastern time, on a Domestic Business Day (or Euro-Dollar Business Day, in the case of Euro-Dollar Advances outstanding), the Borrower may from time to time irrevocably elect, by notice on the same Domestic Business Day in the case of a conversion to Base Rate Advances or three (3) Euro-Dollar Business Days prior in the case of a continuation of or conversion to Euro-Dollar Advances, that all, or any portion in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 or any larger integral multiple of \$100,000 be, (i) in the case of Base Rate Advances, converted into Euro-Dollar Advances or (ii) in the case of Euro-Dollar Advances, converted into Base Rate Advances or continued as Euro-Dollar Advances;

provided, however, that (x) each such conversion or continuation shall be pro rated among the applicable outstanding Revolver Advances of all Lenders that have made such Revolver Advances, and (y) no portion of the outstanding principal amount of any Revolver Advances may be continued as, or be converted into, any Euro-Dollar Advance when any Default has occurred and is continuing. In the absence of delivery of a Notice of Continuation or Conversion with respect to any Euro-Dollar Advance at least three (3) Euro-Dollar Business Days before the last day of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto, such Euro-Dollar Advance shall, on such last day, automatically convert to a Base Rate Advance.

SECTION 2.04. Notes. The Revolver Advances of each Lender shall be evidenced by a single Revolver Note payable to the order of such Lender for the account of its Lending Office in an amount equal to the original principal amount of such Lender's Revolver Commitment. Upon receipt of each Lender's Revolver Note pursuant to Section 3.01, the Administrative Agent shall deliver such Revolver Note to such Lender. Each Lender shall record, and prior to any transfer of its Revolver Note shall endorse on the schedule forming a part thereof appropriate notations to evidence, the date, amount and maturity of, and effective interest rate for, each Revolver Advance made by it, the date and amount of each payment of principal made by the Borrower with respect thereto and such schedule shall constitute rebuttable presumptive evidence of the principal amount owing and unpaid on such Lender's Revolver Note; provided that the failure of any Lender to make, or any error in making, any such recordation or endorsement shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower hereunder or under the Revolver Note or the ability of any Lender to assign its Revolver Note. Each Lender is hereby irrevocably authorized by the Borrower so to endorse its Revolver Note and to attach to and make a part of any Revolver Note a continuation of any such schedule as and when required.

SECTION 2.05. <u>Maturity of Advances</u>. Each Revolver Advance included in any Borrowing shall mature, and the principal amount thereof, together with all accrued unpaid interest thereon, shall be due and payable on the Termination Date.

SECTION 2.06. Interest Rates.

- (a) "Applicable Margin" shall mean 0.25%.
- (b) Each Base Rate Advance shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof, for each day from the date such Advance is made until it becomes due, at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate for such day plus the Applicable Margin. Such interest shall be payable on each Quarterly Payment Date while such Base Rate Advance is outstanding and on the date such Base Rate Advance is converted to a Euro-Dollar Advance or repaid. Any overdue principal of and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, overdue interest on any Base Rate Advance shall bear interest, payable on demand, for each day until paid in full at a rate per annum equal to the Default Rate.
- (c) Each Euro-Dollar Advance shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof, for the Interest Period applicable thereto, at a rate per annum equal to the sum of: (1) the Applicable Margin, plus (2) the applicable Adjusted London InterBank Offered Rate for such Interest Period. Such interest shall be payable for each Interest Period on the last day thereof. Any overdue principal of and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, overdue interest on any Euro-Dollar Advance shall bear interest, payable on demand, for each day until paid in full at a rate per annum equal to the Default Rate.

The "London InterBank Offered Rate" applicable to any Euro-Dollar Advance means for the Interest Period of such Euro-Dollar Advance the rate per annum determined on the basis of the rate for deposits in Dollars of amounts equal or comparable to the principal amount of such Euro-Dollar Advance offered for a term comparable to such Interest Period, which rate appears on the display designated as Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (or such other successor page as may replace Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page or such other service or services as may be nominated by the British Banker's Association for the purpose of displaying London InterBank Offered Rates for U.S. dollar deposits) determined as of 11:00 a.m. London, England time, two (2) Euro-Dollar Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period, provided that if no such offered rates appear on such page, the "London InterBank Offered Rate" for such Interest Period will be the arithmetic average (rounded upward, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%) of rates quoted by not less than two (2) major lenders in New York City, selected by the Administrative Agent, at approximately 10:00 A.M., New York City time, two (2) Euro-Dollar Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period, for deposits in Dollars offered by leading European banks for a period comparable to such Interest Period in an amount comparable to the principal amount of such Euro-Dollar Advance.

"Euro-Dollar Reserve Percentage" means for any day that percentage (expressed as a decimal) which is in effect on such day, as prescribed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor) for determining the maximum reserve requirement for a member bank of the Federal Reserve System in respect of "Eurocurrency liabilities" (or in respect of any other category of liabilities which includes deposits by reference to which the interest rate on such Euro-Dollar Advance is determined or any category of extensions of credit or other assets which includes loans by a non-United States office of any Lender to United States residents). The Adjusted London InterBank Offered Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in the Euro-Dollar Reserve Percentage.

- (d) The Administrative Agent shall determine each interest rate applicable to the Advances hereunder in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall give prompt notice to the Borrower and the Lenders by telecopy of each rate of interest so determined, and its determination thereof shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error.
- (e) After the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default under Sections 6.01(g) or (h)), the principal amount of the Advances (and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all accrued interest thereon) may, at the election of the Required Lenders, bear interest at the Default Rate; provided, however, that automatically whether or not the Required Lenders elect to do so, (i) any overdue principal of and, to the extent permitted by law, overdue interest on the Advances shall bear interest payable on demand, for each day until paid at a rate per annum equal to the Default Rate, and (ii) after the continuance and during the continuance of an Event of Default described in Section 6.01(g) or 6.01(h), the principal amount of the Advances (and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all accrued interest thereon) shall bear interest payable on demand for each day until paid at a rate per annum equal to the Default Rate.

SECTION 2.07. Fees.

- (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of each Lender an unused commitment fee equal to the product of: (i) the aggregate of the daily average amounts of such Lender's Unused Commitment, times (ii) a per annum percentage equal to 0.15%. Such unused commitment fee shall accrue from and including the Closing Date to and including the Termination Date. Unused commitment fees shall be payable quarterly in arrears on each Quarterly Payment Date and on the Termination Date; provided that should the Revolver Commitments be terminated at any time prior to the Termination Date for any reason, the entire accrued and unpaid fee shall be paid on the date of such termination.
- (b) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of each Lender a utilization fee in respect of any Fiscal Quarter in which Revolver Advances are outstanding for more than 50% of the calendar days during such Fiscal Quarter equal to the product of: (i) the aggregate of the daily average amounts of such Lender's Revolver Advances during such Fiscal Quarter, times (ii) a per annum percentage equal to 0.15%. Such utilization fee shall accrue from and including the Closing Date to and including the Termination Date. Utilization fees shall be payable quarterly in arrears on each Quarterly Payment Date and on the Termination Date; provided that should the Revolver Commitments be terminated at any time prior to the Termination Date for any reason, the entire accrued and unpaid fee shall be paid on the date of such termination.
- (c) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account and sole benefit of the Administrative Agent, such fees and other amounts at such times as set forth in the Administrative Agent's Letter Agreement.

SECTION 2.08. Optional Termination or Reduction of Commitments. The Borrower may, upon at least 3 Domestic Business Day's irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, terminate at any time, or proportionately reduce from time to time by an aggregate amount of at least \$10,000,000 or any larger multiple of \$1,000,000, the Revolver Commitments; provided, however: (1) each termination or reduction, as the case may be, shall be permanent and irrevocable; (2) no such termination or reduction shall be in an amount greater than the Total Unused Revolver Commitments on the date of such termination or reduction; and (3) no such reduction pursuant to this Section 2.08 shall result in the aggregate Revolver Commitments of all of the Lenders to be reduced to an amount less than \$30,000,000, unless the Revolver Commitments are terminated in their entirety, in which case all accrued fees (as provided under Section 2.07) shall be payable on the effective date of such termination. Each reduction shall be made ratably among the Lenders in accordance with their respective Revolver Commitments.

SECTION 2.09. <u>Termination of Commitments</u>. The Revolver Commitments shall terminate on the Termination Date and any Revolver Advances then outstanding (together with accrued interest thereon) shall be due and payable on such date.

SECTION 2.10. Optional Prepayments.

(a) The Borrower may, upon at least one (1) Domestic Business Day's notice to the Administrative Agent, prepay any Base Rate Borrowing in whole at any time, or from time to time in part in amounts aggregating at least \$5,000,000 or any larger integral multiple of \$1,000,000 (or any lesser amount equal to the outstanding balance of

such Advance), by paying the principal amount to be prepaid together with accrued interest thereon to the date of prepayment. Each such optional prepayment shall be applied to prepay ratably the Base Rate Advances of the several Lenders included in such Base Rate Borrowing.

- (b) Subject to any payments required pursuant to the terms of Article VIII for such Euro-Dollar Borrowing, the Borrower may, upon at least three (3) Domestic Business Day's prior written notice, prepay in minimum amounts of \$5,000,000 with additional increments of \$1,000,000 (or any lesser amount equal to the outstanding balance of such Advances) all or any portion of the principal amount of any Euro-Dollar Borrowing prior to the maturity thereof, by paying the principal amount to be prepaid together with accrued interest thereon to the date of prepayment and such payments required pursuant to the terms of Article VIII. Each such optional prepayment shall be applied to prepay ratably the Euro-Dollar Advances of the several Lenders included in such Euro-Dollar Borrowing.
- (c) Upon receipt of a notice of prepayment pursuant to this Section 2.10, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the contents thereof and of such Lender's ratable share of such prepayment and such notice, once received by the Administrative Agent, shall not thereafter be revocable by the Borrower.

SECTION 2.11. Mandatory Prepayments.

- (a) On each date on which the Revolver Commitments are reduced or terminated pursuant to Section 2.08 or Section 2.09, the Borrower shall repay or prepay such principal amount of the outstanding Revolver Advances, if any (together with interest accrued thereon and any amount due under Section 8.05), as may be necessary so that after such payment the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Revolver Advances does not exceed the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments as then reduced. Each such payment or prepayment shall be applied ratably to the Revolver Advances of the several Lenders outstanding on the date of payment or prepayment in the following order or priority: (i) first, to Base Rate Advances; and (ii) lastly, to Euro-Dollar Advances.
- (b) In the event that the aggregate principal amount of all Revolver Advances at any one time outstanding shall at any time exceed the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments of all of the Lenders at such time, the Borrower shall immediately repay so much of the Revolver Advances as is necessary in order that the aggregate principal amount of the Revolver Advances thereafter outstanding, shall not exceed the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments of all of the Lenders at such time. Each such payment or prepayment shall be applied ratably to the Revolver Advances of the several Lenders outstanding on the date of payment or prepayment in the following order or priority: (i) first, to Base Rate Advances; and (ii) lastly, to Euro-Dollar Advances.
- (c) If at any time the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio is not at least 1.01:1.00, the Borrower shall immediately repay so much of the Revolver Advances as is necessary in order that the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio is, after giving effect to such repayment, at least 1.01:1.00. Each such payment or prepayment shall be applied ratably to the Revolver Advances of the several Lenders outstanding on the date of payment or prepayment in the following order or priority: (i) first, to Base Rate Advances, and (ii) lastly to Euro-Dollar Advances.

SECTION 2.12. General Provisions as to Payments.

- (a) The Borrower shall make each payment of principal of, and interest on, the Advances and of fees hereunder without any set off, counterclaim or any deduction whatsoever, not later than 11:00 A.M. (Eastern time) on the date when due, in Federal or other funds immediately available in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to the Administrative Agent at its address referred to in Section 9.01. The Administrative Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its ratable share of each such payment received by the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders.
- (b) Whenever any payment of principal of, or interest on, the Base Rate Advances or of fees shall be due on a day which is not a Domestic Business Day, the date for payment thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Domestic Business Day. Whenever any payment of principal of or interest on, the Euro-Dollar Advances shall be due on a day which is not a Euro-Dollar Business Day, the date for payment thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Euro-Dollar Business Day unless such Euro-Dollar Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case the date for payment thereof shall be the next preceding Euro-Dollar Business Day. If the date for any payment of principal is extended by operation of law or otherwise, interest thereon shall be payable for such extended time.
- (c) <u>Funding by Lenders</u>; <u>Presumption by Administrative Agent</u>. 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 Section 2.02 and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the 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 the 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 the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (ii) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Advances. If the 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 the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Borrowing to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Advance included in such Borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent

(d) <u>Payments by Borrower</u>; <u>Presumptions by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender, 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 the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation

(e) Taxes.

- (i) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, <u>provided</u> that if the Borrower shall be required by applicable law to deduct any Indemnified Taxes (including any Other Taxes) from such payments, then (A) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Administrative Agent or Lender, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (B) the Borrower shall make such deductions and (C) the Borrower shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (ii) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. Without limiting the provisions of paragraph (i) above, the Borrower shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (iii) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent and each Lender, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) paid by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other 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 Borrower or 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.
- (iv) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority, the Borrower 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.
- (v) <u>Status of Lenders</u>. Any Foreign Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding tax under the law of the jurisdiction in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes, or any treaty to which such jurisdiction is a party, with respect to payments hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed

documentation prescribed by applicable law as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is resident for tax purposes in the United States of America, any Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Borrower 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 request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, but only if such Foreign Lender is legally entitled to do so), whichever of the following is applicable:

- (A) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States of America is a party,
 - (B) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI,
- (C) 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 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not (1) a "bank" within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (2) a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or (3) a "controlled foreign corporation" described in section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (y) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN, or
- (D) any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States Federal withholding tax duly completed together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.
- (vi) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If the Administrative Agent or a Lender determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by the Borrower or with respect to which the Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay to the Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Borrower under this Section with respect to the Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that the Borrower, upon the request of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent or such Lender in the event the Administrative Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This paragraph shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent or any Lender to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to the Borrower or any other Person.

SECTION 2.13. <u>Computation of Interest and Fees</u>. Interest on the Advances shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and paid for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). Utilization fees, unused commitment fees and any other fees payable hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and paid for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

ARTICLE III

CONDITIONS TO BORROWINGS

SECTION 3.01. <u>Conditions to Closing and First Borrowing</u>. The obligation of each Lender to make an Advance on the Closing Date is subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 3.02 and the following additional conditions:

- (a) receipt by the Administrative Agent from each of the parties hereto of a duly executed counterpart of this Agreement signed by such party;
- (b) receipt by the Administrative Agent of a duly executed Revolver Note for the account of each Lender, complying with the provisions of Section 2.04;

- (c) receipt by the Administrative Agent of an opinion of Porter & Hedges, LLP, as counsel to the Loan Parties, dated as of the Closing Date (or in the case of an opinion delivered pursuant to Section 5.25 hereof such later date as specified by the Administrative Agent) substantially in the form of Exhibit E hereto and covering such additional matters relating to the transactions contemplated hereby as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request;
- (d) receipt by the Administrative Agent of a certificate (the "Closing Certificate"), dated the date of the first Borrowing, substantially in the form of Exhibit F hereto, signed by a chief financial officer or other authorized officer of each Loan Party, to the effect that, to his knowledge, (i) no Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of the first Borrowing and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Loan Parties contained in Article IV are true on and as of the date of the first Borrowing hereunder;
- (e) receipt by the Administrative Agent of all documents which the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request relating to the existence of each Loan Party, the authority for and the validity of this Agreement, the Notes and the other Loan Documents, and any other matters relevant hereto, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, including without limitation a certificate of incumbency of each Loan Party (the "Officer's Certificate"), signed by the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a member, manager, partner, trustee or other authorized representative of the respective Loan Party, substantially in the form of Exhibit G hereto, certifying as to the names, true signatures and incumbency of the officer or officers of the respective Loan Party, authorized to execute and deliver the Loan Documents, and certified copies of the following items: (i) the Loan Party's Organizational Documents; (ii) the Loan Party's Operating Documents; (iii) if applicable, a certificate of the Secretary of State of such Loan Party's State of organization as to the good standing or existence of such Loan Party, and (iv) the Organizational Action, if any, taken by the board of directors of the Loan Party or the members, managers, trustees, partners or other applicable Persons authorizing the Loan Party's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Notes and the other Loan Documents to which the Loan Party is a party;
 - (f) receipt by the Administrative Agent of a Notice of Borrowing;
- (g) the Security Agreement and the other Collateral Documents, each in form and content satisfactory to the Administrative Agent shall have been duly executed by the applicable Loan Parties and such documents shall have been delivered to the Administrative Agent and shall be in full force and effect and each document (including each Uniform Commercial Code financing statement) required by law or reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to be filed, registered or recorded in order to create in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, upon filing, recording or possession by the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, a valid, legal and perfected first-priority security interest in and lien on the Collateral described in the Security Agreement shall have been delivered to the Administrative Agent;
- (h) the Administrative Agent shall have received the results of a search of the Uniform Commercial Code filings (or equivalent filings) made with respect to the Loan Parties in the states (or other jurisdictions) in which the Loan Parties are organized, the chief executive office of each such Person is located, any offices of such persons in which records have been kept relating to Collateral described in the Collateral Documents and the other jurisdictions in which Uniform Commercial Code filings (or equivalent filings) are to be made pursuant to the preceding paragraph, together with copies of the financing statements (or similar documents) disclosed by such search, and accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent that the Liens other than Permitted Liens indicated in any such financing statement (or similar document) have been released or subordinated to the satisfaction of Administrative Agent;
- (i) the Borrower shall have paid all fees required to be paid by it on the Closing Date, including all fees required hereunder and under the Administrative Agent's Letter Agreement to be paid as of such date, and shall have reimbursed the Administrative Agent for all fees, costs and expenses of closing the transactions contemplated hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, including the reasonable legal, audit and other document preparation costs incurred by the Administrative Agent; and
- (j) such other documents or items as the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or their counsel may reasonably request.

SECTION 3.02. <u>Conditions to All Borrowings</u>. The obligation of each Lender to make an Advance on the occasion of each Borrowing is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) receipt by the Administrative Agent of a Notice of Borrowing as required by Section 2.02
- (b) receipt by the Administrative Agent of such documentation as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably require (including, without limitation, certificate(s) from the Borrower and the Securities Intermediary (as defined in

the Security Agreement)) confirming that either (i) the Borrower is in compliance with the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio requirements set forth in Section 5.03, or (ii) after giving effect to such Borrowing and the application of the proceeds thereof, the Borrower shall be in compliance with the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio requirements set forth in Section 5.03;

- (c) the fact that, immediately before and after such Borrowing, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing;
- (d) after giving effect to each Borrowing, the Borrower shall have provided sufficient Cash Collateral such that the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio is at least 1.01 to 1.00;
- (e) the fact that the representations and warranties of the Loan Parties contained in Article IV of this Agreement shall be true, on and as of the date of such Borrowing; and
- (f) the fact that, immediately after such Borrowing: (A) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Revolver Advances of each Lender will not exceed the amount of its Revolver Commitment and (B) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Revolver Advances will not exceed the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments of all of the Lenders as of such date.

Each Borrowing hereunder shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Loan Parties on the date of such Borrowing as to the truth and accuracy of the facts specified in clauses (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this Section.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower and Guarantors represent and warrant that:

SECTION 4.01. Existence and Power. The Borrower is a corporation, and each Guarantor is a corporation, limited liability company or other legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, as the case may be, is duly qualified to transact business in every jurisdiction where, by the nature of its business, such qualification is necessary, and has all organizational powers and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business as now conducted.

SECTION 4.02. Organizational and Governmental Authorization; No Contravention. The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of this Agreement, the Notes, the Collateral Documents and the other Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party (i) are within such Loan Party's organizational powers, (ii) have been duly authorized by all necessary Organizational Action, (iii) require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority (iv) do not contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of the Organizational Documents and Operating Documents of such Loan Party or of any agreement, judgment, injunction, order, decree or other instrument binding upon such Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, and (v) do not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of such Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 4.03. <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Loan Parties enforceable in accordance with its terms, and the Notes, the Collateral Documents and the other Loan Documents, when executed and delivered in accordance with this Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Loan Parties party to such Loan Document enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, <u>provided</u> that the enforceability hereof and thereof is subject in each case to general principles of equity and to Bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

SECTION 4.04. Financial Information.

- (a) The audited consolidated balance sheet of the Main Street Mezzanine Fund, L.P. as of December 31, 2006 and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the Fiscal Year then ended, reported on by Grant Thornton, LLP, copies of which have been delivered to the Administrative Agent for delivery to each of the Lenders, and the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Main Street Mezzanine Fund, L.P. for the interim period ended September 30, 2007, copies of which have been delivered to each of the Lenders, fairly present, in conformity with GAAP, the consolidated financial position of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of such dates and their consolidated results of operations and cash flows for such periods stated.
- (b) Since December 31, 2006 there has been no event, act, condition or occurrence having a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.05. <u>Litigation</u>. There is no action, suit or proceeding pending, or to the knowledge of the Loan Parties threatened, against or affecting the Loan Parties or any of their respective Subsidiaries before any court or arbitrator or any Governmental Authority which in any manner draws into question the validity or enforceability of, or could impair the ability of the Loan Parties to perform their respective obligations under, this Agreement, the Notes, the Collateral Documents or any of the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 4.06. Compliance with ERISA.

- (a) The Loan Parties and each member of the Controlled Group have fulfilled their obligations under the minimum funding standards of ERISA and the Code with respect to each Plan and are in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code, and have not incurred any liability to the PBGC or a Plan under Title IV of ERISA.
- (b) Neither the Loan Parties nor any member of the Controlled Group is or ever has been obligated to contribute to any Multiemployer Plan.
- (c) The assets of the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary of any Loan Party do not and will not constitute "plan assets," within the meaning of ERISA, the Code and the respective regulations promulgated thereunder. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and the borrowing and repayment of amounts hereunder, do not and will not constitute "prohibited transactions" under ERISA or the Code.

SECTION 4.07. <u>Taxes</u>. There have been filed on behalf of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries all Federal, state and local income, excise, property and other tax returns which are required to be filed by them and all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by or on behalf of the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary have been paid. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries in respect of taxes or other governmental charges are, in the opinion of the Loan Parties, adequate.

SECTION 4.08. <u>Subsidiaries</u>. Each of the Subsidiaries (other than any Foreclosed Subsidiary) is a corporation, a limited liability company or other legal entity, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, is duly qualified to transact business in every jurisdiction where, by the nature of its business, such qualification is necessary, and has all organizational powers and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business as now conducted. No Loan Party has any Subsidiaries except those Subsidiaries listed on <u>Schedule 4.08</u> and as set forth in any Compliance Certificate provided to the Administrative Agent and Lenders pursuant to Section 5.01(c) after the Closing Date, which accurately sets forth each such Subsidiary's complete name and jurisdiction of organization.

SECTION 4.09. <u>Investment Company Act</u>, <u>Etc</u>. Neither the Borrower nor any of its Affiliates is a "holding company" as defined in, or subject to regulation under, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended. The Borrower has elected to be a "business development company" as defined in Section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act and is subject to regulation as such under the Investment Company Act including Section 18, as modified by Section 61, of the Investment Company Act.

SECTION 4.10. <u>All Consents Required</u>. All approvals, authorizations, consents, orders or other actions of any Person or of any Governmental Authority (if any) required in connection with the due execution, delivery and performance by the Loan Parties of this Agreement and any Loan Document to which any Loan Party is a party, have been obtained.

SECTION 4.11. Ownership of Property; Liens. Each of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries has title or the contractual right to possess its properties sufficient for the conduct of its business.

SECTION 4.12. <u>No Default</u>. No Loan Party nor any of their respective Subsidiaries is in default under or with respect to any agreement, instrument or undertaking to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 4.13. <u>Intentionally deleted.</u>

SECTION 4.14. Environmental Matters.

(a) No Loan Party nor any Subsidiary of a Loan Party is subject to any Environmental Liability which would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and no Loan Party nor any Subsidiary of a Loan Party has been designated as a potentially responsible party under CERCLA. None of the Properties has been identified on any current or proposed (i) National Priorities List under 40 C.F.R. § 300, (ii) CERCLIS list or (iii) any list arising from a

- (b) No Hazardous Materials have been or are being used, produced, manufactured, processed, treated, recycled, generated, stored, disposed of, managed or otherwise handled at, or shipped or transported to or from the Properties or are otherwise present at, on, in or under the Properties, or, to the best of the knowledge of the Loan Parties, at or from any adjacent site or facility, except for Hazardous Materials, such as cleaning solvents, pesticides and other materials used, produced, manufactured, processed, treated, recycled, generated, stored, disposed of, and managed or otherwise handled in minimal amounts in the ordinary course of business in compliance with all applicable Environmental Requirements.
- (c) The Loan Parties, and each of their respective Subsidiaries, has procured all Environmental Authorizations necessary for the conduct of the business contemplated on such Property, and is in compliance in all material respects with all Environmental Requirements in connection with the operation of the Properties and the Loan Party's, and each of their respective Subsidiary's, respective businesses.
- SECTION 4.15. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Each Loan Party and each Subsidiary of a Loan Party is in compliance with all applicable laws, including, without limitation, all Environmental Laws and all regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (including with respect to timely filing of reports).
- SECTION 4.16. <u>Capital Securities</u>. All Capital Securities, debentures, bonds, notes and all other securities of each Loan Party and their respective Subsidiaries presently issued and outstanding are validly and properly issued in accordance with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the "Blue Sky" laws of all applicable states and the federal securities laws. The issued shares of Capital Securities of each of the Loan Party's respective Subsidiaries are owned by the Loan Parties free and clear of any Lien or adverse claim.
- SECTION 4.17. <u>Margin Stock</u>. No Loan Party nor any of their respective Subsidiaries is engaged principally, or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying any Margin Stock, and no part of the proceeds of any Advance will be used to purchase or carry any Margin Stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any Margin Stock, or be used for any purpose which violates, or which is inconsistent with, the provisions of Regulation X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Following the application of the proceeds from each Advance, not more than 25% of the value of the assets, either of the Borrower only or of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, will be "Margin Stock."
- SECTION 4.18. <u>Insolvency</u>. After giving effect to the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of the Advances under this Agreement, no Loan Party will be "insolvent," within the meaning of such term as defined in § 101 of Title 11 of the United States Code or Section 2 of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, or any other applicable state law pertaining to fraudulent transfers, as each may be amended from time to time, or be unable to pay its debts generally as such debts become due, or have an unreasonably small capital to engage in any business or transaction, whether current or contemplated.
- SECTION 4.19. Security Documents. Upon execution by the Borrower, the Security Agreement shall be effective to create in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in the Collateral (as defined in the Security Agreement) and, upon filing of one or more Uniform Commercial Code financing statements in the appropriate jurisdictions and execution and delivery of control agreements in the form attached hereto as Exhibit H, Administrative Agent shall have a fully perfected first priority Lien on, and security interest in, all right, title and interest of the Borrower in such Collateral and the proceeds thereof that can be perfected upon filing of one or more Uniform Commercial Code financing statements and execution and delivery of such control agreements, in each case prior and superior in any right to any other Person.
- SECTION 4.20. <u>Labor Matters</u>. There are no significant strikes, lockouts, slowdowns or other labor disputes against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of any Loan Party pending or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened. The hours worked by and payment made to employees of the Loan Parties and each Subsidiary of any Loan Party have been in material compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and any other applicable federal, state or foreign law dealing with such matters.
- SECTION 4.21. <u>Patents, Trademarks, Etc.</u> The Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries own, or are licensed to use, all patents, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, technology, know-how and processes, service marks and rights with respect to the foregoing that are material to the businesses, assets, operations, properties or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries taken as a whole. The use of such patents, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, technology, know-how, processes and rights with respect to the foregoing by the Loan Parties

and their respective Subsidiaries, does not infringe on the rights of any Person.

SECTION 4.22. Intentionally deleted.

SECTION 4.23. <u>Anti-Terrorism Laws</u>. None of the Loan Parties, nor any of their respective Subsidiaries, is in violation of any laws relating to terrorism or money laundering, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act.

SECTION 4.24. Ownership Structure. As of the Closing Date, Schedule 4.24 is a complete and correct list of all Subsidiaries of the Borrower setting forth for each such Subsidiary, (i) the jurisdiction of organization of such Subsidiary, (ii) each Person holding any Capital Securities in such Subsidiary, (iii) the nature of the Capital Securities held by each such Person, and (iv) the percentage of ownership of such Subsidiary represented by such Capital Securities. Except as disclosed in such Schedule, as of the Closing Date (i) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries owns, free and clear of all Liens and has the unencumbered right to vote, all outstanding Capital Securities in each Person shown to be held by it on such Schedule, (ii) all of the issued and outstanding Capital Securities of each Person is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and (iii) there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, commitments, preemptive rights or agreements of any kind (including, without limitation, any stockholders' or voting trust agreements) for the issuance, sale, registration or voting of, or outstanding securities convertible into, any additional Capital Securities of any type in, any such Person.

SECTION 4.25. Reports Accurate; Disclosure. All information, exhibits, financial statements, documents, books, records or reports furnished or to be furnished by the Loan Parties to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with this Agreement or any Loan Document, including without limitation all reports furnished pursuant to Section 4.04, are true, complete and accurate in all material respects; it being recognized by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that the projections and forecasts provided by Borrower in good faith and based upon reasonable assumptions are not to be viewed as facts and that actual results during the period or periods covered by any such projections and forecasts may differ from the projected or forecasted results. Neither this Agreement, nor any Loan Document, nor any agreement, document, certificate or statement furnished to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby contains any untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. There is no fact known to any Loan Party which materially and adversely affects the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, or in the future is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.26. <u>Location of Offices</u>. The Borrower's name is Main Street Capital Corporation. The location of Borrower (within the meaning of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code) is Maryland. The Borrower has not changed its name, identity, structure, existence or state of formation, whether by amendment of its Organizational Documents, by reorganization or otherwise, or has not changed its location (within the meaning of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code) within the four (4) months preceding the Closing Date or any subsequent date on which this representation is made.

SECTION 4.27. <u>Affiliate Transactions</u>. Except as permitted by Section 5.24, neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary nor any other Loan Party is a party to or bound by any agreement or arrangement (whether oral or written) to which any Affiliate of the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any other Loan Party is a party.

SECTION 4.28. <u>Broker's Fees</u>. No broker's or finder's fee, commission or similar compensation will be payable with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby. No other similar fees or commissions will be payable by any Loan Party for any other services rendered to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries ancillary to the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4.29. <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>, <u>Etc.</u> All statements contained in any certificate, financial statement or other instrument delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any other Loan Party to the Administrative Agent or any Lender pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents (including, but not limited to, any such statement made in or in connection with any amendment thereto or any statement contained in any certificate, financial statement or other instrument delivered by or on behalf of any Loan Party prior to the Closing Date and delivered to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the underwriting or closing of the transactions contemplated hereby) shall constitute representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in favor of the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders under this Agreement. All such representations and warranties shall survive the effectiveness of this Agreement, the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of the Advances.

SECTION 4.30. Intentionally deleted.

SECTION 4.31. No Default or Event of Default. No event has occurred and is continuing and no condition

exists, or would result from any Advance or from the application of the proceeds therefrom, which constitutes or would reasonably be expected to constitute a Default or Event of Default.

SECTION 4.32. USA PATRIOT Act; OFAC.

- (a) No Loan Party nor any Affiliate of a Loan Party is (1) a Person that resides or has a place of business in a country or territory named on such lists or which is designated as a Non-Cooperative Jurisdiction by the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering ("FATF"), or whose subscription funds are transferred from or through such a jurisdiction; (2) a "Foreign Shell Bank" within the meaning of the USA PATRIOT Act, i.e., a foreign lender that does not have a physical presence in any country and that is not affiliated with a Lender that has a physical presence and an acceptable level of regulation and supervision; or (3) a person or entity that resides in or is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction designated by the United States Secretary of the Treasury under Section 311 or 312 of the USA PATRIOT Act as warranting special measures due to money laundering concerns.
- (b) No Loan Party or any Affiliate of a Loan Party (i) is a Sanctioned Entity, (ii) has a more than 10% of its assets located in a Sanctioned Entities, or (iii) derives more than 10% of its operating income from investments in, or transactions with Sanctioned Entities. The proceeds of any Advance will not be used and have not been used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Entity. No Loan Party or any Affiliate of a Loan Party are in violation of and shall not violate any of the country or list based economic and trade sanctions administered and enforced by OFAC that are described or referenced at http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/ or as otherwise published from time to time.

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS

The Borrower and Guarantors agree, jointly and severally, that, so long as any Lender has any Revolver Commitment hereunder or any amount payable under any Note remains unpaid:

SECTION 5.01. <u>Information</u>. The Borrower will deliver to the Administrative Agent, who will then promptly deliver to each of the Lenders:

- (a) as soon as available and in any event within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of such Fiscal Year and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Year, all certified by Grant Thornton, LLP or other independent public accountants reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, with such certification to be free of exceptions and qualifications not acceptable to the Required Lenders; provided, that to the extent that any Special Purpose Subsidiary or Foreclosed Subsidiary that is treated as a consolidated entity and reflected on the consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in this paragraph (a), the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent a balance sheet for each such Special Purpose Subsidiary and such Foreclosed Subsidiary as of the end of such Fiscal Year and the related statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows (together with all footnotes thereto) of such Special Purpose Subsidiary and such Foreclosed Subsidiary for such Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Year;
- (b) as soon as available and in any event within 45 days after the end of each of the four Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year, consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of such Fiscal Quarter and the related statement of income and statement of cash flows for such Fiscal Quarter and for the portion of the Fiscal Year ended at the end of such Fiscal Quarter, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding Fiscal Quarter and the corresponding portion of the previous Fiscal Year, all certified (subject to normal year-end adjustments) as to fairness of presentation, GAAP and consistency by the chief financial officer of the Borrower; provided, that to the extent that any Special Purpose Subsidiary or any Foreclosed Subsidiary that is treated as a consolidated entity and reflected on the consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in this paragraph (b), the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent a balance sheet for each such Special Purpose Subsidiary and such Foreclosed Subsidiary as of the end of such Fiscal Quarter and the related statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows (together with all footnotes thereto) of such Special Purpose Subsidiary and such Foreclosed Subsidiary for such Fiscal Quarter, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Quarter;
 - (c) simultaneously with the delivery of each set of financial statements referred to in clauses (a) and (b) above, a

certificate, substantially in the form of Exhibit M and with compliance calculations in form and content satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (a "Compliance Certificate"), of the chief financial officers or authorized officers of the Borrower (i) setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations required to establish whether the Loan Parties were in compliance with the requirements of Sections 5.03, 5.05 and 5.07 on the date of such financial statements, (ii) setting forth the identities of the respective Subsidiaries on the date of such financial statements, and (iii) stating whether any Default exists on the date of such certificate and, if any Default then exists, setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Loan Parties are taking or propose to take with respect thereto;

- (d) within 5 Domestic Business Days after the Borrower becomes aware of the occurrence of any Default, a certificate of the chief financial officers or authorized officers of the Borrower setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Borrower is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;
- (e) promptly after the same become publicly available, copies of all periodic and other reports, proxy statements and other materials filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all functions of said Commission, or with any national securities exchange, or distributed by the Borrower to its shareholders generally, as the case may be;
- (f) if and when the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group (i) gives or is required to give notice to the PBGC of any "reportable event" (as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA) with respect to any Plan which might constitute grounds for a termination of such Plan under Title IV of ERISA, or knows that the plan administrator of any Plan has given or is required to give notice of any such reportable event, a copy of the notice of such reportable event given or required to be given to the PBGC; (ii) receives notice of complete or partial withdrawal liability under Title IV of ERISA, a copy of such notice; or (iii) receives notice from the PBGC under Title IV of ERISA of an intent to terminate or appoint a trustee to administer any Plan, a copy of such notice;
- (g) promptly after the Borrower knows of the commencement thereof, notice of any litigation, dispute or proceeding involving a claim against a Loan Party and/or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party for \$1,000,000 or more in excess of amounts covered in full by applicable insurance; and
- (h) from time to time such additional information regarding the financial position or business of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries, and each Loan Party as the Administrative Agent, at the request of any Lender, may reasonably request.

SECTION 5.02. <u>Inspection of Property, Books and Records</u>. The Borrower will (i) keep, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to keep, proper books of record and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities; (ii) permit, and will cause each Subsidiary of the Borrower and each Loan Party to permit, with reasonable prior notice which notice shall not be required in the case of an emergency, the Administrative Agent or its designee, at the expense of the Borrower and Loan Parties, to examine and make abstracts from any of their respective books and records and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective officers, employees and independent public accountants, but no more frequently than once each Fiscal Quarter unless a Default shall have occurred and be continuing. The Loan Parties agree to cooperate and assist in such visits and inspections.

SECTION 5.03. <u>Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio</u>. The Borrower shall maintain at all times a Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio of at least 1.01:1.00.

SECTION 5.04. <u>Sale/Leasebacks</u>. The Loan Parties shall not, nor shall they permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any Sale/Leaseback Transaction

SECTION 5.05. <u>Minimum Consolidated Tangible Net Worth</u>. Consolidated Tangible Net Worth shall at no time be less than 80% of the Consolidated Tangible Net Worth on the Closing Date. This covenant shall be tested annually on or before March 31 of each year for the Fiscal Year ending on the immediately preceding December 31.

SECTION 5.06. <u>Intentionally Deleted</u>.

SECTION 5.07. Interest Coverage Ratio. The Borrower will maintain, as of the end of each Fiscal Quarter, commencing with the Fiscal Quarter ending March 31, 2008, an Interest Coverage Ratio of not less than 2.00:1.00. For the two Fiscal Quarters ending March 31, 2008, the Interest Coverage Ratio shall be calculated by multiplying its constituent components for such periods by 2. For the three Fiscal Quarters ending June 30, 2008, the Interest Coverage Ratio shall be calculated by multiplying its constituent components for such periods by 4/3. For the Fiscal Quarter ending September 30, 2008 and each Fiscal Quarter thereafter, the Interest Coverage Ratio shall be calculated for the 4 immediately preceding Fiscal Quarters.

SECTION 5.08. <u>Maintenance of RIC Status and Business Development Company</u>. The Borrower will maintain its status as a RIC under the Code and as a "business development company" under the Investment Company Act.

SECTION 5.09. Intentionally deleted.
SECTION 5.10. Intentionally deleted.

SECTION 5.11. <u>Negative Pledge</u>. No Loan Party nor any Subsidiary of a Loan Party will create, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any Cash Collateral now owned or hereafter acquired by it.

SECTION 5.12. <u>Maintenance of Existence, etc.</u> Each Loan Party shall, and shall cause each Subsidiary of a Loan Party to, maintain its organizational existence and carry on its business in substantially the same manner and in substantially the same line or lines of business or line or lines of business reasonably related to the business now carried on and maintained.

SECTION 5.13. <u>Dissolution</u>. No Loan Party nor any Subsidiary of a Loan Party shall suffer or permit dissolution or liquidation either in whole or in part or redeem or retire any shares of its own Capital Securities or that of any Subsidiary of a Loan Party, except through corporate or company reorganization to the extent permitted by Section 5.14.

SECTION 5.14. Consolidations, Mergers and Sales of Assets. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any Subsidiary of a Loan Party to, consolidate or merge with or into, or sell, lease or otherwise transfer all or any substantial part of its assets to, any other Person, or discontinue or eliminate any business line or segment, provided that (a) a Loan Party may merge with another Person if (i) such Person was organized under the laws of the United States of America or one of its states, (ii) the Loan Party is the Person surviving such merger, (iii) immediately after giving effect to such merger, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and (iv) if the Borrower merges with another Loan Party, the Borrower is the Person surviving such merger; (b) Subsidiaries of a Loan Party (excluding Loan Parties) may merge with one another; and (c) the foregoing limitation on the sale, lease or other transfer of assets and on the discontinuation or elimination of a business line or segment shall not prohibit a transfer of assets or the discontinuance or elimination of a business line or segment (in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions) if, after giving effect thereto the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall be in compliance on a pro forma basis, after giving effect to such transfer, discontinuation or elimination, with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

SECTION 5.15. <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. No portion of the proceeds of any Advance will be used by the Borrower or any Subsidiary (i) in connection with, either directly or indirectly, any tender offer for, or other acquisition of, stock of any corporation with a view towards obtaining control of such other corporation, (ii) directly or indirectly, for the purpose, whether immediate, incidental or ultimate, of purchasing or carrying any Margin Stock, or (iii) for any purpose in violation of any applicable law or regulation. Except as otherwise provided herein, the proceeds of the Revolver Advances shall be used to: (i) support portfolio growth and preserve future investment flexibility permitted under the Code (including, without limitation, the purchase of 90-Day Treasury Securities) and (ii) to pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement. No part of the proceeds of any Advance will be used, whether directly or indirectly, for any purpose that would violate any rule or regulation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, including Regulations T, U or X.

SECTION 5.16. Compliance with Laws; Payment of Taxes. Each Loan Party will, and will cause each Subsidiary of a Loan Party and each member of the Controlled Group to, comply in all material respects with applicable laws (including but not limited to ERISA and the Patriot Act), regulations and similar requirements of governmental authorities (including but not limited to PBGC), except where the necessity of such compliance is being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings diligently pursued. Each Loan Party will, and will cause each Subsidiary of a Loan Party to, pay promptly when due all taxes, assessments, governmental charges, claims for labor, supplies, rent and other obligations which, if unpaid, might become a lien against the property of a Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party, except liabilities being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently pursued and against which, if requested by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall have set up reserves in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 5.17. <u>Insurance</u>. Each Loan Party will maintain, and will cause each Subsidiary of a Loan Party to maintain (either in the name of such Loan Party or in such Subsidiary's own name), with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance on all its Property in at least such amounts and against at least such risks as are usually insured against in the same general area by companies of established repute engaged in the same or similar business. Upon request, the Loan Parties shall promptly furnish the Administrative Agent copies of all such insurance policies or certificates evidencing such insurance and such other documents and evidence of insurance as the Administrative Agent

shall request.

SECTION 5.18. <u>Change in Fiscal Year</u>. No Loan Party will make any significant change in accounting treatment or reporting practices, except as required or permitted by GAAP, or change its Fiscal Year (except to conform with the Fiscal Year of the Borrower) without the consent of the Required Lenders.

SECTION 5.19. <u>Maintenance of Property</u>. Each Loan Party shall, and shall cause each Subsidiary of a Loan Party to, maintain all of its properties and assets in good condition, repair and working order, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

SECTION 5.20. Environmental Notices. Each Loan Party shall furnish to the Lenders and the Administrative Agent prompt written notice of all Environmental Liabilities, pending, threatened or anticipated Environmental Proceedings, Environmental Notices, Environmental Judgments and Orders, and Environmental Releases at, on, in, under or in any way affecting the Properties or any adjacent property, and all facts, events, or conditions that could lead to any of the foregoing.

SECTION 5.21. Environmental Matters. No Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party will, nor will any Loan Party permit any Third Party to, use, produce, manufacture, process, treat, recycle, generate, store, dispose of, manage at, or otherwise handle or ship or transport to or from the Properties any Hazardous Materials except for Hazardous Materials such as cleaning solvents, pesticides and other similar materials used, produced, manufactured, processed, treated, recycled, generated, stored, disposed, managed or otherwise handled in minimal amounts in the ordinary course of business in compliance with all applicable Environmental Requirements.

SECTION 5.22. Environmental Release. Each Loan Party agrees that upon the occurrence of an Environmental Release at, under or on any of the Properties it will act immediately to investigate the extent of, and to take appropriate remedial action to eliminate, such Environmental Release, whether or not ordered or otherwise directed to do so by any Environmental Authority.

SECTION 5.23. <u>Intentionally deleted.</u>

SECTION 5.24. <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. No Loan Party nor any Subsidiary of a Loan Party shall enter into, or be a party to, any transaction with any Affiliate of a Loan Party or such Subsidiary (which Affiliate is not a Loan Party or a Subsidiary of a Loan Party), except as permitted by law and in the ordinary course of business and pursuant to reasonable terms which are no less favorable to the Loan Party or such Subsidiary than would be obtained in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person which is not an Affiliate.

SECTION 5.25. Joinder of Subsidiaries.

- (a) The Loan Parties shall cause any Person which becomes a Subsidiary of a Loan Party (other than a Foreclosed Subsidiary) after the Closing Date to become a party to, and agree to be bound by the terms of, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents pursuant to a Joinder Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in all respects and executed and delivered to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Domestic Business Days after the day on which such Person became a Subsidiary. The Loan Parties shall also cause the items specified in Section 3.01(c), (e), and (j) to be delivered to the Administrative Agent concurrently with the instrument referred to above, modified appropriately to refer to such instrument and such Subsidiary.
- (b) Once any Subsidiary becomes a party to this Agreement in accordance with Section 5.25(a), such Subsidiary (including, without limitation, the Initial Guarantors) thereafter shall remain a party to this Agreement until the Administrative Agent and the Lenders agree to release such Subsidiary from this Agreement.
- (c) The Loan Parties acknowledge that Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC are not Initial Guarantors because the Loan Parties have advised the Administrative Agent and Lenders that Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC are restricted by the terms of certain agreements, regulations and other restrictions that prohibit Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC from being a Guarantor (the "Restrictive Provisions"). The Loan Parties shall immediately notify the Administrative Agent if either there is: (1) a modification, expiration or termination of the Restrictive Provisions the result of which will permit Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP or Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC to be a Guarantor; or (2) the Restrictive Provisions are waived for any other transaction in which Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP or Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC guarantees or becomes a co-borrower of the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of any one or more of the Loan Parties. In either of such events, the Loan Parties shall cause either or both of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC as applicable to become a party to, and agree to be bound by the terms of, this Agreement and the other Loan

Documents pursuant to a Joinder Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in all respects and executed and delivered to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Domestic Business Days after the occurrence of such event. The Loan Parties shall also cause the items specified in Section 3.01(c), (e) and (j) to be delivered to the Administrative Agent concurrently with the instrument referred to above, modified appropriately to refer to such instrument, and the new Guarantor (either or both of Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC as applicable). Notwithstanding the fact that Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC are not Guarantors, Main Street Mezzanine Fund, LP and Main Street Mezzanine Management, LLC shall be included for purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Interest Expense, Consolidated Net Realized Income and Consolidated Tangible Net Worth.

SECTION 5.26. Intentionally deleted.

SECTION 5.27. <u>Partnerships and Joint Ventures</u>. No Loan Party shall become a general partner in any general or limited partnership or a joint venturer in any joint venture.

SECTION 5.28.	Intentionally deleted.
SECTION 5.29.	Intentionally deleted.

SECTION 5.30. <u>Modifications of Organizational Documents</u>. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Loan Party or other Subsidiary to, amend, supplement, restate or otherwise modify its Organizational Documents or Operating Documents or other applicable document if such amendment, supplement, restatement or other modification could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.31. <u>ERISA Exemptions</u>. The Loan Parties shall not permit any of their respective assets to become or be deemed to be "plan assets" within the meaning of ERISA, the Code and the respective regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 5.32. Hedging Transactions. The Loan Parties will not, and will not permit any of their Subsidiaries to, enter into any Hedging Transaction, other than Hedging Transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business (i) to hedge or mitigate risks to which the Loan Parties are exposed in the conduct of their business or the management of their liabilities, or (ii) with any counterparty who is or is anticipated to become, at the time that the Hedging Transaction is entered into, a borrower from a Loan Party or the issuer of a debt or equity interest to a Loan Party, which Hedging Transaction is entered into to hedge or mitigate risks to which such counterparty and its affiliates are exposed in the conduct of their businesses or the management of their liabilities, or (iii) to hedge or mitigate risks to which a Loan Party is exposed under Hedging Transactions described in the preceding clause (ii) or to effect an offset or unwind of any other Hedging Transaction; provided that the Loan Parties shall act in a reasonable and prudent manner to achieve, in the aggregate, substantially offsetting Hedging Transactions under clause (iii) with respect to the Net Mark to Market Exposure under the Hedging Transactions that are from time to time outstanding under clause (ii). Solely for the avoidance of doubt, the Borrower acknowledges that a Hedging Transaction entered into for speculative purposes or of a speculative nature (which shall be deemed to include any Hedging Transaction under which any Loan Party is or may become obliged to make any payment (i) in connection with the purchase by any third party of any common stock or any Debt or (ii) as a result of changes in the market value of any common stock or any Debt) is not a Hedging Transaction entered into in the ordinary course of business to hedge or mitigate risks.

ARTICLE VI

DEFAULTS

SECTION 6.01. <u>Events of Default</u>. If one or more of the following events ("Events of Default") shall have occurred and be continuing:

(a) the Borrower shall fail to pay when due any principal of any Advance (including, without limitation, any Advance or portion thereof to be repaid pursuant to Section 2.11) or shall fail to pay any interest on any Advance within three Domestic Business Days after such interest shall become due, or any Loan Party shall fail to pay any fee or other amount payable hereunder within three Domestic Business Days after such fee or other amount becomes due; or

(b) any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform any covenant contained in Sections 5.02(ii), 5.03 to 5.05, 5.07, 5.08, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.25 or 5.30; or

- (c) any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform any covenant or agreement contained or incorporated by reference in this Agreement (other than those covered by clause (a) or (b) above or clauses (n) or (p) below); provided that such failure continues for thirty days after the earlier of (i) the first day on which any Loan Party has knowledge of such failure or (ii) written notice thereof has been given to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent at the request of any Lender; or
- (d) any representation, warranty, certification or statement made or deemed made by the Loan Parties in Article IV of this Agreement or in any financial statement, material certificate or other material document or report delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall prove to have been untrue or misleading in any material respect when made (or deemed made); or
- (e) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party shall fail to make any payment in respect of Debt (other than the Notes) having an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$500,000 after expiration of any applicable cure or grace period; or
- (f) any event or condition shall occur which results in the acceleration of the maturity of Debt outstanding of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$500,000 or the mandatory prepayment or purchase of such Debt by any Loan Party (or its designee) or such Subsidiary of a Loan Party (or its designee) prior to the scheduled maturity thereof, or enables (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would enable) the holders of such Debt or commitment to provide such Debt or any Person acting on such holders' behalf to accelerate the maturity thereof, terminate any such commitment or require the mandatory prepayment or purchase thereof prior to the scheduled maturity thereof, without regard to whether such holders or other Person shall have exercised or waived their right to do so; or
- (g) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party shall commence a voluntary case or other proceeding seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief with respect to itself or its debts under any Bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect or seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, administrator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, or shall consent to any such relief or to the appointment of or taking possession by any such official in an involuntary case or other proceeding commenced against it, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall fail generally, or shall admit in writing its inability, to pay its debts as they become due, or shall take any corporate action to authorize any of the foregoing; or
- (h) an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief with respect to it or its debts under any Bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect or seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, administrator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, and such involuntary case or other proceeding shall remain undismissed and unstayed for a period of 60 days; or an order for relief shall be entered against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party under the federal Bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect; or
- (i) any Loan Party or any member of the Controlled Group shall fail to pay when due any material amount which it shall have become liable to pay to the PBGC or to a Plan under Title IV of ERISA; or notice of intent to terminate a Plan or Plans shall be filed under Title IV of ERISA by any Loan Party, any member of the Controlled Group, any plan administrator or any combination of the foregoing; or the PBGC shall institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate or to cause a trustee to be appointed to administer any such Plan or Plans or a proceeding shall be instituted by a fiduciary of any such Plan or Plans to enforce Section 515 or 4219(c)(5) of ERISA and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within 30 days thereafter; or a condition shall exist by reason of which the PBGC would be entitled to obtain a decree adjudicating that any such Plan or Plans must be terminated; or
- (j) one or more judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500,000 shall be rendered against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party and such judgment or order shall continue unsatisfied and unstayed for a period of 30 days or any Loan Party or Subsidiary of a Loan Party shall have made payments in settlement of any litigation or threatened proceeding in excess of \$500,000; or
- (k) a federal tax lien shall be filed against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party under Section 6323 of the Code or a lien of the PBGC shall be filed against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party under Section 4068 of ERISA and in either case such lien shall remain undischarged for a period of 30 days after the date of filing; or

- (m) the Administrative Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, shall fail for any reason to have a valid first priority security interest in any of the Collateral; or
- (n) a default or event of default shall occur and be continuing under any of the Collateral Documents or any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform any obligation to be observed or performed by it under any Collateral Document, and such default, event of default or failure to perform or observe any obligation continues beyond any applicable cure or grace period provided in such Collateral Document; or
- (o) Todd A. Reppert shall cease to hold the offices of President and Chief Financial Officer of the Borrower and such individual is not replaced as such officer by an individual satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and Required Lenders within 90 days after the date on which such individual ceases to be such officer; or
- (p) (i) any of the Guarantors shall fail to pay when due any Guaranteed Obligations (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) or shall fail to pay any fee or other amount payable hereunder when due; or (ii) any Guarantor shall disaffirm, contest or deny its obligations under Article X; or
- (q) if the Borrower at any time fails to own (directly or indirectly, through Wholly Owned Subsidiaries) 100% of the outstanding shares of the voting stock, voting membership interests or equivalent equity interests of each Guarantor; or
 - (r) any Loan Party shall disaffirm, contest or deny its obligations under any Loan Document; or
- (s) the occurrence of any event, act or condition which the Required Lenders determine either does or has a reasonable probability of causing a Material Adverse Effect,

then, and in every such event, the Administrative Agent shall (i) if requested by the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrower terminate the Revolver Commitments and they shall thereupon terminate and (ii) if requested by the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrower declare the Notes (together with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts payable hereunder and under the other Loan Documents to be, and the Notes (together with all accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts payable hereunder and under the other Loan Documents shall thereupon become, immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Loan Parties; provided that if any Event of Default specified in clause (g) or (h) above occurs with respect to any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party, without any notice to any Loan Party or any other act by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, the Revolver Commitments shall thereupon automatically terminate and the Notes (together with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts payable hereunder and under the other Loan Documents shall automatically become immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Loan Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrative Agent shall have available to it all rights and remedies provided under the Loan Documents (including, without limitation, the rights of a secured party pursuant to the Collateral Documents) and in addition thereto, all other rights and remedies at law or equity, and the Administrative Agent shall exercise any one or all of them at the request of the Required Lenders.

SECTION 6.02. <u>Notice of Default</u>. The Administrative Agent shall give notice to the Borrower of any Default under Section 6.01(c) promptly upon being requested to do so by any Lender and shall thereupon notify all the Lenders thereof.

ARTICLE VII

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

SECTION 7.01. Appointment and Authority. Each of the Lenders hereby irrevocably appoints Branch Banking and Trust Company to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under 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 hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

SECTION 7.02. Rights as a Lender. The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower 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

SECTION 7.03. <u>Exculpatory Provisions</u>. The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent:

- (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other 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 expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates 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 (i) 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 shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Sections 9.05 and 6.01) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower or a Lender.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article III or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 7.04. Reliance by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, 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. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of an Advance, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender prior to the making of such Advance. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), 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.

SECTION 7.05. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of 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 and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or 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 Administrative Agent.

SECTION 7.06. <u>Resignation of Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the

United States of America, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States of America. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above provided that if the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice and (1) the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Administrative Agent is appointed) and (2) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent as provided for above in this paragraph. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) Administrative Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this paragraph). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.03 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring 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 the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

SECTION 7.07. Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties 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 also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties 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.

SECTION 7.08. <u>No Other Duties, etc.</u> Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Arrangers listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent or a Lender hereunder.

ARTICLE VIII

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES; COMPENSATION

SECTION 8.01. <u>Basis for Determining Interest Rate Inadequate or Unfair</u>. If on or prior to the first day of any Interest Period:

- (a) the Administrative Agent determines that deposits in Dollars (in the applicable amounts) are not being offered in the relevant market for such Interest Period, or
- (b) the Required Lenders advise the Administrative Agent that the London InterBank Offered Rate as determined by the Administrative Agent will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding the Euro-Dollar Advances for such Interest Period,

the Administrative Agent shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Borrower and the Lenders, whereupon until the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such suspension no longer exist, the obligations of the Lenders to make Euro-Dollar Advances specified in such notice, or to permit continuations or conversions into Euro-Dollar Loans, shall be suspended. Unless the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent at least 2 Euro-Dollar Business Days before the date of any Borrowing of Euro-Dollar Loans for which a Notice of Borrowing has previously been given, or continuation or conversion into such Euro-Dollar Loans for which a Notice of Continuation or Conversion has previously been given, that it elects not to borrow or so continue or convert on such date, such Borrowing shall instead be made as a Base Rate Borrowing, or such Euro-Dollar Loan shall be converted to a Base Rate Loan.

SECTION 8.02. <u>Illegality</u>. If, after the date hereof, the adoption of any applicable law, rule, treaty or regulation, or any change in any existing or future law, rule, treaty or regulation, or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the interpretation or

administration thereof (any such authority, bank or agency being referred to as an "Authority" and any such event being referred to as a "Change of Law"), or compliance by any Lender (or its Lending Office) with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Authority shall make it unlawful or impossible for any Lender (or its Lending Office) to make, maintain or fund its Euro-Dollar Advances and such Lender shall so notify the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent shall forthwith give notice thereof to the other Lenders and the Borrower, whereupon until such Lender notifies the Borrower and the Administrative Agent that the circumstances giving rise to such suspension no longer exist, the obligation of such Lender to make or permit continuations or conversions of Euro-Dollar Advances shall be suspended. Before giving any notice to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section, such Lender shall designate a different Lending Office if such designation will avoid the need for giving such notice and will not, in the judgment of such Lender, be otherwise disadvantageous to such Lender. If such Lender shall determine that it may not lawfully continue to maintain and fund any of its portion of the outstanding Euro-Dollar Advances to maturity and shall so specify in such notice, the Borrower shall immediately prepay in full the then outstanding principal amount of the Euro-Dollar Advances of such Lender, together with accrued interest thereon and any amount due such Lender pursuant to Section 8.05. Concurrently with prepaying such Euro-Dollar Advances, the Borrower shall borrow a Base Rate Advance in an equal principal amount from such Lender (on which interest and principal shall be payable contemporaneously with the related Euro-Dollar Advances of the other Lenders), and such Lender shall make such a Base Rate Advance.

SECTION 8.03. Increased Cost and Reduced Return.

- (a) If after the date hereof, a Change of Law or compliance by any Lender (or its Lending Office) with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Authority:
 - (i) shall subject any Lender (or its Lending Office) to any tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement or any Euro-Dollar Advances made by it, or shall change the basis of taxation of payments to any Lender (or its Lending Office) in respect thereof (except for changes in the rate of tax on the overall net income of such Lender or its Lending Office imposed by the jurisdiction in which such Lender's principal executive office or Lending Office is located); or
 - (ii) shall impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement (including, without limitation, any such requirement imposed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, but excluding any such requirement included in an applicable Euro-Dollar Reserve Percentage) against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (or its Lending Office); or
 - (iii) shall impose on any Lender (or its Lending Office) or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or Euro-Dollar Advances by such Lender or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to such Lender (or its Lending Office) of making or maintaining any Euro-Dollar Advance (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Advance), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender (or its Lending Office) under this Agreement or under its Notes with respect thereto, by an amount deemed by such Lender, in its reasonable discretion, to be material, then, upon demand by such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will reasonably compensate such Lender for such additional or increased cost or reduction suffered.

- (b) If any Lender shall have determined that after the date hereof the adoption of any applicable law, rule or regulation regarding capital adequacy, or any change in any existing or future law, rule or regulation, or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof, or compliance by any Lender (or its Lending Office) with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law) of any Authority, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder to a level below that which such Lender could have achieved but for such adoption, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's policies with respect to capital adequacy) by an amount deemed by such Lender, in its reasonable discretion, to be material, then from time to time, upon demand by such Lender, the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will reasonably compensate such Lender for such reduction.
- (c) Each Lender will promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent of any event of which it has knowledge, occurring after the date hereof, which will entitle such Lender to compensation pursuant to this Section and will designate a different Lending Office if such designation will avoid the need for, or reduce the amount of, such compensation and will not, in the reasonable judgment of such Lender, be otherwise disadvantageous to such

Lender. A certificate of any Lender claiming compensation under this Section and setting forth the additional amount or amounts to be paid to it hereunder shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. In determining such amount, such Lender may use any reasonable averaging and attribution methods.

(d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that such Lender notifies the Borrower of the event giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the event giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

SECTION 8.04. <u>Base Rate Advances Substituted for Affected Euro-Dollar Advances</u>. If (i) the obligation of any Lender to make or maintain a Euro-Dollar Advance has been suspended pursuant to Section 8.02 or (ii) any Lender has demanded compensation under Section 8.03, and the Borrower shall, by at least 5 Euro-Dollar Business Days' prior notice to such Lender through the Administrative Agent, have elected that the provisions of this Section shall apply to such Lender, then, unless and until such Lender notifies the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such suspension or demand for compensation no longer apply:

- (a) all Advances which would otherwise be made by such Lender as or permitted to be continued as or converted into Euro-Dollar Advances shall instead be made as or converted into Base Rate Advances, (in all cases interest and principal on such Advances shall be payable contemporaneously with the related Euro-Dollar Advances of the other Lenders), and
- (b) after its portion of the Euro-Dollar Advance has been repaid, all payments of principal which would otherwise be applied to repay such Euro-Dollar Advance shall be applied to repay its Base Rate Advance instead.

In the event that the Borrower shall elect that the provisions of this Section shall apply to any Lender, the Borrower shall remain liable for, and shall pay to such Lender as provided herein, all amounts due such Lender under Section 8.03 in respect of the period preceding the date of conversion of such Lender's portion of any Advance resulting from the Borrower's election.

SECTION 8.05 <u>Compensation</u>. Upon the request of any Lender, delivered to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such amount or amounts as shall compensate such Lender for any loss, cost or expense incurred by such Lender as a result of:

- (a) any payment or prepayment (pursuant to Sections 2.10, 2.11, 6.01, 8.02 or otherwise) of a Euro-Dollar Advance on a date other than the last day of an Interest Period for such Advance; or
- (b) any failure by the Borrower to prepay a Euro-Dollar Advance on the date for such prepayment specified in the relevant notice of prepayment hereunder; or
- (c) any failure by the Borrower to borrow a Euro-Dollar Advance on the date for the Borrowing of which such Euro-Dollar Advance is a part specified in the applicable Notice of Borrowing delivered pursuant to Section 2.02;

such compensation to include, without limitation, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (x) the amount of interest which would have accrued on the amount so paid or prepaid or not prepaid or borrowed for the period from the date of such payment, prepayment or failure to prepay or borrow to the last day of the then current Interest Period for such Euro-Dollar Advance (or, in the case of a failure to prepay or borrow, the Interest Period for such Euro-Dollar Advance which would have commenced on the date of such failure to prepay or borrow) at the applicable rate of interest for such Euro-Dollar Advance provided for herein over (y) the amount of interest (as reasonably determined by such Lender) such Lender would have paid on deposits in Dollars of comparable amounts having terms comparable to such period placed with it by leading lenders in the London interbank market (if such Advance is a Euro-Dollar Advance).

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9.01. Notices Generally.

(a) Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in paragraph (b) below), 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 telecopier as follows:

- (i) if to the Borrower or any other Loan Party, to it at 11300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800, Houston, TX 77056, Attention of Todd A. Reppert (Telecopier No. (713) 350-6042; Telephone No. (713) 350-6029);
- (ii) if to the Administrative Agent, to Branch Banking and Trust Company at 200 West Second Street, 16th Floor, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, Attention of Michael F. Skorich (Telecopier No. (336) 733-2740; Telephone No. (336) 733-2709;
 - (iii) if to a Lender, to it at its address (or telecopier number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier 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). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph (b).

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender pursuant to Article II if such Lender has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail 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), <u>provided</u> that if such notice 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, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) <u>Change of Address, Etc.</u> Any party hereto may change its address or telecopier number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

SECTION 9.02. <u>No Waivers</u>. No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent or any Lender in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder or under any Note or other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

SECTION 9.03. Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

- (a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Loan Parties shall, jointly and severally, pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and 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), and (ii) all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Lender (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the Advances made hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Advances.
- (b) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Loan Parties shall, jointly and severally, indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) and each Lender and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "<u>Indemnitee</u>") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims,

penalties, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by the Borrower or any other Loan Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) any Advance or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom, (iii) any actual or alleged presence or Environmental Releases on or from any property owned or operated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower or any other Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, <u>provided</u> that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or (y) result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any other Loan Party against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if the Borrower or such Loan Party has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that a Loan Party for any reason fails to pay any amount required under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (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 any such sub-agent) 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) in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this paragraph (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 9.13.
- (d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages</u>, <u>Etc.</u> To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Loan Parties shall not assert, and hereby waive, any claim against any Indemnitee, 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, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Advance or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in paragraph (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.
 - (e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly after demand therefor.

SECTION 9.04. Setoffs; Sharing of Set-Offs; Application of Payments.

- (a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender and each of their respective Affiliates 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) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower or any other Loan Party against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower or such Loan Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender, irrespective of whether or not such Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower or such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The rights of each Lender and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.
- (b) 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 Advances or other obligations hereunder resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of its Advances and accrued interest thereon or other such obligations greater than its <u>pro rata</u> share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value)

participations in the Advances and such other obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Advances and other amounts owing them, <u>provided</u> 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 (x) any payment made by a Loan Party pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (y) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Advances to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrower or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply).

Each Loan Party 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 each Loan Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of each Loan Party in the amount of such participation.

- (c) Prior to the occurrence of a Default, the Administrative Agent shall apply all payments and prepayments in respect of the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement or any other Loan Document in such order as shall be specified by the Borrower. After the occurrence of a Default, the Administrative Agent shall, unless otherwise specified at the direction of the Required Lenders which direction shall be consistent with the last two sentences of this paragraph (c), apply all payments and prepayments in respect of any obligations of the Borrower and other Loan Parties under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and all proceeds of collateral, if any, in the following order:
 - (i) first, to pay interest on and then principal of any portion of the Advances which the Administrative Agent may have advanced on behalf of any Lender for which the Administrative Agent has not then been reimbursed by such Lender or the Borrower;
 - (ii) second, to pay obligations of the Borrower in respect of any fees, expenses, reimbursements or indemnities then due to the Administrative Agent;
 - (iii) third, to pay obligations of the Borrower in respect of any fees, expenses, reimbursements or indemnities then due to the Lenders;
 - (iv) fourth, to pay interest due in respect of Advances;
 - (v) fifth, to the ratable payment or prepayment of principal outstanding on Advances in such order as the Administrative Agent may determine in its sole discretion; and
 - (vi) sixth, to the ratable payment of all other obligations of the Loan Parties.
- (d) Unless otherwise designated (which designation shall only be applicable prior to the occurrence of a Default) by the Borrower, all principal payments in respect of Advances shall be applied <u>first</u>, to repay outstanding Base Rate Advances, and <u>then</u> to repay outstanding Euro-Dollar Advances with those Advances which have earlier expiring Interest Periods being repaid prior to those which have later expiring Interest Periods. The order of priority set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (c) and the related provisions of this Agreement are set forth solely to determine the rights and priorities of the Administrative Agent. The order of priority set forth in <u>clauses (iii)</u> through (<u>vi)</u> of this paragraph (c) may at any time and from time to time be changed by the Required Lenders without necessity of notice to or consent of or approval by the Borrower, or any other Person. The order of priority set forth in <u>clauses (i)</u> through (<u>ii)</u> of this paragraph (c) may be changed only with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 9.05. Amendments and Waivers.

(a) Any provision of this Agreement, the Notes or any other Loan Documents may be amended or waived if, but only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed by the Borrower and the Required Lenders (and, if the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent are affected thereby, by the Administrative Agent); <u>provided</u> that no such amendment or waiver shall, unless signed by all the Lenders, (i) increase the Revolver Commitment of any Lender or

subject any Lender to any additional obligation, (ii) reduce the principal of or decrease the rate of interest on any Advance or decrease any fees hereunder, (iii) defer the date fixed for any payment of principal of or interest on any Advance or any fees hereunder, (iv) reduce the amount of principal, decrease the amount of interest or decrease the amount of fees due on any date fixed for the payment thereof, (v) change the percentage of the Revolver Commitments or of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Notes, or the percentage of Lenders, which shall be required for the Lenders or any of them to take any action under this Section or any other provision of this Agreement, (vi) change the manner of application of any payments made under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, (vii) release or substitute all or any material portion of the Collateral held as security for the Obligations, (viii) change or modify the definition of "Required Lenders," or (ix) release any guaranty given to support payment of the Guaranteed Obligations.

(b) No Loan Party will solicit, request or negotiate for or with respect to any proposed waiver or amendment of any of the provisions of this Agreement unless each Lender shall be informed thereof by the Borrower, or by the Administrative Agent, and shall be afforded an opportunity of considering the same and shall be supplied by the Borrower, or by the Administrative Agent, if the Borrower so requests and to the extent already furnished to the Administrative Agent, with sufficient information to enable it to make an informed decision with respect thereto. Executed or true and correct copies of any waiver or consent effected pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent for delivery to each Lender forthwith following the date on which the same shall have been executed and delivered by the requisite percentage of Lenders. No Loan Party will, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any remuneration, whether by way of supplemental or additional interest, fee or otherwise, to any Lender (in its capacity as such) as consideration for or as an inducement to the entering into by such Lender of any waiver or amendment of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement unless such remuneration is concurrently paid, on the same terms, ratably to all such Lenders.

SECTION 9.06. <u>Margin Stock Collateral</u>. Each of the Lenders represents to the Administrative Agent and each of the other Lenders that it in good faith is not, directly or indirectly (by negative pledge or otherwise), relying upon any Margin Stock as collateral in the extension or maintenance of the credit provided for in this Agreement.

SECTION 9.07. Successors and Assigns.

- (a) <u>Successors and Assigns Generally</u>. 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, except that neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an Eligible Assignee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of paragraph (f) of this Section (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). 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, Participants to the extent provided in paragraph (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time 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 Revolver Commitment and the Revolver Advances at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> that
 - (i) except in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Revolver Commitment and the Revolver Advances at the time owing to it or in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to a Lender, the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitment (which for this purpose includes Revolver Advances outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Revolver Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Revolver Advances 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 or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date) shall not be less than \$5,000,000, unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consent (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
 - (ii) 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 with respect to the Revolver Advances or the Revolver Commitment assigned;

- (iii) any assignment of a Revolver Commitment must be approved by the Administrative Agent unless the Person that is the proposed assignee is itself a Lender with a Revolver Commitment (whether or not the proposed assignee would otherwise qualify as an Eligible Assignee); and
- (iv) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500, and the Eligible Assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the Eligible Assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement 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 of 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 8.03 and 9.03 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this paragraph 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 paragraph (d) of this Section.

- (c) <u>Register</u>. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices in Winston-Salem, North Carolina a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Revolver Commitments of, and principal amounts of the Revolver Advances owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent 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 Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice
- (d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolver Commitment and/or the Revolver Advances owing to it); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the 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; 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 Section 9.05(a) that affects such Participant. Subject to paragraph (e) of this Section, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 8.01 through 8.05 inclusive to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.04 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 9.04 as though it were a Lender.

- (e) <u>Limitations upon Participant Rights</u>. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 8.03 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower's prior written consent. A Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.12 unless the Borrower is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the Borrower, to comply with Section 2.12 as though it were a Lender.
- (f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. 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; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

SECTION 9.08. Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives (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), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any 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 provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, 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 or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Borrower and its obligations, (g) with the consent of the Borrower or (h) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower.

For purposes of this Section, "<u>Information</u>" means all information received from the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries relating to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent or any Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries. 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 9.09. <u>Representation by Lenders</u>. Each Lender hereby represents that it is a commercial lender or financial institution which makes loans in the ordinary course of its business and that it will make its Advances hereunder for its own account in the ordinary course of such business; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, subject to Section 9.07, the disposition of the Note or Notes held by that Lender shall at all times be within its exclusive control.

SECTION 9.10. Obligations Several. The obligations of each Lender hereunder are several, and no Lender shall be responsible for the obligations or commitment of any other Lender hereunder. Nothing contained in this Agreement and no action taken by the Lenders pursuant hereto shall be deemed to constitute the Lenders to be a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity. The amounts payable at any time hereunder to each Lender shall be a separate and independent debt and each Lender shall be entitled to protect and enforce its rights arising out of this Agreement or any other Loan Document and it shall not be necessary for any other Lender to be joined as an additional party in any proceeding for such purpose.

SECTION 9.11. <u>Survival of Certain Obligations</u>. Sections 8.03(a), 8.03(b), 8.05 and 9.03, and the obligations of the Loan Parties thereunder, shall survive, and shall continue to be enforceable notwithstanding, the termination of this Agreement, and the Revolver Commitments and the payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Advances.

SECTION 9.12. North Carolina Law. This Agreement and each Note shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 9.13. <u>Severability</u>. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement, the Notes or any of the other Loan Documents should be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and therein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 9.14. <u>Interest</u>. In no event shall the amount of interest due or payable hereunder or under the Notes exceed the maximum rate of interest allowed by applicable law, and in the event any such payment is inadvertently made to any Lender by the Borrower or inadvertently received by any Lender, then such excess sum shall be credited as a payment of principal, unless the Borrower shall notify such Lender in writing that it elects to have such excess sum returned forthwith. It is the express intent hereof that the Borrower not pay and the Lenders not receive, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, interest in excess of that which may legally be paid by the Borrower under applicable law.

SECTION 9.15. <u>Interpretation</u>. No provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents shall be construed against or interpreted to the disadvantage of any party hereto by any court or other governmental or judicial authority by reason of such party having or being deemed to have structured or dictated such provision.

SECTION 9.16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

SECTION 9.17. Waiver of Jury Trial; Consent to Jurisdiction. The Borrower, each of the other Loan Parties, and each of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent (1) irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (2) submits to personal jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina, the courts thereof and the United States District Courts sitting therein, for the enforcement of this Agreement, the Notes and the other Loan Documents, (3) waives any and all personal rights under the law of any jurisdiction to object on any basis (including, without limitation, inconvenience of forum) to jurisdiction or venue within the State of North Carolina for the purpose of litigation to enforce this Agreement, the Notes or the other Loan Documents, and (4) agrees that service of process may be made upon it in the manner prescribed in Section 9.01 for the giving of notice to the Borrower. Nothing herein contained, however, shall: (i) prevent the Administrative Agent from bringing any action or exercising any rights against any security and against the Borrower or any other Loan Party personally, and against any assets of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, within any other state or jurisdiction; or (ii) affect the right to serve legal process in any other manner permitted by law.

SECTION 9.18. <u>Independence of Covenants</u>. All covenants under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be given independent effect so that if a particular action or condition is not permitted by any such covenant, the fact that it would be permitted by an exception to, or would be otherwise allowed by, another covenant shall not avoid the occurrence of a Default if such action is taken or such condition exists.

ARTICLE X

GUARANTY

SECTION 10.01. Unconditional Guaranty. Each Guarantor hereby irrevocably, unconditionally and jointly and severally guarantees, each as a primary obligor and not merely as a surety, to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders the due and punctual payment of the principal of and the premium, if any, and interest on the Guaranteed Obligations and any and all other amounts due under or pursuant to the Loan Documents, when and as the same shall become due and payable (whether at stated maturity or by optional or mandatory prepayment or by declaration, redemption or otherwise) in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents. The Guarantors' guaranty under this Section is an absolute, present and continuing guarantee of payment and not of collectibility, and is in no way conditional or contingent upon any attempt to collect from the Borrower, any of the Guarantors or any other guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations (or any portion thereof) or upon any other action, occurrence or circumstances whatsoever. In the event that the Borrower or any Guarantor shall fail so to pay any such principal, premium, interest or other amount to the Administrative Agent or a Lender, the Guarantors will pay the same forthwith, without demand, presentment, protest or notice of any kind (all of which are waived by the Guarantors to the fullest extent permitted by law), in lawful money of the United States, at the place for payment specified in Loan Documents or specified by such Administrative Agent in writing, to such Administrative Agent. The Guarantors further agree, promptly after demand, to pay to the Administrative Agent and Lenders the costs and expenses incurred by such Administrative Agent or Lender in connection with enforcing the rights of such Administrative Agent and Lenders against the Borrower and any or all of the Guarantors (whether in a Bankruptcy proceeding or otherwise) following any default in payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations or the obligations of the Guarantors hereunder, including, without limitation, the fees and expenses of counsel to the Administrative Agent and such Lenders.

SECTION 10.02. <u>Obligations Absolute</u>. The obligations of the Guarantors hereunder are and shall be absolute and unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of this Agreement, any of the Guaranteed Obligations or any of the Loan Documents, shall not be subject to any counterclaim, set-off, deduction or defense based upon any claim any of the Guarantors may have against the Borrower, any other Guarantor or the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder or otherwise, and shall remain in full force and effect without regard to, and shall not be released, discharged or in any way affected by, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any circumstance or condition whatsoever (whether or not any of the Guarantors shall have any knowledge or notice thereof), including, without limitation:

- (a) any amendment or modification of or supplement to any of the Loan Documents or any other instrument referred to herein or therein, or any assignment or transfer of any thereof or of any interest therein, or any furnishing or acceptance of additional security for any of the Guaranteed Obligations;
- (b) any waiver, consent or extension under any Loan Document or any such other instrument, or any indulgence or other action or inaction under or in respect of, or any extensions or renewals of, any Loan Document, any such

other instrument or any Guaranteed Obligation;

- (c) any failure, omission or delay on the part of the Administrative Agent to enforce, assert or exercise any right, power or remedy conferred on or available to the Administrative Agent or any Lender against the Borrower or any Guarantor, any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Subsidiary of any Guarantor;
- (d) any Bankruptcy, insolvency, readjustment, composition, liquidation or similar proceeding with respect to the Borrower, any Guarantor, any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Subsidiary of any Guarantor or any property of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any such Subsidiary or any unavailability of assets against which the Guaranteed Obligations, or any of them, may be enforced;
- (e) any merger or consolidation of the Borrower, any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor or any of the Guarantors into or with any other Person or any sale, lease or transfer of any or all of the assets of any of the Guarantors, the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor to any Person;
- (f) any failure on the part of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor for any reason to comply with or perform any of the terms of any agreement with any of the Guarantors;
- (g) any exercise or non-exercise by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, of any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of any of the Loan Documents or the Guaranteed Obligations, including, without limitation, under this Section;
- (h) any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance or payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations;
- (i) any furnishing or acceptance of security, or any release, substitution or exchange thereof, for any of the Guaranteed Obligations;
- (j) any failure to give notice to any of the Guarantors of the occurrence of any breach or violation of, or any event of default or any default under or with respect to, any of the Loan Documents or the Guaranteed Obligations;
 - (k) any partial prepayment, or any assignment or transfer, of any of the Guaranteed Obligations; or
- (l) any other circumstance (other than payment in full) which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor or which might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of such Guarantor.

The Guarantors covenant that their respective obligations hereunder will not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Loan Documents and this Agreement and the final payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations. The Guarantors unconditionally waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law (A) notice of any of the matters referred to in this Section, (B) any and all rights which any of the Guarantors may now or hereafter have arising under, and any right to claim a discharge of the Guarantor's obligations hereunder by reason of the failure or refusal by the Administrative Agent or any Lender to take any action pursuant to any statute permitting a Guarantor to request that the Administrative Agent or any Lender attempt to collect the Guaranteed Obligations from the Borrower, any of the Guarantors or any other guarantor (including without limitation any rights under Sections 26-7, 26-8 or 26-9 of the North Carolina General Statutes, O.C.G.A. § 10-7-24, or any similar or successor provisions), (C) all notices which may be required by statute, rule of law or otherwise to preserve any of the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender against the Guarantors, including, without limitation, presentment to or demand of payment from the Borrower, any of the Subsidiaries of the Borrower or any Guarantor, or any of the other Guarantors with respect to any Loan Document or this agreement, notice of acceptance of the Guarantors' guarantee hereunder and/or notice to the Borrower, any of the Subsidiaries of the Borrower or any Guarantor, or any Guarantor of default or protest for nonpayment or dishonor, (D) any diligence in collection from or protection of or realization upon all or any portion of the Guaranteed Obligations or any security therefor, any liability hereunder, or any party primarily or secondarily liable for all or any portion of the Guaranteed Obligations, and (E) any duty or obligation of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to proceed to collect all or any portion of the Guaranteed Obligations from, or to commence an action against, the Borrower, any Guarantor or any other Person, or to resort to any security or to any balance of any deposit account or credit on the books of the Administrative Agent or any Lender in favor of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any other Person, despite any notice or request of any of the Guarantors to do so.

SECTION 10.03. Continuing Obligations; Reinstatement. The obligations of the Guarantors under this Article X are continuing obligations and shall continue in full force and effect until such time as all of the Guaranteed Obligations (and any renewals and extensions thereof) shall have been finally paid and satisfied in full. The obligations of the Guarantors under this Article X shall continue to be effective or be automatically reinstated, as the case may be, if any

payment made by the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor on, under or in respect of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the recipient upon the insolvency, Bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any such Subsidiary, or upon or as a result of the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to the Borrower, any Guarantor or any such Subsidiary or any substantial part of the property of the Borrower, any Guarantor or any such Subsidiary, or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made. If an event permitting the acceleration of all or any portion of the Guaranteed Obligations shall at any time have occurred and be continuing, and such acceleration shall at such time be stayed, enjoined or otherwise prevented for any reason, including without limitation because of the pendency of a case or proceeding relating to the Borrower, any Guarantor or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor under any Bankruptcy or insolvency law, for purposes of this Article X and the obligations of the Guarantors hereunder, such Guaranteed Obligations shall be deemed to have been accelerated with the same effect as if such Guaranteed Obligations had been accelerated in accordance with the terms of the applicable Loan Documents or of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.04. <u>Additional Security, Etc.</u> The Guarantors authorize the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders without notice to or demand on the Guarantors and without affecting their liability hereunder, from time to time (a) to obtain additional or substitute endorsers or guarantors; (b) to exercise or refrain from exercising any rights against, and grant indulgences to, the Borrower, any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor, any other Guarantor or others; and (c) to apply any sums, by whomsoever paid or however realized, to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, and other obligations consisting of, the Guaranteed Obligations. The Guarantors waive any right to require the Administrative Agent or any Lender to proceed against any additional or substitute endorsers or guarantors or the Borrower or any of their Subsidiaries or any other Person or to pursue any other remedy available to the Administrative Agent or any such Lender.

SECTION 10.05. <u>Information Concerning the Borrower</u>. The Guarantors assume all responsibility for being and keeping themselves informed of the financial condition and assets of the Borrower, the other Guarantors and their respective Subsidiaries, and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Guaranteed Obligations and the nature, scope and extent of the risks which the Guarantors assume and insure hereunder, and agree that neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender shall have any duty to advise the Guarantors of information known to the Administrative Agent or any such Lender regarding or in any manner relevant to any of such circumstances or risks.

SECTION 10.06. <u>Guarantors' Subordination</u>. The Guarantors hereby absolutely subordinate, both in right of payment and in time of payment, any present and future indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Guarantor to any or all of the Guarantors to the indebtedness of the Borrower or any such Subsidiary or to the Lenders (or any of them), *provided* that the Guarantors may receive scheduled payments of principal, premium (if any) and interest in respect of such present or future indebtedness so long as there is no Event of Default then in existence.

SECTION 10.07. Waiver of Subrogation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, until the payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations, the Guarantors hereby waive any right of subrogation (under contract, Section 509 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise) or any other right of indemnity, reimbursement or contribution and hereby waive any right to enforce any remedy that the Administrative Agent or any Lender now has or may hereafter have against the Borrower, any Guarantor or any endorser or any other guarantor of all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations, and the Guarantors hereby waive any benefit of, and any right to participate in, any security or collateral given to the Administrative Agent or any Lender to secure payment or performance of the Guaranteed Obligations or any other liability of the Borrower to the Administrative Agent or any Lender. The waiver contained in this Section shall continue and survive the termination of this Agreement and the final payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations.

SECTION 10.08. Enforcement. In the event that the Guarantors shall fail forthwith to pay upon demand of the Administrative Agent or any Lender any amounts due pursuant to this Article X or to perform or comply with or to cause performance or compliance with any other obligation of the Guarantors under this Agreement the Administrative Agent and any Lender shall be entitled and empowered to institute any action or proceeding at law or in equity for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid or for the performance of or compliance with such terms, and may prosecute any such action or proceeding to judgment or final decree and may enforce such judgment or final decree against the Guarantors and collect in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Guarantors, wherever situated, any monies adjudged or decreed to be payable. The obligations of the Guarantors under this Agreement are continuing obligations and a fresh cause of action shall arise in respect of each default hereunder.

SECTION 10.09. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. Except as may otherwise be expressly agreed upon in writing, the liability of the Guarantors under this Article X shall neither affect nor be affected by any prior or subsequent guaranty by the Guarantors of any other indebtedness to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders. Notwithstanding anything in this

Article X to the contrary, the maximum liability of each Guarantor hereunder shall in no event exceed the maximum amount which could be paid out by such Guarantor without rendering such Guarantor's obligations under this Article X, in whole or in part, void or voidable under applicable law, including, without limitation, (i) the Bankruptcy Code of 1978, as amended, and (ii) any applicable state or federal law relative to fraudulent conveyances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed, under seal, by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Todd A. Reppert Name: Todd A. Reppert

Title: President

[CORPORATE SEAL]

INITIAL GUARANTOR

MAIN STREET CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ Todd A. Reppert (SEAL)

Name: Todd A. Reppert

Title: Manager

COMMITMENTS

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY.

as Administrative Agent and as a Lender

By: /s/ Michael F. Skorich (SEAL)

Name: Michael F. Skorich
Title: Vice President

Revolver Commitment: \$60,000,000

Lending Office

Branch Banking and Trust Company

200 West Second Street, 16th Floor

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Attention: Michael F. Skorich, Vice President

Telecopy number: (336) 733-2740

Telephone number: (336) 733-2709

And a copy to:

Christopher E. Leon, Esq.

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC

One West Fourth Street

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Telecopy number: (336) 726-6932

Telephone number: (336) 721-3518

COMMITMENTS WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Charles De Lacey

(SEAL)

Name: Charles De Lacey Title: Senior Vice President

Revolver Commitment: \$40,000,000

Lending Office

Wachovia Bank, National Association

2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 3400

Houston, Texas 77056

Attn: Charles De Lacey, Senior Vice President

Telecopy number: (713) 402-3637

Telephone number: (713) 576-2377

SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of the 31st day of December, 2007 (the "Agreement"), is made among MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Grantor</u>"), and BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY ("<u>BB&T</u>"), acting as agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>") for itself and for the other Secured Parties as defined herein.

WITNESSETH

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RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders (as defined in the Credit Agreement defined below) have agreed to extend credit to the Borrower (as defined in the Credit Agreement) pursuant to the terms of that certain Treasury Secured Revolving Credit Agreement of even date herewith (as amended, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement") among the Grantor, the initial guarantor party thereto, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders signatory thereto;

WHEREAS, the obligations of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to extend credit under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents are conditioned upon, among other things, the execution and delivery by the Grantor of a security agreement in the form hereof to secure (a) the due and punctual payment by the Borrower of: (i) the principal of and interest on the Notes (including without limitation, any and all Revolver Advances), when and as due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; (ii) each payment required to be made by the Borrower under the Credit Agreement, when and as due, including payments in respect of reimbursement of disbursements, interest thereon, and obligations, if any, to provide cash collateral and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; and (iii) all other monetary obligations of the Borrower to the Secured Parties under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which the Borrower is or is to be a party and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; (b) the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which the Borrower is or is to be a party, and any renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part; and (c) the due and punctual payment and performance of all obligations of the Guarantor under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which they are or are to be a party and any and all renewals, modifications or extensions thereof, in whole or in part (all the foregoing indebtedness, liabilities and obligations being collectively called the "Obligations").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Grantor and the Administrative Agent, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. As herein used, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Cash Collateral" shall have the meaning set forth in the Credit Agreement.
- (b) "Collateral" means all of Grantor's rights in and to each of the following, whether now owned or held by Grantor or hereafter acquired: (i) the Securities Account and any and all assets and other property, tangible or intangible, now existing or hereafter arising, maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Securities Account, including without limitation any and all Investment Property, Treasury Securities, securities and other financial assets maintained in, recorded in, credited to or contained therein (including, without limitation, the Cash Collateral); (ii) any and all Security Entitlements with respect to the financial assets maintained in, recorded in or credited to the Securities Account; (iii) any and all other Investment Property or assets from time to time maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Securities Account; (iv) any and all cash and cash equivalents from time to time maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Securities Account; (v) all Supporting Obligations which relate to, arise from or are in connection with the assets maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Securities Account; (vi) all replacements or substitutions for any of the foregoing; and (vii) all proceeds and products of any of the foregoing and the proceeds and products of other proceeds and products. The parties hereby expressly agree that all property at any time held in the Securities Account is to be treated as a "financial asset."
- (c) "<u>Credit Documents</u>" means the Credit Agreement, the Notes, the Collateral Documents and all other Loan Documents.
 - (d) "Event of Default" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 6 hereof.

- (e) "Executive Office" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 5 hereof.
- (f) "Financial Assets" means any and all financial assets (as that term is defined in the U.C.C.).
- (g) "Investment Property" means any and all investment property (as that term is defined in the U.C.C.).
- (h) "Obligations" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.
- (i) "Person" means an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a government or governmental subdivision or agency or instrumentality, a business trust, an estate, a trust, a partnership, a cooperative, an association, two or more Persons having a joint or common interest or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (j) "<u>Proceeds</u>" means any and all proceeds (as that term is defined in the U.C.C.), including without limitation, whatever is received when Collateral is sold, exchanged, collected or otherwise disposed of.
- (k) "<u>Secured Parties</u>" means collectively (a) the Lenders party to the Credit Agreement, and (b) the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such under the Credit Agreement, this Agreement, the Collateral Documents and each other Loan Document, and (c) the successors and assigns of the foregoing.
- (1) "Securities Account" means that certain securities account no. 1582000060 and all subaccounts related thereto maintained with or held by Securities Intermediary pursuant to an agreement between Securities Intermediary and Grantor dated as of December 31, 2007 and any and all modifications, supplements, consolidations, renewals and substitutions thereto or replacements thereof.
 - (m) "Security Entitlement" means any and all securities entitlements (as that term is defined in the U.C.C.).
- (n) "Securities Intermediary" means Branch Banking and Trust Company, by and through its Corporate Trust Services Department.
 - (o) "Supporting Obligations" means any and all supporting obligations (as that term is defined in the U.C.C.).
- (p) "<u>Treasury Securities</u>" shall mean Treasury Securities of the United States maturing within 90 days of the date of acquisition thereof.
 - (q) "<u>U.C.C.</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of North Carolina.

Terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Credit Agreement. The rules of interpretation specified in Section 9.15 of the Credit Agreement shall be applicable to this Agreement.

- 2. <u>Security Interest</u>. In consideration of and in order to secure the fulfillment, satisfaction, payment and performance of all of the Obligations, the Grantor hereby assigns, pledges, hypothecates and sets over to the Administrative Agent, its successors and its assigns, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and grants to the Administrative Agent, its successors and its assigns, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a security interest in all of the Collateral.
- 3. Care of Collateral. The Grantor has the risk of loss of the Collateral. The Administrative Agent shall have no duty of care with respect to the Collateral, except that the Administrative Agent shall exercise reasonable care with respect to Collateral in its custody, but shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care if such property is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Administrative Agent accords its own property, or if the Administrative Agent takes such action with respect to the Collateral as a Grantor shall request in writing but no failure to comply with any such request nor any omission to do any such act requested by a Grantor shall be deemed a failure to exercise reasonable care, nor shall the Administrative Agent's failure to take steps to collect any income accruing on the Collateral or to preserve rights against any parties or property be deemed a failure to have exercised reasonable care with respect to Collateral in its custody. The rights and security interest herein provided are granted as security only and shall not subject the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party to, or in any way alter or modify, any obligation or liability of the Grantor with respect to or arising out of any of the Collateral.
 - 4. [Intentionally deleted]
 - 5. Representations, Warranties and Covenants as to Collateral.

The Grantor represents, warrants and covenants to and for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties as of the date hereof and as of the date of each Advance under the Credit Agreement that:

- (a) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. Any Cash Collateral included in the calculation of the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio under the Credit Agreement constitute Collateral as defined herein.
- (b) <u>Good Title</u>: <u>No Existing Encumbrances</u>. The Grantor owns the Collateral free and clear of any prior lien, and no financing statements or other evidences of the grant of a security interest respecting the Collateral exist on the public records.
- (c) <u>Right to Grant Security Interest; No Further Encumbrances</u>. The Grantor has the right to grant a security interest in the Collateral. Except as permitted by the Credit Agreement, the Grantor will pay all taxes and other charges against the Collateral, and the Grantor will not use the Collateral illegally or allow the Collateral to be encumbered.
- (d) <u>Location of Collateral</u>; <u>Location of Executive Office</u>. The Grantor hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that, as of the date hereof, the Collateral is entirely contained within, recorded in, or credited to, the Securities Account, and the Grantor covenants with the Administrative Agent not to transfer the Collateral to any other account. The executive office of the Grantor set forth on Schedule I hereto (the "<u>Executive Office</u>") is the Grantor's chief executive office (if the Grantor has more than one place of business).
- (e) <u>Collateral Status</u>. The Grantor will promptly notify the Administrative Agent if there is any adverse change in the status of the Collateral that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (f) <u>Delivery of Certain Collateral</u>. Upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, the Grantor shall deliver all items the physical possession of which is necessary in order for the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, to perfect or preserve the priority of its security interest in the Collateral.
- (g) <u>Records Respecting Collateral</u>. The Grantor shall keep complete and accurate books and records and make all necessary entries thereon to reflect the transactions and facts giving rise to the Collateral and payments, credits and adjustments applicable thereto, all in accordance with GAAP. All books and records of the Grantor with respect to the Collateral will be accessible from the Executive Office (as it may be changed pursuant to Section 5(c)).
- (h) <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Grantor shall execute and/or deliver (or cause to be executed and/or delivered) to the Administrative Agent and Secured Parties any instrument, document, financing statement, assignment, waiver, consent or other writing reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent which may be reasonably necessary to the Administrative Agent to carry out the terms of this Agreement and any of the other Loan Documents and to perfect its security interest in and facilitate the collection of the Collateral, the proceeds thereof, and any other property at any time constituting security to the Secured Parties. The Grantor shall perform or cause to be performed such acts as the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party may reasonably request to establish and maintain for the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties a valid and perfected security interest in and security title to the Collateral, free and clear of any liens.
- (i) <u>Maintenance of Insurance</u>. Grantor shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance as required under the Credit Agreement. The Grantor shall deliver to the Administrative Agent on or before the date of the first Borrowing under the Credit Agreement, and at such other times as the Administrative Agent may request, a detailed list of such insurance then in effect stating the names of the insurance companies, the amounts and rates of insurance, the date of expiration thereof, the properties and risks covered thereby and the insured with respect thereto. The Grantor will pay all premiums on the insurance referred to herein as and when they become due and shall do all things necessary to maintain the insurance in effect.
- (j) <u>Change of Chief Executive Office</u>. The Grantor hereby understands and agrees that if, at any time hereafter, the Grantor elects to move its Executive Office, or if the Grantor elects to change its name, identity, state of incorporation or organization, or its structure to other than as existing on the date hereof, the Grantor will notify the Administrative Agent in writing at least thirty (30) days prior thereto.
- (k) <u>Control Agreements</u>. The Grantor will obtain and deliver or cause to be delivered to the Administrative Agent, an account control agreement in form and substance satisfactory to Administrative Agent with respect to the Securities Account ("Control Agreement").
- (1) <u>Business Purpose</u>. None of the Obligations is a Consumer Transaction, as defined in the U.C.C. and none of the Collateral has been or will be purchased or held primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 6. Events of Default. The happening of any one or more of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder: (a) the nonpayment when due of any of the Obligations which nonpayment is not fully cured within the applicable grace period therefor, if any, or (b) the occurrence of an Event of Default (as defined in the Credit

Agreement).

- 7. Remedies. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent shall have all of the rights and remedies available at law (including, without limitation, those provided to a secured party by the U.C.C.), or in equity to collect, enforce or satisfy any Obligations then owing, whether by acceleration or otherwise. In addition thereto, the Grantor further agrees that (i) in the event that notice is necessary under applicable law, written notice mailed to Grantor at the Grantor's address given below, ten (10) business days prior to the date of sale of any of the Collateral subject to the security interest created herein or prior to the date after which private sale or any other disposition of said Collateral will be made shall constitute reasonable notice, but notice given in any other reasonable manner or at any other time shall be sufficient; (ii) in the event of sale or other disposition of any such Collateral, the Administrative Agent may apply the proceeds of any such sale or disposition to the satisfaction of the Administrative Agent's reasonable attorneys' fees, legal expenses, and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Administrative Agent's taking, retaking, holding, preparing for sale, and selling of the Collateral; (iii) without precluding any other methods of sale, the sale of Collateral shall have been made in a commercially reasonable manner if conducted in conformity with reasonable commercial practices of banks disposing of similar property but in any event the Administrative Agent may sell on such terms as the Administrative Agent may choose, without assuming any credit risk and without any obligation to advertise or give notice of any kind; and (iv) the Administrative Agent may comply with any applicable state or federal law requirements in connection with a disposition of the Collateral and compliance will not be considered adversely to affect the commercial reasonableness of any sale of the Collateral. Furthermore, in any such event, to the extent permitted under applicable law, full power and authority are hereby given the Administrative Agent to sell, assign, and deliver the whole of the Collateral or any part(s) thereof, at any time(s) at any broker's board, or at public or private sale, at the Administrative Agent's option, and no delay on the Administrative Agent's part in exercising any power of sale or any other rights or options hereunder, and no notice or demand, which may be given to or made upon any or all of the Grantor by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party with respect to any power of sale or other right or option hereunder, shall constitute a waiver thereof, or limit or impair the Administrative Agent's right to take any action or to exercise any power of sale or any other rights hereunder, without notice or demand, or prejudice the Administrative Agent's rights as against the Grantor in any respect. The Grantor hereby waives and releases to the fullest extent permitted by law any right or equity of redemption with respect to the Collateral, whether before or after sale hereunder, and all rights, if any, of marshaling the Collateral and any other security for the Obligations or otherwise. At any such sale, unless prohibited by applicable law, the Administrative Agent may bid for and purchase all or any part of the Collateral so sold free from any such right or equity of redemption. If Administrative Agent sells any of the Collateral upon credit, the Grantor will be credited only with payments actually made by the purchaser, received by the Administrative Agent and applied to the indebtedness of the purchaser. In the event the purchaser fails to pay for the Collateral, the Administrative Agent may resell the Collateral and the Grantor shall be credited with the proceeds of the sale as and when received, less expenses. In the event the Administrative Agent purchases any of the Collateral being sold, the Administrative Agent may pay for the Collateral by crediting some or all of the Obligations of the Grantor. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for failure to collect or realize upon any or all of the Collateral or for any delay in so doing nor shall the Administrative Agent be under any obligation to take any action whatsoever with regard thereto. The Administrative Agent has no obligation to attempt to satisfy the Obligations by collecting them from any other person liable for them and the Administrative Agent may release, modify or waive any collateral provided by any other Person to secure any of the Obligations, all without affecting the Administrative Agent's rights against the Grantor. The Grantor waives any right it may have to require the Administrative Agent to pursue any third Person for any of the Obligations. The Administrative Agent may sell the Collateral without giving any warranties as to the Collateral and may specifically disclaim any warranties of title or the like. This procedure will not be considered adversely to affect the commercial reasonableness of any sale of the Collateral.
- 8. Continuing Security Interest. Any and all of the Administrative Agent's rights with respect to the security interests hereunder shall continue unimpaired until the Obligations have been fully paid and the Lenders' obligations to extend credit to Grantor under the Credit Agreement have irrevocably terminated, and the Grantor shall be and remain obligated in accordance with the terms hereof, notwithstanding the release or substitution of any Collateral at any time or of any rights or interests therein, or any delay, extension of time, renewal, compromise or other indulgence granted by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party in reference to any of the Obligations, or any promissory note or instrument or Credit Document given in connection therewith, the Grantor hereby waiving all notice of any such delay, extension, release, substitution, renewal, compromise or other indulgence, and hereby consenting to be bound thereby as fully and effectually as if the Grantor had expressly agreed thereto in advance.
- 9. <u>No Waiver</u>. No delay on the Administrative Agent's part in exercising any power of sale, option or other right hereunder, and no notice or demand which may be given to or made upon the Grantor by the Administrative Agent, shall constitute a waiver thereof, or limit or impair the Administrative Agent's right to take any action or to exercise any other power of sale, option or any other right hereunder, without notice or demand, or prejudice the Administrative Agent's

rights as against the Grantor in any respect.

- 10. Financing Statements. The Grantor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent at any time and from time to time to file in any relevant jurisdiction any initial financing statements with respect to the Collateral or any part thereof and amendments thereto that contain the information required by the U.C.C. of each applicable jurisdiction for the filing of any financing statement or amendment, including (i) whether the Grantor is an organization, the type of organization and any organizational identification number issued to the Grantor, and (ii) a description of collateral that describes such property in any other manner as the Administrative Agent may reasonably determine is necessary or advisable to ensure the perfection of the security interest in the Collateral granted under this Agreement. The Grantor agrees to provide such information to the Administrative Agent promptly upon request. The Grantor agrees to reimburse the Administrative Agent for the expense of any such filings in any location deemed necessary and appropriate by the Administrative Agent. To the extent lawful, the Grantor hereby appoints the Administrative Agent as its attorney-in-fact (without requiring the Administrative Agent to act as such) to perform all other acts that the Administrative Agent deems appropriate to perfect and continue its security interest in, and to protect and preserve, the Collateral.
- 11. Power of Attorney. Effective after the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Grantor hereby appoints any officer or agent of the Administrative Agent as the Grantor's true and lawful attorney-infact with power to endorse the name of the Grantor upon any instruments of payment or Collateral which may come into possession of the Administrative Agent; to give written notice to such office and officials of the United States Postal Service to affect such change or changes of address so that all mail addressed to any or all Grantor may be delivered directly to the Administrative Agent (the Administrative Agent will return all mail not related to the Obligations or the Collateral); granting unto the Grantor's said attorney full power to do any and all things necessary to be done with respect to the above transactions as fully and effectively as the Grantor might or could do, and hereby ratifying all its said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney shall be irrevocable for the term of this Agreement and all transactions hereunder.
- 12. Remedies, Etc., Cumulative. Each right, power and remedy of the Administrative Agent provided for in this Agreement or the Credit Documents or in any of the other instruments or agreements securing the Obligations or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute shall be cumulative and concurrent and shall be in addition to every other such right, power or remedy. The exercise or beginning of the exercise by the Administrative Agent of any one or more of the rights, powers or remedies provided for in this Agreement, the Credit Documents or in any such other instrument or agreement now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by the Administrative Agent of all such other rights, powers or remedies, and no failure or delay on the part of the Administrative Agent to exercise any such right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 13. <u>Continuing Agreement</u>. This is a continuing agreement and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by written agreement of the parties and until all of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all of the Obligations have been fully paid. This Agreement and the liens and security interests created and granted hereunder shall remain in effect, notwithstanding the fact that at any time or from time to time there may be no Obligations outstanding, in order to secure all future Obligations. If this Security Agreement is revoked by operation of law as against the Grantor, the Grantor will indemnify and save the Administrative Agent and its successors or assigns, harmless from any loss which may be suffered or incurred by them in making, giving, granting or extending any loans or other credit, financing or financial accommodations, or otherwise acting, hereunder prior to receipt by the Administrative Agent of notice in writing of such revocation.
- 14. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina in all respects, including matters of construction, validity and performance except to the extent that the remedies provided herein with respect to any of the collateral are governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than North Carolina; section headings herein are for the convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of or alter or modify the provisions of this Agreement; none of the terms or provisions of this Agreement may be waived, altered, modified, limited or amended except by an agreement expressly referring hereto and to which the Administrative Agent consents in writing duly signed for the Administrative Agent and on the Administrative Agent's behalf; the rights granted to the Administrative Agent herein shall be supplementary and in addition to those granted to the Administrative Agent and/or the Secured Parties in any Credit Documents; the addresses of the parties for delivery of notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder are as set forth in the Credit Agreement. No reference to "proceeds" in this Agreement authorizes any sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Collateral by the Grantor.
- 15. <u>Duties of Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent has been appointed by the Secured Parties pursuant to the Credit Agreement. Its duties to the Secured Parties, powers to act on behalf of the Secured Parties, and immunity are set forth solely therein, and shall not be altered by this Security Agreement. Any amounts realized by the

Administrative Agent hereunder shall be allocated pursuant to the Credit Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Security Agreement has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR:

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Todd A. Reppert

Name:	Todd A. Reppert
Title: President	
	[CORPORATE SEAL]

SCHEDULE I

Executive Office

The Executive Office of the Grantor is as follows:

11300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800

Houston, TX 77056

Attention: Todd A. Reppert, President

CONTROL AGREEMENT

THIS CONTROL AGREEMENT, dated as of December 31, 2007 (as the same may be amended, restated, modified and/or supplemented from time to time, this "Agreement") is by and among MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation (the "Customer"), BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina banking corporation, acting by and through its Corporate Trust Services Department, as account holder (in such capacity, the "Custodian"), and BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, as Administrative Agent for itself and the other Secured Parties (as defined below) (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders (as defined in the Credit Agreement defined below) have agreed to extend credit to the Borrower (as defined in the Credit Agreement) pursuant to the terms of that certain Treasury Secured Revolving Credit Agreement of even date herewith (as amended, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement") among the Customer, the initial guarantor party thereto, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders signatory thereto;

WHEREAS, as a condition of the obligations of Administrative Agent and the Lenders to extend credit under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (as defined in the Credit Agreement), the Customer and the Administrative Agent have entered into a Security Agreement of even date (as the same may be amended, modified, restated and/or supplemented from time to time, the "Security Agreement") in order to secure the payment of all of the Obligations (as defined in the Security Agreement), pursuant to which the Customer has granted the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties (as defined in the Security Agreement), a security interest in all right, title and interest of the Customer in and to the Collateral (as defined in the Security Agreement), including, without limitation, all right, title and interest of the Customer in and to Account No. __established and maintained by the Custodian in the name of Customer, and any sub-accounts related thereto (the "Custodian Securities Account") and all Pledged Assets (as defined below) from time to time on deposit therein; and

WHEREAS, the Customer and the Administrative Agent desire to enter into this Agreement in order to, *inter alia*, ensure that the security interests of Administrative Agent in the Pledged Assets and the Custodian Securities Account under the Security Agreement (the "Security Interests") are and remain perfected under the UCC;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual promises contained herein, and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in order to ensure that all of the Security Interests remain perfected under the UCC, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions; Exhibits.

The following capitalized terms used herein shall have the definitions specified below:

"Adverse Claim" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(1) of the UCC.

"Clearing Corporation" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(5) of the UCC.

"Entitlement Holder" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(7) of the UCC.

"Entitlement Order" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the UCC.

"Event of Default" has the meaning provided in the Security Agreement.

"Financial Asset" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC.

"Indemnitees" has the meaning set forth in Section 12 hereof.

"Investment Property" has the meaning given such term in Section 9-102(a)(49) of the UCC.

"Notice of Adverse Claim" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-105 of the UCC.

"Notice of Event of Default" has the meaning set forth in Section 4 hereof.

"<u>Person</u>" shall mean any individual, partnership, joint venture, firm, corporation, association, trust or other enterprise or any government or political subdivision or any agency, department or instrumentality thereof.

"Pledged Assets" means (i) the Custodian Securities Account and any and all assets and other property, tangible or intangible, now existing or hereafter arising, maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Custodian Securities Account, including without limitation any and all Investment Property, Treasury Securities, securities and other financial assets maintained in, recorded in, credited to or contained therein (including, without limitation, the Cash Collateral); (ii) any and all Security Entitlements with respect to the financial assets maintained in, recorded in or credited to the Custodian Securities Account; (iii) any and all other Investment Property or assets from time to time maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Custodian Securities Account; (iv) any and all cash and cash equivalents from time to time maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Custodian Securities Account; (v) all Supporting Obligations which relate to, arise from or are in connection with the assets maintained in, credited to or recorded in the Custodian Securities Account; (vi) all replacements or substitutions for any of the foregoing; and (vii) all proceeds and products of any of the foregoing and the proceeds and products of other proceeds and products.

"Proceeds" has the meaning given such term in Section 9-102(a)(64) of the UCC.

"Securities Account" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-501(a) of the UCC.

"Securities Intermediary" has the meaning given to such term in Section 8- 102(a)(14) of the UCC.

"Security" and "Securities" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(15) of the UCC.

"Security Entitlement" has the meaning given such term in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC.

"Supporting Obligation" has the meaning given such term in Section 9-102(a)(80) of the UCC.

"Treasury Securities" shall mean Treasury Securities of the United States maturing within 90 days of the date of acquisition thereof.

"<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of North Carolina from time to time; <u>provided</u> that all references herein to specific sections or subsections of the UCC are references to such sections or subsections, as the case may be, of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of North Carolina on the date hereof.

SECTION 2. The Custodian Securities Account. The Customer represents that none of the Pledged Assets, which have not been endorsed to the Custodian or in blank, are registered in the name of the Customer, payable to the Customer's order, or specifically endorsed to the Customer. To the Custodian's knowledge, except for the claims and interest of the Administrative Agent and the Customer in the Pledged Assets, the Custodian has not been notified in writing of any claim to or interest in the Pledged Assets.

SECTION 3. Priority of Lien. The Custodian hereby acknowledges the Security Interest granted to the Administrative Agent by the Customer in the Custodian Securities Account and the Pledged Assets, and acknowledges the Administrative Agent's exclusive control over the Custodian Securities Account and the Pledged Assets. The Custodian hereby subordinates in favor of the Administrative Agent's Security Interest in the Custodian Securities Account and the Pledged Assets (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) all liens, encumbrances, claims and rights of setoff against the Custodian Securities Account and/or the Pledged Assets carried therein which the Custodian may currently have or acquire at any time in the future by contract or by law (statutory or otherwise), except that the Custodian will retain its prior lien in the Pledged Assets to secure payments for securities or other property purchased for the Custodian Securities Account, and normal commissions and fees relating to the Custodian Securities Account or the Pledged Assets.

SECTION 4. Control; Transfer Restrictions.

(a) In order to provide for control of the Custodian Securities Account and to perfect Administrative Agent's Security Interest therein and in the Pledged Assets, the Customer hereby irrevocably orders, directs and instructs the Custodian, and the Custodian hereby agrees, to promptly comply with any and all Entitlement Orders, instructions, orders, directions and notifications communicated to the Custodian and originated by the Administrative Agent relating to any or all the Pledged Assets, without further consent by the Customer or any other person or entity. Customer hereby further irrevocably orders, directs and instructs the Custodian, and the Custodian hereby agrees, that Custodian will not comply with Entitlement Orders relating to any or all of the Pledged Assets originated by any party (including Customer) other than Administrative Agent, without in each case Administrative Agent's express written consent. Customer agrees, and Custodian acknowledges, that Customer may not at any time withdraw or transfer to any other account any of the Pledged Assets or any other assets comprising the Custodian Services Account. Custodian agrees that it will not comply with any order or instruction originated by Customer or any third party that would require Custodian to violate the foregoing withdrawal or transfer restrictions. Further, Custodian agrees that Customer may not margin or otherwise write

checks against the Custodian Securities Account.

- (b) All cash distributions in respect of the Pledged Assets and all proceeds of any sale of any Pledged Assets shall be credited to the Custodian Securities Account and shall be subject to the withdrawal and transfer restrictions set forth in Section 4(a) above.
- (c) Customer and Custodian agree and acknowledge that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, Administrative Agent is hereby authorized and empowered, acting alone without the consent of or notice to Customer, to direct Custodian by written notice thereof (such notice may be referred to herein as the "Notice of Event of Default") to transfer the Pledged Assets to Administrative Agent or to liquidate the Pledged Assets and remit the proceeds generated therefrom to Administrative Agent for application to the Obligations in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.
- (d) It is understood and agreed that the Custodian shall be under no duty or obligation to inquire or determine whether or not such instructions or Entitlement Orders originated by the Administrative Agent have been made in accordance with this Agreement, nor seek confirmation thereof from the Customer or any other person, except the Administrative Agent or a court of competent jurisdiction.
- **SECTION 5**. Statements, Confirmations and Notices of Adverse Claims. The Custodian will, pursuant to its standard procedures, send or make available (i) by electronic means copies of all statements and confirmations concerning the Pledged Assets and the Custodian Securities Account to each of the Customer and the Administrative Agent and (ii) upon the written request of the Administrative Agent, a current list setting forth the Financial Assets then credited to the Custodian Securities Account, at the address set forth below in this Agreement or such other address or location as instructed by the Customer and the Administrative Agent. If the Custodian at any time has any Adverse Claim or receives any notice of any lien or encumbrance or any Notice of Adverse Claim against the Custodian Securities Account or in any Pledged Asset contained therein, the Custodian will promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Customer thereof.

SECTION 6. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Customer. The Customer hereby represents, warrants and agrees as follows:

- (a) All Securities constituting Pledged Assets are fully paid and non-assessable.
- (b) The Pledged Assets are not subject to any security interest (other than the security interest created in favor of the Administrative Agent under the Security Agreement) or any Adverse Claim.
- (c) None of the Pledged Assets is or will be registered in the name of the Customer or specially indorsed to the Customer unless indorsed by the Customer to the Custodian or in blank.
 - (d) The Customer is duly organized and is validly existing in good standing in its jurisdiction of organization.
- (e) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Customer and all documents and instruments to be delivered hereunder by the Customer have been duly authorized by the Customer.
 - (f) The person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Customer has been duly authorized to act on its behalf.
- (g) This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Customer, enforceable against the Customer in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability (i) may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies generally and (ii) is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (h) The Customer's entry into this Agreement will not violate any agreement, law, rule or regulation by which Customer is bound or by which any of its assets are affected.
- **SECTION 7**. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent hereby represents and warrants that this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Administrative Agent, enforceable against the Administrative Agent in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability (i) may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies generally and (ii) is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

SECTION 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of Custodian. The Custodian hereby represents, warrants and agrees on the date hereof and shall be deemed to represent, warrant and agree each time any Pledged Assets are to be credited to the Custodian Securities Account:

- (a) the Custodian is a Securities Intermediary and is acting in that capacity with respect to the Administrative Agent and in the ordinary course of its business maintains accounts to which securities may be credited for others and is acting in that capacity in respect of the Customer;
- (b) such Pledged Assets have been credited to the Custodian Securities Account and, in the case of any Pledged Assets constituting Financial Assets credited to the Custodian Securities Account after the date hereof, a confirmation thereof has been delivered or transmitted electronically to the Administrative Agent;
- (c) the Custodian will treat any and all of the Pledged Assets and any and all other property and assets credited from time to time to the Custodian Securities Account as Financial Assets;
 - (d) the Custodian is not a Clearing Corporation;
 - (e) the Custodian Securities Account is a Securities Account;
- (f) the Custodian will not change the name or account number of the Custodian Securities Account without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Customer;
- (g) the Custodian has not entered into any agreement (other than this Agreement) with any Person under which the Custodian would be obligated to comply with any Entitlement Orders with respect to the Custodian Securities Account and/or Pledged Assets credited thereto and/or which, to the Custodian's knowledge, purports to limit or condition the obligation of the Custodian to comply with the instructions and Entitlement Orders originated by the Administrative Agent, and agrees not to enter into any such agreements without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Customer;
- (h) the Custodian (to its knowledge) does not have any Adverse Claim and has not received any Notice of Adverse Claim in respect of any of the Pledged Assets; and
- (g) Custodian will make appropriate entries to the Custodian Securities Account on the books of Custodian in order to evidence Administrative Agent's Security Interest.

SECTION 9. Responsibility of the Custodian. Until this Agreement is terminated as provided in Section 13 hereof, the Custodian shall have no responsibility or liability to the Customer for complying with Entitlement Orders or other directives concerning the Custodian Securities Account originated by the Administrative Agent. The Custodian shall have no duty to investigate or make any determination as to whether a default or Event of Default exists under any agreement between the Customer and the Administrative Agent and shall comply with a Notice of Event of Default even if it believes that no such default exists. This Agreement does not create any obligation or duty for the Custodian other than those expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 10. Standard of Care. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein or in any other document or instrument to the contrary, neither the Custodian nor any of its affiliates, controlling persons, directors, officers employees or agents (each, an "Indemnified Party") shall be liable for (i) prior to the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 13 hereof, following the instruction of the Administrative Agent and (ii) in all other respects, shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (or them) under or in connection with this Agreement, except to the extent such liability was proximately caused by the Custodian's or an Indemnified Party's own gross negligence or willful misconduct. In no event shall the Custodian be liable for indirect, special or consequential damages of any kind whatsoever (including lost profits and lost business opportunity) even if it is advised of the possibility of such damages and regardless of the form of action in which any such damages may be claimed. Without limiting the foregoing, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere, each of the Custodian and its officers, affiliates, controlling persons, directors, employees and agents:

- (a) shall have no responsibilities, obligations or duties other than those expressly set forth in this Agreement and, without limiting the foregoing, the Custodian shall have no duty to exercise or enforce rights in the Pledged Assets against prior parties or otherwise;
- (b) may in any instance where the Custodian determines that it lacks or is uncertain as to its authority to take or refrain from taking certain action, or as to the requirements of this Agreement under any circumstance before it, delay or refrain from taking action unless and until it has received instructions from the Administrative Agent or advice

from legal counsel (or other appropriate advisor), as the case may be;

- (c) so long as it shall have acted (or refrained from acting) in good faith, shall not be liable for any error of judgment in any action taken, suffered or omitted by, or for any act done or step taken, suffered or omitted by, or for any mistake of fact or law, unless such action constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part;
- (d) may consult with legal counsel selected by it (or other experts for the Administrative Agent or the Customer), and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it or them in good faith in accordance with the advice of such experts, unless such action constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part;
- (e) will not be responsible to the Administrative Agent for any statement, warranty or representation made by any party other than the Custodian in connection with this Agreement;
- (f) will have no duty to ascertain or inquire as to the performance or observance by the Customer of any of the terms, conditions or covenants of the Credit Agreement, the Security Agreement or any other security agreement with the Administrative Agent;
- (g) will not incur any liability by acting or not acting in reliance upon any notice, consent, certificate, statement or other instrument or writing believed in good faith by it to be genuine and signed or sent by the proper party or parties;
- (h) will not incur liability for any notice, consent, certificate, statement, wire instruction, telecopy, or other writing which is delayed, canceled or charged without the knowledge of the Custodian;
- (i) shall not be deemed to have or be charged with notice or knowledge of any fact or matter unless a written notice thereof has been received by the Custodian at the address and to the person designated in (or as subsequently designated pursuant to) this Agreement;
- (j) shall not be obligated or required by any provision of this Agreement to expend or risk the Custodian's own funds, or to take any action (including but not limited to the institution or defense of legal proceedings) which in its judgment may cause it to incur or suffer any expense or liability; provided, however, if the Custodian elects to take any such action it shall be entitled to security or indemnity for the payment of the costs, expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees) and liabilities which may be incurred therein or thereby, satisfactory to the Custodian;
- (k) shall not incur any liability for acts or omissions of any domestic or foreign depository or book-entry system for the central handling of Financial Assets; and
- (l) shall not be responsible for the title, validity or genuineness of any Pledged Asset in or delivered into the Custodian Securities Account.

SECTION 11. Indemnification of the Custodian.

- (a) The Customer agrees to indemnify and hold the Custodian and its affiliates, directors, officers, controlling persons, agents and employees (collectively, the "Indemnitees") harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, fines, penalties, and expenses, including out-of-pocket and incidental expenses and legal fees (collectively, "Losses") that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against, the Indemnitees or any of them for following any Entitlement Orders, instructions or other directions upon which Indemnitees are authorized to rely pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) In addition to and not in limitation of paragraph (a) immediately above, the Customer also agrees to indemnify and hold each of the Indemnitees harmless from and against any and all Losses that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against, any of the Indemnitees in connection with or arising out of this Agreement or the Custodian's performance under this Agreement, <u>provided</u> the Indemnitees have not acted with gross negligence or engaged in willful misconduct (as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final and non-appealable judgment).
- (c) The foregoing indemnifications shall survive any termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing clauses (a) and (b), in no event shall any party to this agreement be liable for indirect, special or consequential damages of any kind whatsoever (including lost profits and lost business opportunity).

agreement between the Custodian and the Customer relating to the Custodian Securities Account, the terms of this Agreement will prevail, and in all other respects the terms of the other agreement relating to the Custodian Securities Account shall apply with respect to any matters not covered by this Agreement. Regardless of any provision in any such agreement, the State of North Carolina shall be deemed to be the Custodian's location for the purposes of this Agreement and the perfection and priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Custodian Securities Account and the Pledged Assets.

SECTION 13. Termination. The rights and powers granted herein to the Administrative Agent have been granted in order to perfect its Security Interests in the Custodian Securities Account and the Pledged Assets and are powers coupled with an interest and will neither be affected by the bankruptcy, insolvency, conservatorship or receivership of the Customer or the Custodian nor by the lapse of time. The obligations of the Custodian under this Agreement shall continue in effect until (i) the Administrative Agent has notified the Custodian in writing that the Security Interests of the Administrative Agent have been terminated at which time this Agreement shall terminate immediately or (ii) the Custodian has resigned in accordance with the requirements of this Section 13. The provisions of Sections 10 and 11 shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Custodian may terminate this Agreement on thirty (30) days' written notice to the Customer and the Administrative Agent; provided, however, that in the event of the notice of termination of this Agreement by Custodian, Custodian shall promptly deliver to Administrative Agent (or its nominee) all Pledged Assets contained in the Custodian Securities Account and any interest, dividends and proceeds subsequently received by it with respect to such Pledged Assets on the effective date of termination. Any liability or obligation of Custodian which arises prior to or upon the termination of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and any exhibits hereto and the agreements and instruments required to be executed and delivered hereunder set forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede and discharge all prior agreements (written or oral) and negotiations and all contemporaneous oral agreements concerning such subject matter and negotiations. There are no oral conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement.

SECTION 15. Amendments. No amendment, modification or termination of this Agreement or waiver of any right hereunder shall be binding on any party hereto unless it is in writing and is signed by the party to be charged.

SECTION 16. Severability. If any term or provision set forth in this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such terms or provisions to persons or circumstances, other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable term or provision were omitted.

SECTION 17. <u>Successors</u>. The terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

SECTION 18. Rules of Construction. In this Agreement, words in the singular number include the plural, and in the plural include the singular; words of the masculine gender include the feminine and the neuter, and when the sense so indicates words of the neuter gender may refer to any gender and the word "or" is disjunctive but not exclusive. The captions and section numbers appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience. They do not define, limit or describe the scope or intent of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 19. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, Entitlement Orders and other communications hereunder shall be sent in accordance with the Notice provisions of the Credit Agreement. All notices and other communications shall be in writing and addressed as follows:

(a) if to the Administrative Agent, at:

Branch Banking And Trust Company 200 West Second Street, 16th Floor Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101

Attn.: Michael F. Skorich

Tel. No.: (336) 733-2740

Fax. No.: (336) 733-2709

(b) if to the Customer, at:

Main Street Capital Corporation 11300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800

Houston, Texas 77056

Attention: Todd A. Reppert, President

Telephone: (713) 350-6029 Telecopier: (713) 350-6042

(c) if to the Custodian, at:

Branch Banking And Trust Company Attn: Corporate Trust Services Department 223 West Nash Street Wilson, North Carolina 27893

Telephone: (252) 246-2177 Telecopier: (252) 246-4303

or at such other address as shall have been furnished in writing by any Person described above to the party required to give notice hereunder.

SECTION 20. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument, and any party hereto may execute this Agreement by signing and delivering one or more counterparts.

SECTION 21. Choice of Law; Jurisdiction of Custodian as Securities Intermediary. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to laws as to conflicts of laws, and shall be binding on the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Notwithstanding any provision of any other agreement, the Custodian agrees that for purposes of Section 8-110(e) of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Custodian in its capacity as the Securities Intermediary of the Customer in respect of the Pledged Assets is the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 22. Fees. The Customer shall pay to the Custodian the compensation agreed upon in writing from time to time and any other includable expenses incurred in connection herewith.

SECTION 23. Consent to Jurisdiction and Service. Each party hereto hereby absolutely and irrevocably consents and submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of North Carolina and Federal courts located in the County and State of North Carolina in connection with any actions or proceedings brought against any party hereto by any other party hereto and arising out of or relating to this Agreement. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably waives any objection on the grounds of venue forum non conveniens, or any similar grounds, and irrevocably consents to service of process by mail or in any other manner permitted by North Carolina law, and irrevocably waives its right to any jury trial.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized officers to duly execute and deliver this Agreement as of the date first above written.

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION, as Customer

By: /s/ Todd A. Reppert
Name: Todd A. Reppert

Title: President

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Michael F. Skorich
Name: Michael F. Skorich
Title: Vice President

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, as Custodian

By: /s/ Maura S. Pope

Name: Maura S. Pope Title: Vice President

CUSTODY AGREEMENT

This agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of December 31, 2007 between MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Maryland having a place of business located at 11300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77056 (the "Fund"), and BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina banking corporation having a place of business at 223 West Nash Street, Wilson NC 27893 (the "Custodian").

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter set forth the Fund and the Custodian hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in this Agreement, the following words shall have the meanings set forth below:

- 1. "1940 Act" shall mean the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- 2. "Authorized Person" shall be any person, whether or not an officer or employee of the Fund, duly authorized according to a Certificate to give any Instruction with respect to one or more Account, such persons to be designated in the Certificate annexed hereto as Schedule 1 hereto or such other super-ceding Certificate as may be received by Custodian from time to time. Such persons so designated shall continue to be Authorized Persons until such time as Custodian receives a super-ceding Certificate from the Fund that any such person is no longer an Authorized Person.
- 3. "Book-Entry System" shall mean the Federal Reserve/Treasury book-entry system for receiving and delivering securities, its successors and nominees.
- 4. "Business Day" shall mean any day on which Custodian and relevant Depositories are open for business.
- 5. "Certificate" shall mean any written notice, signed by an officer of the Fund so authorized, which certifies to Custodian the names and signatures of those persons designated Authorized Persons, and the names of the members of the Fund's Board of Directors, together with any changes which may occur from time to time.
- 6. "**Depository**" shall include (a) the Book-Entry System, (b) the Depository Trust Company, (c) any other clearing agency or securities depository registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission identified to the Fund from time to time, and (d) the respective successors and nominees of the foregoing.
- 7. "Instructions" shall mean the communications that contain all information reasonably requested by Custodian to enable Custodian to carry out Instructions which are actually received by Custodian by S.W.I.F.T., tested telex, letter, facsimile transmission, or other method or system specified by Custodian as available for use in connection with the services hereunder. Custodian shall act on Instructions only if Custodian reasonably believes in good faith that such Instructions have been given by an Authorized Person.
- 8. "Securities" shall include, without limitation, any common stock and other equity securities, U.S. Treasury Securities, bonds, rights, warrants, debentures and other debt securities, notes, mortgages or other obligations, and any instruments representing rights to receive, purchase, or subscribe for the same, or representing any rights or interests therein (whether represented by a certificate or held in a Depository).

ARTICLE II APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN; ACCOUNT; REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

- 1. (a) The Fund hereby appoints Custodian to keep and maintain all Securities and cash at any time delivered to Custodian during the term of this Agreement. The Fund hereby authorizes Custodian to hold securities in registered form in its name or the name of its nominees or other form satisfactory to the Fund. Custodian hereby accepts such appointment. Custodian agrees to establish and maintain the following account, subject only to draft or order by Custodian acting pursuant to the terms of this Agreement:
- (i) an account in the name of the Fund for Securities or cash received by or on behalf of Custodian for the account of the

Fund (the "Control Account").

Custodian shall maintain books and records regarding the Control Account in accordance with industry standards relating to custody account of the nature described herein.

- (b) Custodian may from time to time establish on its books and records such sub-account within the Control Account as the Fund and the Custodian may agree (each a "Special Account"), and Custodian shall reflect therein such assets as the Fund may specify in Instructions.
- 2. The Fund hereby represents and warrants that:
- (a) It is duly organized and existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, with full power to carry on its business as now conducted, to enter into this Agreement, and to perform its obligations hereunder;
- (b) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Fund, approved by a resolution of its board, constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Fund, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and there is no statute, regulation, rule, order or judgment binding on it, and no provision of its charter or by-laws or other contract binding on it which would prohibit its execution or performance of this Agreement;
- (c) It is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with various methods of transmitting Instructions and delivering Certificates to Custodian and shall cause each Authorized Person to, safeguard and treat with extreme care any user authorization codes, passwords and/or authorization keys, understands that there may be more secure methods of transmitting or delivering the same than the methods selected by it, agrees that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection therewith provide a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances;
- (d) Its transmission or giving of, and Custodian acting upon and in reliance on, Certificates or Instructions pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times comply with the 40 Act;
- 3. The Fund hereby covenants that it shall from time to time complete and execute and deliver to Custodian upon Custodian's request a Form FR U-1 (or successor thereto) whenever the Fund borrows from Custodian any money to be used for the purchase or carrying of margin stock as defined in Federal Reserve Regulation U.
- 4. Custodian represents and warrants that (i) assuming execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Fund, this Agreement is Custodian's legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms; (ii) it has full power and authority to enter into and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution of this Agreement and (iii) in the event that it becomes necessary to engage a foreign sub-custodian, any engagement of such will be in accordance with Rule 17f-5 of the 1940 Act.

ARTICLE III CUSTODY AND RELATED SERVICES

- 1. Custodian shall hold in a separate account, and physically segregate at all times from those of any other persons, firms or corporations, pursuant to the provisions hereof, all Securities or cash received by it for or for the account of the Fund. All such Securities are to be held or disposed of by Custodian at all times pursuant to Instructions, pursuant to this Agreement. The Custodian shall have no power or authority to assign, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise dispose of any such securities or investments, except pursuant to the directive of the Fund and only for the account of the Fund as set forth otherwise in this Agreement.
- (a) Custodian will identify in its records and hold and physically segregate, where Securities are issued in physical form, for the Fund all Securities to the Fund's Account.
- (b) Custodian is authorized, in its discretion to utilize Depositories. With respect to each Depository, Custodian (i) shall exercise due care in accordance with reasonable commercial standards in discharging it duties as a securities intermediary to obtain and thereafter maintain Securities or other financial assets deposited or held in such Depository, and (ii) will provide promptly upon request by the Fund, such reports as are available concerning the internal accounting controls and financial strength of the Custodian. Each Depository utilized by Custodian shall at all times comply with rule 17f-4 under the 1940 Act.
- (c) It is not currently anticipated that Custodian will utilize a foreign securities depository (as that term is defined by Rule 17f-7 under the 1940 Act).

- 2. Custodian shall furnish the Fund with an advice of daily transactions (including a confirmation of each transfer of Securities) and a monthly summary of all transfers to or from the Account.
- 3. With respect to all Securities held hereunder, Custodian shall, unless otherwise instructed to the contrary:
- (a) Receive all income and other payments and advise the Fund as promptly as practicable of any such amounts due but not paid;
- (b) Present for payment and receive the amount paid upon all Securities which may mature and advise the Fund as promptly as practicable of any such amounts due but not paid, provided, however, Custodian shall have no obligation to collect any payments that may due pursuant to any Securities that are promissory notes extended by the Fund;
- (c) Forward to the Fund copies of all information or documents that it may actually receive from an issuer of Securities which, in the opinion of Custodian, are intended for the beneficial owner of Securities;
- (d) Execute, as custodian, any certificates of ownership, affidavits, declarations or other certificates under any tax laws now or hereafter in effect in connection with the collection of bond and note coupons;
- (e) Hold directly or through a Depository all rights and similar Securities issued with respect to any Securities credited to an Account hereunder; and
- (f) Endorse for collection checks, drafts or other negotiable instruments.
- 4. (a) Custodian shall notify the Fund of rights or discretionary actions with respect to Securities held hereunder, and of the date or dates by when such rights must be exercised or such action must be taken, provided that Custodian has actually received, from the Issuer or the relevant Depository or a nationally recognized bond or corporate action service to which Custodian subscribes, timely notice of such rights or discretionary corporate action or of the date or dates such rights must be exercised or such action must be taken. Absent actual receipt of such notice, Custodian shall have no liability for failing to so notify the Fund.
- (b) Whenever Securities (including, but not limited to, warrants, options, tenders, options to tender or non-mandatory puts or calls) confer discretionary rights on the Fund or provide for discretionary action or alternative courses of action by the Fund, the Fund shall be responsible for making any decisions relating thereto and for directing Custodian to act. In order for Custodian to act, it must receive the Fund's Certificate of Instructions at Custodian's offices, addressed as Custodian may from time to time request, but not later than noon (Eastern time) at least two (2) Business Days prior to the last scheduled date to act with respect to such securities. Absent Custodian's timely receipt of such Instructions, Custodian shall not be liable for failure to take any action relating to or to exercise any rights conferred by such Securities.
- 5. All voting rights with respect to Securities, however registered, shall be exercised by the Fund or its designee. Custodian will make available to the Fund proxy voting services upon the request of the Fund in accordance with terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon by Custodian and the Fund.
- 6. Custodian shall promptly advise the Fund upon Custodian's actual receipt of notification of the partial redemption, partial payment or other action affecting less than all Securities of the relevant class. If Custodian or any Depository holds any Securities in which the Fund has an interest as part of a fungible mass, Custodian or Depository may select the Securities to participate in such partial redemption, partial payment or other action in any non-discriminatory manner that it customarily uses to make such selection.
- 7. Custodian shall not under any circumstances accept bearer interest coupons which have been stripped from United States federal, state or local government or agency securities unless explicitly agreed to by Custodian in writing.
- 8. The Fund shall be liable for all taxes, assessments, duties and other governmental charges, including any interest or penalty with respect thereto ("Taxes"), with respect to any cash or Securities held on behalf of the Fund or any transaction related thereto. The Fund shall indemnify Custodian for any amount of Tax that Custodian or any other withholding agent is required under applicable laws (whether by assessment or otherwise) to pay on behalf of, or in respect of income earned by or payments or distributions made to or for the account of the Fund (including any payment of Tax required by reason of an earlier failure to withhold). Custodian shall, or instruct any applicable other withholding agent to, withhold the amount of any Tax which is required to be withheld under applicable law upon collection of any dividend, interest or other distribution made with respect to any Security and any proceeds or income from the sale, loan or other transfer of any Security. In the event that Custodian is required under applicable law to pay any Tax on behalf of the Fund, Custodian is hereby authorized to withdraw cash from any Control Account in the amount required to pay such Tax and

to use such cash, or to remit such cash to another withholding agent, for the timely payment of such Tax in the manner required by applicable law. Custodian shall provide prior notice to the Fund before taking such action. If the aggregate amount of cash in all Control Account is not sufficient to pay such Tax, Custodian shall promptly notify the Fund of the additional amount of cash required, and the Fund shall directly deposit such additional amount in the appropriate Control Account promptly after receipt of such notice, for use by Custodian as specified herein.

- 9. (a) For the purpose of settling Securities transactions, the Fund shall provide Custodian with sufficient immediately available funds for all transactions by such time and date as conditions in the relevant market dictate. Custodian shall provide the Fund with immediately available funds each day which result from the actual settlement of all sale transactions, based upon advices received by Custodian from Depositories. Such funds shall be in U.S. dollars.
- (b) To the extent that Custodian has agreed to provide pricing or other information services in connection with this Agreement, Custodian is authorized to utilize any vendor (including brokers and dealers in Securities) reasonably believed by Custodian to be reliable to provide such information. The Fund agrees that it will provide to the Custodian on a monthly basis the balance of all promissory notes held by Custodian. The Custodian shall have no duty to verify or in any manner confirm the information provided by the Fund to Custodian relating to the value or outstanding balance of any promissory note held by Custodian. The Fund acknowledges that Custodian shall use the information provided by the Fund to prepare the monthly statement information provided to the Fund by the Custodian.
- 10. Until such time as Custodian receives Instructions to the contrary with respect to a particular Security, Custodian may release the identity of the Fund to an issuer which requests such information pursuant to the Shareholder Communications Act of 1985 for the specific purpose of direct communications between such issuer and shareholder.

ARTICLE IV PURCHASE AND SALE OF SECURITIES CREDITS TO ACCOUNT

- 1. Promptly after each purchase or sale of Securities by the Fund, the Fund shall deliver to Custodian Instructions, specifying all information Custodian may reasonably request to settle such purchase or sale. Custodian shall account for all purchases and sales of Securities on the actual settlement date unless otherwise agreed by Custodian.
- 2. The Fund understands that when Custodian is instructed to deliver Securities against payment, delivery of such Securities and receipt of payment therefore may not be completed simultaneously. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, settlements, payments and delivery of Securities may be effected by Custodian in accordance with the customary or established securities trading or securities processing practices and procedures in the jurisdiction in which the transaction occurs, including, without limitation, delivery to a purchaser or dealer therefore (or agent) against receipt with the expectation of receiving later payment for such Securities. The Fund assumes full responsibility for all risks, including, without limitation, credit risks, involved in connection with such deliveries of Securities.
- 3. Custodian may, as a matter of bookkeeping convenience or by separate agreement with the Fund, credit the Control Account with the proceeds from any sale, redemption or other disposition of Securities or interest, dividends or other distributions payable on Securities prior to its actual receipt of final payment therefore. All such credits shall be conditional until Custodian's actual receipt of final payment and may be reversed by Custodian to the extent that final payment is not received. Payment with respect to a transaction will not be considered final until Custodian shall have received immediately available funds, which under local applicable law, rule and/or practice are irreversible and not subject to any security interest, levy or other encumbrance, and which are specifically applicable to such transaction.

ARTICLE V OVERDRAFTS AND INDEBTEDNESS

- 1. Fund will have sufficient immediately available funds each day in the Control Account (without regard to any Control Account investments) to pay for the settlement of all Financial Assets delivered to the Fund against payment by Fund and credited to the Securities Account. If a debit to the Control Account results (or will result) in a debit balance, the Custodian may, in its discretion, (i) advance an amount equal to the overdraft, (ii) refuse to settle in whole or in part the transaction causing such debit balance, or (iii) if any such transaction is posted to the Securities Account, reverse any such posting. If Custodian elects to make such advance, the advance will be deemed a loan to the Fund, payable on demand, bearing interest at the applicable rate charged by Custodian from time to time, for such overdrafts, from the date of such advance to the date of payment (both after as well as before judgment) and otherwise on the terms on which Custodian makes similar overdrafts available from time to time.
- 2. If the Custodian advances any amount to or for the benefit of the Fund, any assets held in the Securities Account shall

be security for any amounts so advanced in an amount not to the exceed the amount of such an advance. If, after Custodian provides written notice to the Fund of any advance, the Fund fails to promptly repay the advance, the Custodian shall be entitled to use the Fund's available cash to repay such amount.

3. If the Fund borrows money from any bank (including Custodian if the borrowing is pursuant to a separate agreement) using securities held by Custodian hereunder as collateral for such borrowings, the Fund shall deliver to Custodian Instructions specifying with respect to each such borrowing: (a) the name of the bank, (b) the amount of the borrowing, (c) the time and date, if known, on which the loan is to be entered into, (d) the total amount payable to the Fund on the borrowing date, (e) the Securities to be delivered as collateral for such loan, including the name of the issuer, the title and number of shares or the principal amount of any particular Securities, and (f) a statement specifying whether the loan is for investment purposes or for temporary or emergency purposes and that such loan is in conformance with the 40 Act and the Fund's prospectus. Custodian shall deliver on the borrowing date specified in a Certificate the specified collateral against payment by the lending bank of the total amount of the loan payable, provided that the same conforms to the total amount payable as set forth in the Certificate. Custodian may, at the option of the lending bank, keep such collateral in its possession, but such collateral shall be subject to all rights therein given the lending bank by virtue of any promissory note or loan agreement. Upon Instructions of the Fund, Custodian shall deliver such Securities as additional collateral as may be specified in such Instructions to collateralize further any transaction described in this section. The Fund shall cause all Securities released from collateral status to be returned directly to Custodian, and Custodian shall receive from time to time such return of collateral as may be tendered to it. In the event the Fund fails to specify in Instructions, the name of the issuer, the title and number of shares or the principal amount of any particular Securities to be delivered as collateral by Custodian, Custodian shall not be under any obligation to deliver any Securities as collateral for borrowings.

ARTICLE VI SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

- 1. Whenever the Fund shall sell any shares issued by the Fund ("Shares") it shall deliver to Custodian a Certificate or Instructions specifying the amount of money and/or Securities to be received by Custodian for the sale of such Shares and specifically allocated to an Account.
- 2. Upon receipt of such money, Custodian shall credit such money to an Account as specified by the Fund.
- 3. Except as provided hereinafter, whenever the Fund desires Custodian to make payment out of the money held by Custodian hereunder in connection with a redemption of any Shares, it shall furnish to Custodian a Certificate of Instructions specifying the total amount to be paid for such Shares. Custodian shall make payment of such total amount to the transfer agent specified in such Certificate of Instructions out of the money held in the Account specified by the Fund.

ARTICLE VII PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS OR DISTRIBUTIONS

- 1. Whenever the Fund shall determine to pay a dividend or distribution on Shares it shall furnish to Custodian Instructions setting forth therein the declaration of such dividend or distribution, the total amount payable, and the payment date.
- 2. Upon the payment date specified in such Instructions, Custodian shall pay out of the money held, the total amount payable to the dividend agent of the Fund specified therein.

ARTICLE VII CONCERNING THE CUSTODIAN

1. (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, Custodian shall not be liable for any costs, expenses, damages, liabilities or claims, including attorneys' and accountants' fees (collectively, "Losses"), incurred by or asserted against the Fund, except those Losses arising out of Custodian's own negligence or willful misconduct. Custodian shall have no liability whatsoever for the action or inaction of any Depositories except in each such case to the extent such action or inaction is a direct result of Custodian's failure to fulfill its duties hereunder. In no event shall Custodian be liable to the Fund or any third party for special, indirect or consequential damages, or lost profits or loss of business, arising in connection with this Agreement, nor shall Custodian be liable: (i) for acting in accordance with any Certificate or Instructions actually received by Custodian and reasonably believed by Custodian to be given by an Authorized Person; (ii) for conclusively presuming that all disbursements of cash directed by the Fund, whether by a Certificate or an Instruction, are in accordance with Section 2(h) of Article II hereof; (iii) for any Losses due to forces beyond the control of Custodian, including without limitation strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, insurrection, revolution, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, or interruptions, loss or malfunctions or utilities, communications or

computer (software and hardware) services; or (iv) for any Losses arising from the applicability of any law or regulation now or hereafter in effect.

- (b) Custodian may enter into subcontracts, agreements and understandings with other parties whenever and on such terms and conditions as it deems necessary or appropriate to perform its services hereunder. No such subcontract, agreement or understanding shall discharge Custodian from its obligations hereunder.
- (c) The Fund agrees to indemnify Custodian and hold Custodian harmless from and against any and all Losses sustained or incurred by or asserted against Custodian by reason of any action or inaction, or arising out of Custodian's performance hereunder, including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel incurred by Custodian, provided however, that the Fund shall not indemnify Custodian for those Losses arising out of Custodian's own negligence or willful misconduct. This indemnity shall be a continuing obligation of the Fund, its successors and assigns, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.
- 2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Custodian shall be under no obligation to inquire into, and shall not be liable for:
- (a) Any Losses incurred by the Fund or any other person as a result of the receipt or acceptance of fraudulent, forged or invalid Securities which are otherwise not freely transferable without encumbrance in any relevant market;
- (b) The validity of the issue of any Securities purchased, sold, or written by or for the Fund, the legality of the purchase, sale or writing thereof, or the propriety of the amount paid or received therefore;
- (c) The legality of the sale or redemption of any Shares, or the propriety of the amount received of paid therefore;
- (d) The legality of the declaration or payment of any dividend or distribution by the Fund;
- (e) The legality of any borrowing by the Fund;
- (f) The legality of any loan of portfolio Securities, nor shall Custodian be under any duty or obligation to see to it that any cash or collateral delivered to it by a broker, dealer or financial institution or held by it at any time as a result of such loan or portfolio Securities is adequate security for the Fund against any loss it might sustain as a result of
- such loan, which duty or obligation shall be the sole responsibility of the Fund. In addition, Custodian shall be under no obligation or duty to see that any broker, dealer or financial institution to which portfolio Securities of the Fund are lent makes payment to it of any dividends or interest which are payable to or for the account of the Fund during the period of such loan or at the termination of such loan, provided, however that Custodian shall promptly notify the Fund in the event that such dividends or interest are not paid and received when due.
- 3. Custodian will be entitled to rely on, and may act upon the advice of professional advisers in relation to matters of law, regulation or market practice (which may be the professional advisers to the Fund) and will not be liable to the Fund for any action taken or omitted pursuant to such advice provided that the Custodian exercised reasonable care in the selection of such professional advisers and acts reasonably in reliance on such advice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such reliance shall not effect the Custodian's liability with respect to its responsibilities under the terms of this Agreement and the 1940 Act
- 4. Custodian shall be under no obligation to take any action to collect any amount payable on Securities in default, or if payment is refused after due demand and presentment.
- 5. Custodian shall have no duty or responsibility to inquire into, make recommendations, supervise, or determine the suitability of any transaction affecting any Account.
- 6. The Fund shall pay to Custodian the fees and charges as may be specifically agreed upon from time to time and such other fees and charges at Custodian's standard rates for such services as may be applicable. The Fund shall reimburse Custodian for all costs associated with the conversion of the Fund's Securities hereunder and the transfer of Securities and records kept in connection with this Agreement. The Fund shall also reimburse Custodian for out-of-pocket expenses which are a normal incident of the services provided hereunder.
- 7. Custodian has the right to debit any Control Account for any amount payable by the Fund in connection with any and all obligations of the Fund to Custodian.
- 8. If the Fund elects to transmit Instructions through an on-line communications system offered by Custodian, the Fund's use thereof shall be subject to any terms and conditions that may be imposed by Custodian. If Custodian receives

Instructions which appear on their face to have been transmitted by an Authorized Person via (i) computer facsimile, email, the Internet or other insecure electronic method, or (ii) secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization cods, passwords and/or authentication keys, the Fund understands and agrees that Custodian cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that Custodian shall conclusively presume that such Instructions have been sent by an Authorized Person, and the Fund shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Persons transmit such Instructions to Custodian. If the Fund elects (with Custodian's prior consent) to transmit Instructions through an on-line communications service owned or operated by a third party, the Fund agrees that Custodian shall not be responsible for the reliability or availability of such service.

- 9. The Custodian shall create and maintain all records relating to its activities and obligations under this Agreement in such manner as will meet the obligations of the Fund under the 1940 Act, with particular attention to Section 31 thereof and Rules 31a-1 and 31a-2 thereunder. To the extent that the Custodian is able to do so, the Custodian shall provide assistance to the Fund (at the Fund's reasonable request) providing sub-certifications regarding certain of its services performed hereunder to the Fund in connection with the Fund's Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 certification requirements. The books and records pertaining to the Fund which are in possession of Custodian shall be the property of the Fund. Such books and records shall be prepared and maintained as required by the 40 Act and the rules thereunder. The Fund, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to such books and records maintained by Custodian hereunder upon reasonable prior notice to Custodian during Custodian's normal business hours.
- 10. It is understood that Custodian is authorized to supply any information regarding the Account which is required by any law, regulation or rule now or hereafter in effect. The Custodian shall provide the Fund with any report obtained or required to be obtained by the Custodian on the system of internal accounting control of a Depository.
- 11. Custodian shall have no duties or responsibilities whatsoever except such duties and responsibilities as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no covenant or obligation shall be implied against Custodian in connection with this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX TERMINATION

- 1. Either of the parties hereto may terminate this Agreement by giving to the other party a notice in writing specifying the date of such termination, which shall be not less than sixty (60) days after the date of giving such notice. In the event such notice is given by the Fund, it shall be accompanied by a copy of a resolution of the board of the Fund, certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, electing to terminate this Agreement and designating a successor custodian or custodians, each of which shall be a bank or trust company having not less than \$50,000,000 aggregate capital, surplus and undivided profits (or such amount as may be required by the 1940 Act). In the event such notice is given by Custodian, the Fund shall, on or before the termination date, deliver to Custodian a copy of a resolution of the board of the Fund, certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, designating a successor custodian or custodians. In the absence of such designation by the Fund, Custodian may designate a successor custodian, which shall be a bank or trust company having not less than \$50,000,000 aggregate capital, surplus and undivided profits (or such amount as may be required by the 1940 Act). Upon the date set forth in such notice this Agreement shall terminate, and Custodian shall upon receipt of a notice of acceptance by the successor custodian on that date deliver directly to the successor custodian all Securities and money then owned by the Fund and held by it as Custodian, after deducting all fees, expenses and other amounts for the payment or reimbursement of which it shall be entitled.
- 2. If a successor custodian is not designated by the Fund or Custodian in accordance with the preceding Section, the Fund shall upon the date specified in the notice of termination of this Agreement and upon delivery by Custodian of all Securities (other than Securities which cannot be delivered to the Fund) and money then owned by the Fund be deemed to be its own custodian and Custodian shall thereby be relieved of all duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement, other than the duty with respect to Securities which cannot be delivered to the Fund to hold such Securities hereunder in accordance with this Agreement.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. The Fund agrees to furnish to Custodian a new Certificate of Authorized Persons in the event of any change in the then present Authorized Persons. Until such new Certificate is received, Custodian shall be fully protected in acting upon Certificates of Instructions of such present Authorized Persons.
- 2. Any notice or other instrument in writing, authorized or required by this Agreement to be given to Custodian, shall be sufficiently addressed to Custodian and received by it at its offices at 223 West Nash Street, Wilson NC 27893, or at such

other place as Custodian may from time to time designate in writing.

- 3. Any notice or other instrument in writing, authorized or required by this Agreement to be given to the Fund shall be sufficiently given if addressed to the Fund and received by it at its offices as indicated above, or at such other place as the Fund may from time to time designate in writing.
- 4. Each and every right granted to either party hereunder or under any other document delivered hereunder or in connection herewith, or allowed it by law or in equity, shall be cumulative and may be exercised from time to time. No failure on the part of either party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise by either party of any right preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.
- 5. In case any provision in any obligation under this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any exclusive jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected thereby. This Agreement may not be amended or modified in any manner except by a written agreement executed by both parties. This Agreement shall extend to and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not be assignable by either party without the written consent of the other.
- 6. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof. In the event of a conflict with applicable laws of the State of North Carolina, or any provision herein, and the 1940 Act, the 1940 Act shall control. The Fund and Custodian hereby consent to the jurisdiction of a state or federal court situated in North Carolina in connection with any dispute arising hereunder. The Fund hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such proceeding brought in such a court and claim that such proceeding brought in such a court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. The Fund and Custodian each hereby irrevocably waives any rights to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.
- 7. The Fund hereby acknowledges that Custodian is subject to federal laws, including its Customer Identification Program ("CIP") requirements under the USA PATRIOT Act and its implementing regulations, pursuant to which Custodian must obtain, verify and record information that allows Custodian to identify the Fund. Accordingly, prior to opening an Account hereunder Custodian will ask the Fund to provide certain information including, but not limited to, the Fund's name, physical address, tax identification number and other information that will help Custodian to identify and verify the Fund's identity such as organizational documents, certificate of good standing, license to do business, or other pertinent identifying information. The Fund agrees that Custodian cannot open an Account hereunder unless and until Custodian verifies the Funds identity in accordance with its CIP.
- 8. Reference is hereby made to that certain Control Agreement of even date herewith by and between the Fund, the Custodian and Branch Banking and Trust Company as Administrative Agent ("Control Agreement"). Should any of the terms of this Agreement conflict with the Control Agreement, the Control Agreement will control.
- 9. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but such counterparts shall, together, constitute only one instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Fund and Custodian have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, as of the day and year first above written.

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Todd A. Reppert
Name: Todd A. Reppert
Title: President

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY

By: /s/ Maura S. Pope

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