# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN CAPITAL, LTD. (f/k/a AMERICAN CAPITAL STRATEGIES, LTD.),

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 09 Civ. 2152 (LTS) (JCF)

### NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Please take notice that the undersigned, of the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, is hereby entering an appearance in the above-captioned matter as counsel of record for Plaintiff JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Dated: May 27, 2009

New York, New York

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TO: Clerk of Court
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the Clerk to note his appearance in this case on behalf of the Government and to add him as a Filing User to whom Notices of Electronic Filing will be transmitted in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Southern District of New York

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**COMPLAINT** 

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Plaintiff, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan"), by its attorneys, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, for its Complaint against defendant American Capital, Ltd. f/k/a American Capital Strategies, Ltd. ("American Capital"), alleges as follows:

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

- 1. This is an action for declaratory relief and to recover compensatory and consequential damages arising from defendant American Capital's willful breach of its obligations under two signed and executed trade confirmations between JPMorgan and American Capital relating to a revolving loan made to the Ford Motor Company.
- 2. At issue are two routine transactions between American Capital and JPMorgan involving the trading of corporate loans on what is known as the secondary loan trading market. Thousands of such transactions occur every week between institutions across the financial services industry. In order for the secondary loan trading market to work, however, the parties to these transactions must settle all trades into which they enter. Otherwise, the market would be plagued by enormous

uncertainty, as the execution of a trade would no longer guarantee the consummation of a transaction and parties could use changing market prices as an excuse to avoid their obligations. Accordingly, it is virtually unheard of for a counterparty to enter into a trade, sign and execute a trade confirmation evidencing that trade, and then unilaterally refuse to settle the trade. But that is exactly what happened here. Twice.

- 3. More specifically, in May 2008, American Capital and JPMorgan entered into two trade agreements under which American Capital agreed to purchase from JPMorgan, in aggregate, \$20 million of a revolving loan made to Ford Motor Company. The express terms of the contracts between the parties provide that both American Capital and JPMorgan have "a valid and binding obligation to settle the trade[s]." American Capital, however, has unilaterally disregarded its valid and binding obligation and has refused to settle the trades.
- 4. Through this action, JPMorgan seeks to enforce its contracts with American Capital and recover damages caused by American Capital's willful breach. JPMorgan also seeks to vindicate a principle that is of course crucial to an efficient and orderly loan trading market, and one that is especially critical given today's economic conditions: once a party enters into a trade, it cannot unilaterally render the trade null and void simply because the price has become unfavorable.

## **THE PARTIES**

5. Plaintiff JPMorgan is a national banking association, with its main office located at 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio, 43240.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant American Capital is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 2 Bethesda Metro Center, 14th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814. Upon information and belief, American Capital is an alternative investment company and private equity fund that manages and underwrites a broad portfolio of investments.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

  JPMorgan is a national banking association with its main office in Columbus, Ohio.

  Defendant American Capital is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Maryland. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs.
- 8. The contracts at issue specify that they will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.
  - 9. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)(2) & (c).

## **FACTS**

10. The market at issue in this case is the secondary loan trading market, in which the volume of trading has grown exponentially since 1990. The key industry association in this market is the Loan Syndications and Trading Association, Inc. ("LSTA"), which facilitates the development of standardized policies, practices and documentation in order to promote "a fair, orderly and efficient corporate loan market." *See* www.lsta.org.

- market begins with an agreement between traders on the price and amount of the loan that is to be traded. Once an agreement on the material terms has been reached even if only orally both parties have a binding legal obligation to settle the trade. The traders then evidence the agreement in a written trade confirmation in the then current form published by the LSTA. The standard form of trade confirmation specifies the key terms of the transaction, including, among other elements, the trade date, the nominal or face amount of the loan, the type of loan, and the purchase rate. Significantly, the standard trade confirmation in this market describes the terms of the trade (as discussed above), but also incorporates the LSTA's standard terms and conditions.
- 12. On May 7, 2008, American Capital entered into a trade with JPMorgan to purchase from JPMorgan \$15,000,000 of a revolving loan made to Ford Motor Company (the "May 7 Trade").
- 13. On May 8, 2008, American Capital entered into a trade with JPMorgan to purchase from JPMorgan \$5,000,000 of a revolving loan made to Ford Motor Company (the "May 8 Trade").
- 14. On June 2, 2008, American Capital signed and executed two "LSTA Par/Near Par Trade Confirmations" evidencing the May 7 Trade and the May 8 Trade.
- 15. On June 3, 2008, JPMorgan modified the Trade Confirmations to reflect that the sale of the loans would be made not in the form of an assignment, but by participation. American Capital once again signed and executed the two trade

confirmations, which had already been signed by JPMorgan (the "May 7 Trade Confirmation" and the "May 8 Trade Confirmation").

- 16. The May 7 Trade Confirmation stated that JPMorgan was the seller of a revolving loan made to Ford Motor Company, that American Capital was the buyer, and that the purchase amount of the loan was \$15 million.<sup>1</sup>
- 17. The May 8 Trade Confirmation stated that JPMorgan was the seller of a revolving loan made to Ford Motor Company, that American Capital was the buyer, and that the purchase amount of the loan was \$5 million.<sup>2</sup>
- 18. Both the May 7 Trade Confirmation and May 8 Trade
  Confirmation incorporate "without any modifications whatsoever" the Standard Terms
  and Conditions for Par/Near Par Trade Confirmations published by the LSTA, as of
  December 1, 2006 (the "Standard Terms and Conditions").<sup>3</sup>
- 19. The Standard Terms and Conditions, which govern both agreements, provide that "If Buyer and Seller are unable to effect settlement of the Transaction as specified in the Confirmation, a valid and binding obligation to settle the trade nevertheless continues to exist between Buyer and Seller." (Exhibit C at § 1 (emphasis added.).)

A true and correct copy of the May 7 Trade Confirmation is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A true and correct copy of May 8 Trade Confirmation is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

A true and correct copy of the Standard Terms and Conditions is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

- trades existed even if American Capital had not signed the May 7 and May 8 Trade

  Confirmations. That is because as far back as December 8, 2006, American Capital and

  JPMorgan had executed a previous trade confirmation governed by the Standard Terms
  and Conditions. Under section 21 of that document, American Capital and JPMorgan
  agreed "to be legally bound to any other transaction between them (whether entered into
  before or after the Trade Date) with respect to the assignment, purchase, sale and/or
  participation of commercial and/or bank par/near par loans, or any interest therein, upon
  reaching agreement to the terms thereof (whether by telephone, exchange of electronic
  messages or otherwise, directly or through their respective agents, and whether the
  subject of a confirmation) . . . . " (Id. at § 21 (emphases added.).) Accordingly, American
  Capital had a valid and binding obligation to settle the May 7 and May 8 trades beginning
  the moment the terms were agreed upon, which occurred on May 7, 2008 and May 8,
  2008, respectively.
- 21. Between June of 2008 and February of 2009, JPMorgan attempted on multiple occasions to settle both the May 7 and May 8 Trades. For example, among other offers, on October 16, 2008, JPMorgan offered to request that JPMorgan's own participation be transferred to American Capital as a means of settling the trades.

  American Capital did not accept this or any other offer.
- 22. On January 13, 2009, American Capital sent a letter to JPMorgan advising that "American Capital has concluded that it is not obligated to settle the transactions."

- 23. JPMorgan responded by letter dated February 18, 2009, demanding that American Capital settle the trades and citing the unequivocal and unambiguous language in the Standard Terms and Conditions providing that American Capital remained under a "valid and binding obligation" to settle both trades.
- 24. On February 25, 2009, American Capital reiterated its position that it is not obligated to settle the transactions. It claimed that too much time had passed since the Trade Confirmations had been executed.
- 25. However, the Standard Terms and Conditions fully contemplate that there will frequently be delays, even of extended periods, between the execution of a trade and the date of settlement. In fact, the Standard Terms and Conditions contain a detailed procedure for calculating compensation for delayed settlements suggesting that such delays occur as a matter of course. (See Exhibit C at § 6.) And indeed, delays in settlement are common in this market.
- 26. In addition, the first paragraph of Section 1 of the Standard Terms and Conditions provides that unless otherwise specified in the trade confirmation, settlement dates are open-ended: "The transfer of the Purchase Amount . . . of the Debt . . . specified in the Confirmation shall be effected as soon as practicable after the Trade Date. Any alternative agreement between Buyer and Seller as to a targeted date of settlement shall be specified in the Confirmation." (Exhibit C at § 1.) Neither the May 7 nor May 8 Trade Confirmations specified a targeted date of settlement; as a result, neither trade has a fixed settlement date.
- 27. The Standard Terms and Conditions also contain a procedure under which a party can attempt to force an early settlement. Under the "Buy-in/Sell-

out" clause, a party under certain conditions can attempt to force a settlement by providing notice to the other party within 12 days of the trade date that it intends to "effect a cover transaction for the specified Debt." (Id. at § 16.) American Capital chose not to utilize this procedure at the time it was available, in May 2008. Accordingly, it was American Capital's own choice – by not specifying a targeted settlement date in the trade confirmations, and by not utilizing the Buy-in/Sell-out procedure – to have an openended settlement date.

28. Thus, American Capital's only explanation for why it believes it is not obligated to settle the transactions – that too much time has passed since May 2008 – has no basis whatsoever in either the Trade Confirmations or the Standard Terms and Conditions. American Capital's attempt to unilaterally void the May 7 and May 8 Trades is therefore a clear violation of its binding contractual obligations.

### **CAUSE OF ACTION: BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 29. JPMorgan repeats and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 28 of this Complaint.
- 30. JPMorgan and American Capital entered into binding trade agreements on May 7, 2008 and May 8, 2008, and both parties evidenced those agreements by signing and executing the May 7 and May 8 Trade Confirmations, which leave no doubt that the parties are legally obligated to settle the trades. Under the express terms of the contracts, the obligation to settle exists even if the parties are unable to effect settlement as specified in the Trade Confirmations and even if there is a delay in settlement.

- 31. JPMorgan has attempted to settle the transactions on multiple occasions, and continues to express in good faith its willingness to settle the transactions.
- 32. American Capital, by refusing to settle the transactions, is in breach of its obligations as stated unequivocally in the signed and executed Trade Confirmations.
- 33. As a direct result of American Capital's breach of its contractual obligations, JPMorgan has suffered substantial damages, including losses resulting from the decreased value of the assets American Capital contracted, yet refuses, to purchase.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, JPMorgan demands judgment against American Capital as follows:

- (a) declaring and adjudging that American Capital's unilateral refusal to settle the trades entered into on May 7, 2008 and the May 8, 2008 by American Capital and JPMorgan is a breach of the trade agreements and a violation of the terms of the Trade Confirmations and the Standard Terms and Conditions incorporated therein;
- (b) awarding JPMorgan compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- (c) awarding JPMorgan consequential damages in an amount to be determined at trial; and
- (d) awarding JPMorgan interest, costs, and legal fees, and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: March 9, 2009

New York, New York

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# Exhibit A



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#### LSTA PAR/NEAR PAR TRADE CONFIRMATION

COB: 3-Jun-2008

Trade ID: 00225212

To: American Capital Strategies Ltd.:

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Email Address: craig.gross@americancapital.com

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Matthew Smith

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Email Address: matthew.s.smith@jpmorgan.com

We are pleased to confirm the following transaction, subject to the Standard Terms and Conditions for Partilear Par Trade Confirmations (the "Standard Terms and Conditions") published by The Loan Syndications and Trading Association<sup>®</sup>, inc. (the "LSTA") as of December 1, 2005<sup>1</sup>, which Standard Terms and Conditions are incorporated herein by reference without any modification whatsoever except as otherwise agreed herein by the parties and specifically set forth in the "Trade Specific Cher Terms of Trade" section below. The parties hereto agree to submit any dispute as to the reasonableness of a buy-in or sell-out price to binding arbitration in accordance with the LSTA "Rules Governing Arbitration Between Loan Traders With Regard to Failed Trades" in existence on the Trade Date, and to comply with any award or decision issued in connection with such an arbitration proceeding. Capitalized terms used and not defined in this Confirmation shall have the respective meanings escribed thereto in the Standard Terms and Conditions.

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TRADE SPECIFIC Other Terms of Trade <sup>7</sup>	☑ In the event the transaction is settled as a participation, Buyer shall not be granted voting rights.
	☐ In the event the transaction is settled as a participation, Buyer may be required to post cash collateral with Setter for any unfunded portion of revolving loan/commitment in which Buyer participates.
	In the event this transaction settles as a participation, no voting rights are to be granted therein. If Buyer falls to fund (a "Falled Payment" in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.2 of the Participation Agreement) to Seller any advance to be made in connection with the Revolving Commitment, at Seller's option either (i) Buyer's pro rate share in the Credit Agreement shall be reduced to refect a reduction in its interest by a percentage equal to the ratio of the Falled Payment to the aggregate principal amount of the commitment purchased by Buyer, or (ii) Seller may repurchase the Purchase Amount in accordance with the attached Standard Terms and Conditions for Partities Par Trade Confirmation at the then current market price offered by an agreed-upon dealer in the per market less the amount of the Falled Payment. Seller shall be entitled to all interest accrued on the Falled Payment at the contractual rates specified in the Credit Agreement from and including the date Seller advanced the Falled Payment.
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#### LSTA PAR/NEAR PAR TRADE CONFIRMATION

COB : 3-Jun-2008

Trade ID: 00225624

To: American Capital Strategies Ltd.

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<sup>\*</sup> Set forth any other terms of this Transaction; include in this Section a specific reference to each term, if any, in this Confirmation (including the Standard Terms and Conditions)
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# Exhibit C



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1. Target Settlement/Settlement Date/Transfer of Debt: The transfer of the Purchase Amount (as defined below) of the Debt (as defined below) specified in the Confirmation shall be effected as soon as practicable after the Trade Date. Any alternative agreement between Buyer and Seller as to a targeted date of settlement shall be specified in the Confirmation. The date payment of the Purchase Price (as defined below) occurs against such transfer is the "Settlement Date" hereunder. Trades that do not settle on a timely basis are subject to the provisions regarding compensation for delayed settlement in accordance with the provisions of Section 6, "Compensation for Delayed Settlement." below.

Unless an alternative election is made in the "Form of Purchase" section of the Confirmation, the form of purchase of the Purchase Amount of the Debt shall be an assignment.

If Buyer and Seller are unable to effect settlement of the Transaction as specified in the Confirmation, a valid and binding obligation to settle the trade nevertheless continues to exist between Buyer and Seller. If a Transaction that is to be settled by assignment cannot be settled on such basis, such Transaction shall be settled as a participation; provided that if settlement by participation cannot be effected, the Transaction shall be settled on the basis of a mutually agreeable alternative structure or other arrangement that affords Buyer and Seller the economic equivalent of the agreed-upon trade; provided, further, that if a special election of "Assignment Only" has been made, Buyer and Seller shall not settle the Transaction as a participation but shall instead settle on the basis of a mutually agreeable alternative structure or other arrangement that affords Buyer and Seller the economic equivalent of the agreed-upon trade.

- 2. Purchase Amount/Type of Debt: The amount(s) and type(s) of debt specified in the "Purchase Amount/Type of Debt" section of the Confirmation shall be the "Purchase Amount" and "Debt", respectively, hereunder. Unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation, any Debt identified as (a) term loan indebtedness is fully funded Debt with no further funding obligations, and (b) revolving credit or letter of credit facilities may be subject to further funding and the Purchase Amount includes both funded principal and unfunded commitments (including commitments to participate in letters of credit). If a commitment is indicated, Buyer is assuming all unfunded commitments relating to the Purchase Amount of the Debt unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation. Unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation, Buyer is assuming the obligation to purchase (or to cause a designee to purchase) the Debt as such Debt may be reorganized, restructured, converted or otherwise modified.
- 3. Permanent Reductions: The economic benefit of permanent commitment reductions and permanent repayments of principal (collectively, "Permanent Reductions") shall be allocated as provided in Section 4, "Purchase Price Calculation," below.

4. Purchase Price Calculation: Except as otherwise set forth in the next succeeding paragraph of this Section 4 with regard to a Multi-Currency Commitment (as defined below), Buyer shall pay Seller a purchase price (the "Purchase Price") (or, if such calculations produce a negative number, Seller shall pay Buyer a Purchase Price) for the Purchase Amount of the Debt on the Settlement Date equal to (a) the Purchase Rate multiplied by the funded principal amount of such Purchase Amount as of the Settlement Date minus (b) (100% minus the Purchase Rate) multiplied by the unfunded commitments (if any), which shall include the face amount of any issued but undrawn letter of credit, assumed by Buyer as of the Settlement Date minus (c) (100% minus the Purchase Rate) multiplied by any Permanent Reductions on or after the Trade Date minus (d) any Non-Recurring Fees (as defined below) received by Seller on or before the Settlement Date. The Purchase Price shall be further adjusted by Delayed Compensation (if any), payable in accordance with Section 6, "Compensation for Delayed Settlement," below, and Assignment Fees or Consent to Transfer Fees (each as defined below) payable in accordance with Section 8, "Assignment Fees and Consent to Transfer Fees," below.

With respect to a Multi-Currency Commitment, Buyer shall pay Seller a Purchase Price (or, if such calculations produce a negative number, Seller shall pay Buyer a Purchase Price) for the Purchase Amount of the revolving or delayed draw commitment portion, as the case may be, of the Debt on the Settlement Date equal to (a) 100% multiplied by the funded principal amount of such revolving or delayed draw loans as of the Settlement Date in the applicable currency of the funded portion of the revolving or delayed draw loans minus (b) (100% minus the Purchase Rate) multiplied by the Purchase Amount as of the Settlement Date in the Master Currency (as defined below) minus (c) (100% minus the Purchase Rate) multiplied by any Permanent Reductions on or after the Trade Date minus (d) any Non-Recurring Fees received by Seller on or before the Settlement Date. For purposes of the calculation referred to in clause (b) above, the applicable foreign exchange rate shall be the spot rate effective on a Business Day (as defined below) that is no earlier than three (3) Business Days prior to the Settlement Date, as agreed upon by the parties. The Purchase Price shall be further adjusted by Delayed Compensation (if any), payable in accordance with Section 6, "Compensation for Delayed Settlement," below, and Assignment Fees or Consent to Transfer Fees payable in accordance with Section 8, "Assignment Fees and Consent to Transfer Fees," below. Except for the foregoing specific computations, all other computations shall otherwise be made in the relevant currency in accordance with the calculations set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph of this Section 4.

### As used herein:

"<u>Multi-Currency Commitment</u>" means a commitment that is, as of the Settlement Date, subject to one or more borrowings in one or more currencies other than the Master Currency.

"Master Currency" means the currency in which the Facility is principally denominated.

5. Interest Payments and Fees: Interest and accruing ordinary course fees (such as commitment, facility and letter of credit fees) payable in connection with the Debt in accordance with the Credit Agreement from and after the Trade Date are referred to herein as "Interest and Accruing Fees;" provided that Interest and Accruing Fees shall not include any paid-in-kind interest, fees or other amounts paid or payable in connection with the Debt in accordance with the Credit Documents (such amounts, "PIK Interest"). Amendment, consent, waiver and other similar non-recurring fees that are payable in connection with the Debt from and after the Trade Date are referred to herein as "Non-Recurring Fees."

All Interest and Accruing Fees are calculated at the contractual rates as in effect at the relevant time(s) under the Credit Agreement. Any upfront fee shall be paid by the party and on the date specified in the Confirmation.

Unless otherwise specified in the "Trade Specific Other Terms of Trade" section of the Confirmation, all Non-Recurring Fees shall be for the account of Buyer. Unless otherwise specified in the "Trade

Specific Other Terms of Trade" section of the Confirmation, all PIK Interest shall be allocated on a "trades flat" basis as follows, regardless of how Interest and Accruing Fees are allocated: (a) PIK Interest that is capitalized or accreted prior to the Trade Date shall be included in the principal portion of the Purchase Amount and shall be subject to the application of Section 4, "Purchase Price Calculation," above; (b) PIK Interest that is capitalized or accreted on or after the Trade Date shall be for the account of Buyer for no additional consideration; and (c) PIK Interest that has accrued but not yet capitalized or accreted as of the Settlement Date shall be for the account of Buyer upon capitalization or accretion for no additional consideration.

Unless otherwise specified in the "Trade Specific Other Terms of Trade" section of the Confirmation, "Settled Without Accrued Interest" shall apply. Subject to the application of Section 6, "Compensation for Delayed Settlement," below, all Interest and Accruing Fees accrued but unpaid before the Settlement Date shall be for the account of Seller. Buyer shall pay to Seller any such Interest and Accruing Fees promptly upon any receipt thereof by Buyer; so long as such amounts are received by Buyer (a) on or before the due date thereof or the expiration of any applicable grace period, each as specified in the Credit Agreement as in effect on the Trade Date (or, if no such grace period exists, the expiration of thirty (30) days from such due date), and (b) before a default by any obligor(s) in connection with any other payment obligations of such obligor(s) under the Credit Agreement. Otherwise, such Interest and Accruing Fees (if and when paid) and any other accrued amounts due from and after the Settlement Date shall be for the account of Buyer, and Seller shall not be entitled to any part thereof.

If "Paid on Settlement Date" is specified in the "Trade Specific Other Terms of Trade" section of the Confirmation, subject to the application of Section 6, "Compensation for Delayed Settlement," below, all Interest and Accruing Fees paid by the obligor(s) to but excluding the Settlement Date shall be for the account of Seller and an amount equal to the accrued but unpaid amount of Interest and Accruing Fees to but excluding the Settlement Date (the "Paid On Settlement Date Amount") shall be paid by Buyer to Seller on the Settlement Date. If the obligor(s) thereafter pay(s) the Paid On Settlement Date Amount to Buyer, Buyer shall be entitled to keep such amount. If, however, the Paid On Settlement Date Amount is paid to Seller by the obligor(s), Seller shall promptly pay such amount to Buyer. If the obligor(s) fail(s) to pay the Paid On Settlement Date Amount, Seller shall not be required to reimburse Buyer for such amount.

Partial payments of interest shall be applied in the inverse order of payment dates unless otherwise specified in the Credit Agreement.

Any party that has received funds to which the other party is entitled under this Section 5 shall pay over such funds to the other party (a) on the Settlement Date, if such funds were received on or prior to the Settlement Date, by way of a credit to the other party in the Purchase Price calculations, or (b) on or before the date that is two (2) Business Days (as defined below) after receipt, if such funds were received after the Settlement Date.

As used herein, "Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or any other day on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is closed.\(^1\) In addition, solely for purposes of determining the Commencement Date, Business Day excludes any day on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed.\(^2\) For purposes of determining the LIBO Rate (as defined below), Business Day means any day on which dealings in U.S. dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Holiday Schedule for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York may be found at www.newyorkfed.org/aboutthefed/holiday\_schedule.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Holiday Schedule for the New York Stock Exchange may be found at <a href="https://www.nyse.com/Frameset.html?displayPage=/about/1022963613686.html">www.nyse.com/Frameset.html?displayPage=/about/1022963613686.html</a>.

6. Compensation for Delayed Settlement: If settlement occurs on a Delayed Settlement Date, then for each day during the Delay Period (a) if the Debt is a Performing Loan (other than a Non-LIBOR Based Loan), Seller shall pay to Buyer Delayed Compensation for such day as calculated herein, (b) if the Debt is a Performing Loan that is a Non-LIBOR Based Loan (i) Buyer shall pay Seller for any day, interest that would accrue for each such day on the funded principal amount of the Purchase Amount of such Debt as of the Commencement Date (excluding any principal amount resulting from PIK Interest that has capitalized on or after the Trade Date), at the Average LIBO Rate and (ii) Seller shall pay Buyer Interest and Accruing Fees and Adequate Protection Payments accrued (free of any withholding, setoff, recoupment or deduction of any kind and regardless of whether paid or otherwise credited to Seller) with respect to such Debt and allocable to the Delay Period and (c) if the Debt is not a Performing Loan or is a PIK Interest Loan, Buyer shall pay to Seller the Seller's Cost of Carry for such day as calculated herein.

#### As used herein:

- "Adequate Protection Order" means any order of the relevant bankruptcy court authorizing or ordering any obligor(s) to make adequate protection payments to the lenders.
- "Adequate Protection Payments" means, with respect to the Debt, amounts (other than PIK Interest) authorized and/or ordered to be paid as adequate protection for the loans and obligations owed under the Credit Agreement under an Adequate Protection Order.
- "Average LIBO Rate" means, for the Delay Period (i) the sum of all the individual LIBO Rates for each day in the Delay Period (ii) divided by the total number of days in the Delay Period.<sup>3</sup>
- "Bankruptcy Code" means the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, 11 U.S.C. §§101 et seq., as amended.
- "Commencement Date" means (a) for Early Day Trades, the date fourteen (14) Business Days after the Trigger Date and (b) for all other trades, the date seven (7) Business Days after the Trade Date.
- "Cost of Carry" means, for any day, the interest that would accrue for each such day on the Purchase Price at the Average LIBO Rate minus interest (if any) with respect to the Debt received and accounted for by Seller as interest in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for such day; provided that, if the interest received and accounted for by Seller exceeds the interest that would accrue at the Average LIBO Rate, then the amount of such excess interest shall be for the account of Buyer.
- "Credit Linked Deposits" means a deposit made by a lender into a designated account pursuant to the applicable Credit Agreement in connection with the unutilized portion of such lender's commitment to the borrower under such Credit Agreement.
- "<u>Delay Period</u>" means the period from (and including) the Commencement Date to (but excluding) the Delayed Settlement Date.
- "<u>Delayed Compensation</u>" means, for any day, interest at a rate per annum equal to (a) for LIBOR Based Loans, the applicable margin specified in the Credit Agreement (or an order of the relevant bankruptcy court) multiplied by the principal amount of such funded loan outstanding for such day (excluding any principal amount resulting from PIK Interest that has capitalized on or after the Trade Date), (b) for Credit Linked Deposits (as defined above), the applicable net margin specified in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> When calculating the Average LIBO Rate, parties may find it helpful to visit <a href="www.averagelibor.com">www.averagelibor.com</a> (the "Website"). The Website permits users to enter the start date and the end date for any period and obtain the Average LIBO Rate for such period. The Website has agreed to offer all LSTA members a free trial period until December 31, 2007. Please see the relevant LSTA Market Advisory for more information about the Website.

Credit Agreement, multiplied by the principal amount of such Credit Linked Deposit outstanding for such day (for the avoidance of doubt the applicable net margin shall incorporate the margin for (i) interest paid on the Credit Linked Deposit and (ii) the commitment fee, facility fee and letter of credit fee for the unutilized portion of the Credit Linked Deposit); (c) for unfunded commitments (other than those related to Credit Linked Deposits), the commitment fee (if any) specified in the Credit Agreement multiplied by the unfunded commitment amount and (d) the facility fee and letter of credit fees (other than those related to Credit Linked Deposits), if any, specified in the Credit Agreement, calculated for such day, in each case calculated on the basis set forth in the Credit Agreement.

"<u>Delayed Settlement Date</u>" means the date following the Commencement Date on which settlement actually occurs.

"<u>Early Day Trade</u>" means a trade for which the Trade Date is a date on or before the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Business Day following the Trigger Date for such trade.

"LIBO Rate" means, for any day, the 1-month London Interbank Offered Rate for deposits in the applicable currency as set by the British Bankers Association ("BBA") and published by the BBA at approximately 11:00 a.m. London time on such day. For any day that is not a Business Day, the LIBO Rate for such day shall be the rate published by the BBA on the immediately preceding Business Day.

"<u>LIBOR Based Loans</u>" means funded floating rate loans for which interest (or Adequate Protection Payments) are calculated pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement (or an Adequate Protection Order) by using a "spread" or "applicable margin" over a London interbank offered rate.

"Non-LIBOR Based Loans" means, other than Credit Linked Deposits, any (i) funded floating rate loans for which interest (or Adequate Protection Payments) are calculated pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement (or an Adequate Protection Order) by using a "spread" or "applicable margin" over a reference rate that is not a London interbank offered rate (such as a prime rate or other reference rate) and (ii) funded fixed rate loans for which interest (or Adequate Protection Payments) are calculated pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement (or an Adequate Protection Order) by using a fixed rate of interest.

"<u>Performing Loan</u>" means any Debt (including, without limitation, Credit Linked Deposits) with respect to which either (i) Interest and Accruing Fees are being paid as of the Commencement Date on the terms specified in the Credit Agreement as in effect on the Trade Date or (ii) if the Borrower is a debtor under the Bankruptcy Code, Adequate Protection Payments are being paid as of the Commencement Date.

"PIK Interest Loan" means any Debt in respect of which the applicable Credit Agreement specifies that all interest is to be paid as paid-in-kind interest.

"Trigger Date" for a trade is the date of initial funding under the Credit Agreement that governs the Debt, unless there is no funding of any facilities under the Credit Agreement at or about the time it becomes effective, in which case the "Trigger Date" is the date the Credit Agreement is executed and delivered.

- 7. **Breakfunding:** No breakfunding compensation shall be paid for settlement of a Transaction on a day other than an interest payment date in respect of the Debt unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation.
- 8. Assignment Fees and Consent to Transfer Fees: Unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation, (a) any recordation, processing or similar fee payable to the Agent or otherwise under the Credit Agreement in connection with an assignment ("Assignment Fees") shall be split equally between Buyer and Seller and shall be paid in such amount as specified in the Credit Agreement and (b) any

transfer fee payable to the grantor in connection with the transfer of a participation ("Consent To Transfer Fees") shall be paid by Seller in such amount as specified in the applicable participation agreement (or if not so specified, in a reasonable amount requested by the grantor).

- 9. Costs and Expenses: Each of Buyer and Seller shall bear its respective costs and expenses in connection with the Transaction. Seller shall be responsible for all costs, fees and expenses in respect of the Debt that are chargeable to lenders under the terms of the Credit Documents (as defined below) and that are attributable to any period prior to but excluding the Settlement Date. Buyer shall be responsible for all costs, fees and expenses in respect of the Debt that are chargeable to lenders under the terms of the Credit Documents and that are attributable to any period from and after the Settlement Date.
- Transfer Documentation: In the case of an assignment, the parties shall execute an assignment (or similar) agreement in the form stipulated in the Credit Agreement (if so stipulated) or, in the absence of same, a reasonably acceptable assignment agreement containing customary provisions for the purchase and sale of par/near par loan assets. In the case of a participation, the parties shall execute a reasonably acceptable participation agreement containing customary provisions for the purchase and sale of a participation in par/near par loan assets. Any such referenced assignment agreement or participation agreement is hereinafter referred to as the "Transfer Documentation." Unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation, the Transfer Documentation shall be prepared, and any required consents shall be obtained, by Seller. Seller shall use reasonable efforts to send to Buyer the Confirmation no later than one (1) Business Day after the Trade Date. Buyer shall use reasonable efforts to send to Seller the executed Confirmation (or any requested changes thereto) no later than one (1) Business Day after Buyer's receipt of the Confirmation from Seller. Seller shall use reasonable efforts to furnish to Buyer drafts of the applicable Transfer Documentation within three (3) Business Days after the Trade Date and, in the case of an assignment, the parties shall endeavor to execute and deliver to the Agent an assignment agreement within three (3) Business Days after the Trade Date.

As specified in this paragraph, Buyer and Seller shall use reasonable efforts to comply with the following timeline:

By: T+1 →	By: T + 2 →	By: T + 3 →	By: T + 3
Sender delivers Confirmation to Counterparty	Counterparty returns executed Confirmation (or requested changes thereto) to Sender	Sender delivers draft Transfer Documentation to Counterparty	In case of assignment, parties shall deliver executed assignment to Agent

11. Credit Documents; Confidentiality Agreement: If (a) "Yes" is specified in the Confirmation with respect to Credit Documents, (b) Buyer is not a lender on Trade Date and (c) Buyer has requested such documents on or prior to Trade Date, then Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to furnish Buyer, or provide access to Buyer, as promptly as practicable following Trade Date, a true and complete copy of the Credit Agreement (including exhibits and schedules thereto) and all intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, waivers and amendments executed in connection therewith, in each case as currently in effect, and any other Credit Documents reasonably requested by Buyer. If required by the Credit Agreement and/or requested by Seller, prior to Buyer's receipt of any such Credit Documents, Buyer shall execute and deliver to Seller a confidentiality agreement in the form stipulated in the Credit Agreement or, in the absence of same, a mutually acceptable confidentiality agreement containing customary terms.

The effectiveness of the trade is not subject to receipt by Buyer of Credit Documents prior to Trade Date. Seller may provide to Buyer the requested Credit Documents at any time on or prior to the execution and delivery of the Transfer Documentation.

- "Credit Documents" means the Credit Agreement and all guarantees, security agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, letters of credit, reimbursement agreements, waivers, amendments, modifications, supplements, forbearances, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements and all other agreements, documents or instruments executed and delivered in connection therewith.
- 12. Participations: Unless otherwise specified in the "Trade Specific Other Terms of Trade" section of the Confirmation, if the Transaction is settled as a participation: (a) Seller shall grant voting rights to Buyer on and after Settlement Date pursuant to the terms of the applicable participation agreement (subject to the terms of the Credit Agreement); and (b) Seller shall not require Buyer to post with Seller cash collateral for any unfunded portion of a revolving loan/commitment in which Buyer participates.
  - In connection with voting rights granted to Buyer from Seller, it is understood by Buyer that Seller shall vote in accordance with the majority lenders (including, as the case may be, Seller).
- 13. Syndicate Confidential Information: Unless otherwise specified in the Confirmation, Buyer represents to Seller that (a) Buyer is sophisticated, understands the nature and importance of Syndicate Confidential Information (as defined in the Confidential Information Supplement to the LSTA Code of Conduct, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time ) and the manner in which such information can be obtained and has requested such information from Seller in connection with the Transaction, if it so desired such information and (b) where it has not requested Syndicate Confidential Information in connection with such Transaction it has otherwise obtained such information as it has deemed appropriate under the circumstances to make an informed decision regarding the Transaction without reliance on Seller. If Buyer has requested Seller to provide Syndicate Confidential Information, and Seller has agreed to provide such information to Buyer, unless otherwise agreed, Seller represents to Buyer that Seller has used reasonable efforts to maintain Syndicate Confidential Information and that it has disclosed to Buyer all material Syndicate Confidential Information retained by it as of the Trade Date. Unless otherwise specified, Buyer acknowledges to Seller that (i) such Syndicate Confidential Information has been disclosed to it, (ii) the Syndicate Confidential Information so disclosed may not be complete because Seller may not have retained all such information and (iii) Buyer has taken all steps it deems necessary under the circumstances to assure that it has the information it deems appropriate to make an informed decision regarding the Transaction. Subject to the foregoing, if Buyer has requested Seller to provide Syndicate Confidential Information, and Seller has agreed to provide such information to Buyer, Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide to Buyer (if Buyer is not already a lender as of Trade Date) notice with respect to all amendments and waivers of the Credit Documents arising between Trade Date and Settlement Date (but Seller need not solicit a vote from Buyer with respect to any such amendment or waiver). Buyer agrees to keep all Syndicate Confidential Information disclosed to it confidential in accordance with the terms of the confidentiality provisions of the Credit Agreement. Buyer acknowledges that Syndicate Confidential Information may include material non-public information concerning any obligors(s), or the securities of the obligor(s), that it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and that it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable law, including federal and state securities laws.
- 14. Principal/Agency Status: Each of Buyer and Seller shall indicate in the Confirmation whether it is acting as a principal or an agent in the Transaction. If applicable, each of Buyer and Seller shall identify in the Confirmation (or in separate Confirmations) the specific funds that are counterparties and the appropriate allocations in respect thereof. A Buyer or Seller that holds itself out in the Confirmation as a "principal" is directly liable for the completion of the Transaction. A principal may, however, specify in the Confirmation that it is acting as a riskless principal if it has on or prior to Trade Date agreed with the other party that its obligation to complete the Transaction is subject to successful completion of the purchase from or sale to a third party of the Debt specified in the Confirmation ("Riskless Principal").

A Buyer or Seller that holds itself out to a counterparty in the Confirmation as an "agent" acts on behalf of one or more principals to the Transaction. A Buyer or Seller that holds itself out as an agent in the Confirmation and discloses the identity of such principal(s) in the Confirmation (a) is not liable to such counterparty for the successful completion of the Transaction (unless the parties otherwise agree), and (b) except as expressly provided herein, shall have no liability or obligation to such counterparty in connection with the Transaction. A Buyer or Seller that holds itself out as an agent and does not disclose the identity of such principal(s) in the Confirmation will be liable to the counterparty as agent for an undisclosed principal to the extent provided under applicable New York law. A Buyer or Seller that indicates in the Confirmation its status as an agent represents to the counterparty that it is authorized to bind its principal(s) to the terms of the Transaction.

- 15. Nonreliance: Each of Buyer and Seller represents and warrants to the other that (a) it is a sophisticated buyer or seller (as the case may be) with respect to the Transaction, (b) it has, or has access to, such information as it deems appropriate under the circumstances concerning, among other things, the obligor(s)'s business and financial condition to make an informed decision regarding the transfer of the Debt, and (c) it has independently and without reliance on the other party, and based on such information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own analysis and decision to enter into the Transaction, except that Buyer and Seller have each relied upon the express representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and indemnities made by the other in the Confirmation. Each of Buyer and Seller acknowledges that the other has not given it any investment advice or opinion on whether the Transaction is prudent. Except as otherwise provided in the Confirmation and these Standard Terms and Conditions (including with respect to Syndicate Confidential Information), Buyer has not relied, and will not rely, on Seller to furnish or make available any documents or other information regarding the credit, affairs, financial condition, or business of the obligor(s), or any other matter concerning the obligor(s). Each of Buyer and Seller acknowledges that (i) the other party currently may have, and later may come into possession of, information regarding the Debt or the obligor(s) that is not known to it and that may be material to a decision to enter into the Transaction ("Excluded Information"), (ii) it has determined to enter into the Transaction notwithstanding its lack of knowledge of the Excluded Information, and (iii) the other party shall have no liability to it, and it hereby to the extent permitted by law waives and releases any claims it may have against the other party, with respect to the nondisclosure of the Excluded Information; provided that the Excluded Information shall not and does not affect the truth or accuracy of the representations or warranties of such party in the Confirmation or these Standard Terms and Conditions.
- 16. Buy-in/Sell-out: If Buyer and Seller are unable to effect settlement on or pnor to the date that is seven (7) Business Days after the Trade Date because of the failure of either Buyer or Seller to perform its obligations (for any reason whatsoever other than failure to obtain necessary consents), then the nondefaulting party may send to the defaulting party within five (5) Business Days thereafter a written notice advising of the nondefaulting party's intent to terminate its obligations under the Confirmation and to effect a cover transaction for the specified Debt. Such cover transaction is a "buy in" if Buyer purchases the specified Debt from a counterparty other than the original Seller, and is a "sell out" if Seller sells the specified Debt to a counterparty other than the original Buyer. Such notice shall be substantially in the form most recently published by the LSTA, and the party receiving such notice shall promptly acknowledge receipt of same. The Trade Date for the buy-in/sell-out shall be the fifth Business Day following delivery of such notice (the "Close-Out Trade Date"). During the first three (3) Business Days following delivery of such notice, the defaulting party shall use best efforts to identify a substitute party acceptable to the nondefaulting party to perform its obligations. If such an acceptable substitute party is identified, the buy-in/sell-out shall be made with such substitute party. If the defaulting party fails to identify such an acceptable substitute party, then both parties will in good faith consider other alternatives to settle or resolve the failed trade by mutual consent. With respect to a default in payment, the defaulting party may remedy its default at any time prior to the Close-Out Trade Date by making payment to the nondefaulting party in an amount calculated in accordance with Section 4, "Purchase Price Calculation." Notice of the buy-in/sell-out price shall be sent within one (1) Business Day following the date of execution of the Confirmation for the buy-in/sell-out (the "Close-Out Confirmation"). If the party receiving such notice disputes the

reasonableness of the buy-in/sell-out price, it shall send notice of such dispute no later than the second Business Day thereafter. Such price dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration pursuant to, and shall be governed in all respects by, the "Rules Governing Arbitration Between Loan Traders With Regard to Failed Trades" (the "Arbitration Rules") in existence on the Trade Date. With respect to any arbitration conducted pursuant to the Arbitration Rules, Buyer and Seller waive any right to a hearing and acknowledge that the arbitrators shall not be required to take an oath.

- 17. Buy-in Damages: Seller shall pay to Buyer on the Settlement Date (as determined in accordance with the Close-Out Confirmation) of the buy-in (a) the amount (if any) by which the buy-in price exceeds the original Purchase Price for the specified Debt, <u>plus</u> (b) if the specified Debt is fully performing, Delayed Compensation with respect to the Purchase Amount for each day from (and including) the specified Settlement Date for the failed trade to (but excluding) the date that is the earlier of (i) the actual settlement of buy-in or (ii) seven (7) Business Days following Close-Out Trade Date.
- 18. Sell-out Damages: Buyer shall pay to Seller on the Settlement Date (as determined in accordance with the Close-Out Confirmation) of the sell-out (a) the amount (if any) by which the sell-out price is less than the original Purchase Price for the specified Debt, <u>plus</u> (b) Seller's Cost of Carry if specified Debt is not fully performing for each day from (and including) the specified Settlement Date for the failed trade to (but excluding) the date that is the earlier of (i) actual settlement of sell-out or (ii) seven (7) Business Days following Close-Out Trade Date.
- 19. Failure to Obtain Consents: If Buyer and Seller are unable to effect settlement on or prior to the date that is seven (7) Business Days after the Trade Date because required consents have been denied, the following procedures shall apply. On such date (the "Notification Date") as one of the parties to the trade (the "Notifying Party") reasonably determines that the trade will not settle because of required consents having been denied, the Notifying Party shall notify the other party in writing of its determination. The parties will in good faith consider alternatives for resolving the trade for seven (7) additional Business Days. Thereafter, unless the parties otherwise agree, Seller will use its best efforts to sell the specified Debt or to determine the then market sell-out price. If the sellout price is greater than the original Purchase Price for the specified Debt, Seller will pay to Buyer on the Settlement Date (as determined in accordance with the Close-Out Confirmation) (a) the amount by which the sell-out price exceeds the original Purchase Price plus (b) if the specified Debt is fully performing, Delayed Compensation for each day during the period (the "Fail Period") from (and including) the Settlement Date for the failed trade to (but excluding) the Settlement Date (as determined in accordance with the Close-Out Confirmation), minus (c) if the specified Debt is not fully performing, Seller's Cost of Carry for each day during the Fail Period. If the sell-out price is less than the original Purchase Price for the specified Debt, Buyer will pay to Seller on the Settlement Date (as determined in accordance with the Close-Out Confirmation) (a) the amount by which the original Purchase Price exceeds the sell-out price plus (b) if the specified Debt is not fully performing, Seller's Cost of Carry for each day during the Fail Period, minus (c) if the specified Debt is fully performing, Delayed Compensation for each day during the Fail Period. Notice of the sell-out price shall be sent by Seller to Buyer within one (1) Business Day following the date of execution of the Close-Out Confirmation. If Buyer disputes the reasonableness of the sell-out price, it shall send notice of such dispute no later than the second Business Day thereafter. Such price dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration pursuant to, and shall be governed in all respects by the Arbitration Rules in existence on the Trade Date. With respect to any arbitration conducted pursuant to the Arbitration Rules, Seller and Buyer waive any right to a hearing and acknowledge that the arbitrators shall not be required to take an oath.
- 20. Confidentiality of Terms of Transaction: Both parties shall maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the Transaction unless otherwise required by law or regulatory authority, or other legal process, except that the parties may disclose the terms of the Transaction to their respective affiliates, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals and in connection with the enforcement of the parties' rights and obligations hereunder. Buyer shall be permitted to make any necessary

disclosures to prospective purchasers from Buyer regarding the terms of the Transaction (other than the Purchase Rate or Purchase Price), <u>provided</u> that such purchasers shall be subject to substantially the same confidentiality restrictions.

21. Binding Effect: By execution of a Confirmation incorporating by reference the Standard Terms and Conditions, each of Buyer and Seller agrees to be legally bound to any other transaction between them (whether entered into before or after the Trade Date) with respect to the assignment, purchase, sale and/or participation of commercial and/or bank par/near par loans, or any interest therein, upon reaching agreement to the terms thereof (whether by telephone, exchange of electronic messages or otherwise, directly or through their respective agents, and whether the subject of a confirmation), subject to all the other terms and conditions set forth in any confirmation relating to such transaction, or otherwise agreed. Each of Buyer and Seller further agrees that any such transaction shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to any conflicts of law provisions that would require the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction. Neither party will assert as a defense to liability under such agreement the lack of a writing signed by it that would otherwise be required to satisfy any statute of frauds, including §1-206 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, or any comparable statute (collectively, the "Statute of Frauds"). Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of any claim or defense other than the Statute of Frauds that either party may have regarding such agreement.

Each of Buyer and Seller shall record on the trade date of each transaction between the parties and retain in its files a written or electronically recorded trade ticket or similar internal record containing or reflecting evidence of agreement to such transaction, including (a) the date of the agreement, (b) a description of the type of debt including obligor(s) and purchase amount, (c) the identity of the other party to the transaction, and (d) the purchase price or purchase rate.

- 22. Governing Law; Confirmation Controls: The Confirmation and the Standard Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York (without regard to any conflicts of law provision thereof that would require the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction). In case of any conflict between the terms of the Confirmation and these Standard Terms and Conditions, the Confirmation shall govern and control.
- 23. Execution by Electronic Transmission: It is understood by the parties that the custom in the loan trading market is to execute and deliver any confirmations, confidentiality agreements, Transfer Documentation and other transaction documents by telecopy, telefax, e-mail attachment or other means of electronic transmission. The parties agree that all telecopied, telefaxed, e-mailed or electronically transmitted confirmations, confidentiality agreements, Transfer Documentation and other transaction documents, including the Confirmation, and signatures thereto, shall be duplicate originals.
- 24. Electronic Records and Signatures: It is agreed by the parties that, notwithstanding the use herein or in the Confirmation of the words "writing," "execution," "signed," "signature," or other words of similar import, the parties intend that the use of electronic signatures and the keeping of records in electronic form be granted the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a signature affixed by hand or the use of a paper-based record keeping system (as the case may be) to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> To help ensure effectiveness of this provision, parties should manually or electronically sign the initial confirmation between them and retain a hard copy in their records.

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