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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): February 16, 2024

HireRight Holdings Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)



Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-40982 (Commission File Number) **83-1092072** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Centerview Drive, Suite 300 (Address of Principal Executive Officer) Nashville, Tennessee

37214 (Zip Code)

(615) 320-9800 (Registrant telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	HRT	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ⊠

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

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 15, 2024, HireRight Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "**Merger Agreement**") with Hearts Parent, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Parent**"), and Hearts Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("**Merger Sub**", and together with Parent, the "**Buyer Parties**"), providing for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company, with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation (the "**Merger**"). Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined have the meaning set forth in the Merger Agreement.

A special committee (the "**Special Committee**") of independent and disinterested members of the Company's board of directors (the "**Company Board**") unanimously adopted resolutions recommending that the Company Board approve and adopt the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby and agreeing to recommend that the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders adopt the Merger Agreement. Thereafter, the Company Board unanimously approved the Merger Agreement and agreed to recommend that the stockholders of the Company adopt the Merger Agreement. The Special Committee determined that the Merger Agreement and the transaction contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to and in the best interest of the Company and the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders. The Company Board determined that the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to and in the best interest of the Company and the Unaffiliated Company and its stockholders.

At the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"):

(i) each share of Company common stock outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than shares held by the Company as treasury stock or otherwise or owned by the Buyer Parties and any of their subsidiaries (including the shares of Company common stock owned by the Sponsor Stockholders as described below) (the "**Owned Company Shares**") and shares of Company common stock held by stockholders who have properly and validly exercised their statutory rights of appraisal in respect of such shares in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL (the "**Dissenting Company Shares**")) will be cancelled and extinguished and automatically converted into the right to receive cash in an amount equal to \$14.35, without interest thereon (the "**Per Share Price**"); and

(ii) each Owned Company Share will be cancelled and extinguished without any conversion thereof or consideration paid therefor.

The Merger Agreement also provides that, at the Effective Time, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof:

(i) each outstanding Company stock option granted under the HireRight GIS Group Holdings LLC Equity Incentive Plan, whether vested or unvested, will be converted into an option to purchase the same number of shares of common stock of the surviving corporation at the same per-share exercise price and subject to the same terms and conditions as the applicable Company stock option (including vesting conditions);

(ii) each vested outstanding Company stock option granted under the HireRight Holdings Corporation 2021 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2021 Equity Plan") will be converted into the right to receive an amount (without interest) in cash equal to the product of (A) the excess, if any, of (1) the Per Share Price over (2) the per-share exercise price for such Company stock option, multiplied by (B) the total number of shares of Company common stock underlying such Company stock option; *provided* that if the per-share exercise price of such Company stock option is equal to or greater than the Per Share Price, such Company stock option will be forfeited and cancelled for no consideration;

(iii) each outstanding and unvested Company stock option granted under the 2021 Equity Plan will be converted into the right to receive a cash-based award in an amount equal to the product of (A) the excess, if any, of (1) the Per Share Price over (2) the per-share exercise price for such Company stock option, multiplied by (B) the total number of shares of Company common stock underlying such Company stock option, which cash-based award will be subject to the same vesting conditions as the applicable Company stock option; *provided* that if the per-share exercise price for such Company stock option is equal to or greater than the Per Share Price, such Company stock option will be forfeited and cancelled for no consideration;

(iv) each outstanding Company restricted stock unit that is subject to time-based vesting conditions (a "**Company RSU**") that has vested but not yet settled as of the Effective Time will be converted into the right to receive an amount (without interest) in cash equal to the product of (A) the total number of shares of Company common stock subject to such Company RSU multiplied by (B) the Per Share Price;

(v) each outstanding and unvested Company RSU will be converted into the right to receive a cash-based award in an amount equal to the product of (A) the total number of shares of Company common stock subject to such Company RSU multiplied by (B) the Per Share Price, which cash-based award will remain subject to the same vesting conditions as the applicable Company RSU;

(vi) each outstanding Company restricted stock unit that is subject to performance-based vesting conditions (a "Company PRSU") in respect of the Company's total stockholder return will be forfeited and cancelled for no consideration; and

(vii) if the Effective Time occurs prior to the date that the Company publicly announces its earnings for the fourth quarter of the 2023 fiscal year and the full 2023 fiscal year, each outstanding Company PRSU that is subject to an adjusted EBITDA performance condition will be converted into a cash-based award in an amount equal to the total number of shares of Company common stock subject to such Company PRSU immediately prior to the Effective Time, which amount will vest in equal installments based on continued service on each of February 28, 2025 and February 28, 2026.

Holders of Dissenting Company Shares will be entitled to receive payment of the appraised value of such Dissenting Company Shares in accordance with the provisions of Section 262 of the DGCL.

If the Merger is consummated, the Company common stock will be de-listed from the New York Stock Exchange and de-registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as promptly as practicable following the Effective Time.

Conditions to the Merger

Consummation of the Merger is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, including, but not limited to, the: (i) affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of all of the outstanding shares of Company common stock to adopt the Merger Agreement; (ii) the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Company common stock held by the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders to adopt the Merger Agreement; (iii) expiration or termination of any waiting periods applicable to the consummation of the Merger under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act"); (iv) the accuracy of the Company's representations and warranties contained in the Merger Agreement (except, generally, for any inaccuracies that have not had a Company Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Merger; and (vi) in the case of the Buyer Parties' obligations to consummate the Merger, the absence of a Company Material Adverse Effect.

No-Shop Period

The Company is subject to customary "no-shop" restrictions on its ability to solicit alternative Acquisition Proposals from third parties and to provide information to, and participate or engage in discussions or negotiations with, third parties regarding any alternative Acquisition Proposals, subject to a customary "fiduciary out" provision that allows the Company and the Special Committee, under certain specified circumstances, to provide information to, and participate in discussions and engage in negotiations with, third parties with respect to an Acquisition Proposal if the Special Committee determines in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that such alternative Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal or is reasonably likely to lead to a Superior Proposal, and the failure to take such actions would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties pursuant to applicable law.

Regulatory Efforts

The parties to the Merger Agreement have agreed to use their respective reasonable best efforts to consummate and make effective, in the most expeditious manner practicable, the Merger. If and to the extent necessary to obtain clearance of the Merger pursuant to the HSR Act, the Buyer Parties must offer, negotiate, commit to and effect, by consent decree, hold separate order or otherwise, the sale, divestiture, license or other disposition of any and all of the capital stock or other equity or voting interests, assets (whether tangible or intangible), rights, products or businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries and any other restrictions on the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries, except, in each case, if any of the foregoing would have a material adverse effect on the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or if such action is not conditioned upon Closing.

Termination and Fees

The Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights for the Buyer Parties. Upon termination of the Merger Agreement under specified circumstances, including the Company terminating the Merger Agreement to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal in accordance with the "fiduciary out" provisions of the Merger Agreement, the Company will be required to pay Parent a termination fee of \$30,000,000 ("**Company Termination Fee**"). The Company Termination Fee will also be payable by the Company if the Merger Agreement is terminated under certain circumstances and prior to such termination, an Acquisition Proposal for an Acquisition Transaction is publicly announced or disclosed and any Acquisition Transaction is consummated or the Company enters into an agreement providing for the consummation of any Acquisition Transaction within one year of the termination.

The Merger Agreement further provides that the Company may terminate the Merger Agreement and receive a reverse termination fee from Parent of \$65,000,000 (the "**Parent Termination Fee**") if (i) Parent or Merger Sub breaches, and does not cure, any representation or covenant that would result in any conditions to the Company's obligation to consummate the Merger not to be satisfied or (ii) all conditions to the Merger have been satisfied (subject to customary exceptions) and Parent fails to consummate the Merger after receiving written notification from the Company. Under the Merger Agreement, the Company may also receive the Parent Termination Fee if the Merger Agreement is terminated by the Parent due to the Merger not having been consummated on or prior to the Termination Date (as defined below) if, at the time of this termination, the Company would have been entitled to terminate the Merger Agreement in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence.

In addition to the foregoing termination rights, and subject to certain limitations, the Company or Parent may terminate the Merger Agreement if the Merger is not consummated by August 15, 2024 (the "Termination Date").

Other Terms of the Merger Agreement

The Company also made customary representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement and agreed to customary covenants regarding the operation of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries prior to the consummation of the Merger. The Merger Agreement also provides that the Company, on the one hand, or the Buyer Parties, on the other hand, may specifically enforce the obligations under the Merger Agreement, including the obligation to consummate the Merger if the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement are satisfied. Each of the Company and the Buyer Parties' liability for monetary damages for breaches of the Merger Agreement are capped at \$60,000,000.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby does not purport to be complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the full text of the Merger Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. The Merger Agreement has been included to provide investors with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about the Company, Parent, Merger Sub or their respective Subsidiaries or Affiliates. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Merger Agreement were made only for purposes of the Merger Agreement as of the specific dates therein, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Merger Agreement, may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk among the parties to the Merger Agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of the parties thereto or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of representations and warranties may change after the date of the Merger Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be reflected in the Company's public disclosures. The Merger Agreement should not be read alone, but should instead be read in conjunction with the other information regarding the Company, Parent and Merger Sub and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement that will be contained in or attached as an annex to the proxy statement that the Company will file in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreeme

Financing the Merger

A group of lenders, including Goldman Sachs and Royal Bank of Canada (the "Lenders"), have committed to provide Parent with debt financing in an aggregate principal amount of \$250 million on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in a debt commitment letter. The obligations of the Lenders to provide debt financing under the debt commitment letter are subject to customary closing conditions.

Also on February 15, 2024, in connection with the execution of the Merger Agreement, Parent has delivered limited

guarantees from General Atlantic Partners 100, L.P., Trident VII, L.P., Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P., and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P. (the "Guarantors") in favor of the Company and pursuant to which, on the terms and subject to the conditions contained therein, the Guarantors are guaranteeing payment of the Parent Termination Fee payable by Parent under certain circumstances, as well as up to \$2 million of enforcement costs and certain indemnification and reimbursement obligations that may be owed by Parent pursuant to the Merger Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement and limited guarantees provided by the Guarantors to the Company.

Support Agreement

Also on February 15, 2024, in connection with the Company's execution of the Merger Agreement, (i) General Atlantic Partners (Bermuda) HRG II, L.P., General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P. and GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P. (the "GA Stockholders") and (ii) Trident VII, L.P., Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P. and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P. (the "Trident Stockholders") and, together with the GA Stockholders, collectively, the "Sponsor Stockholders") entered into Support Agreements (the "Support Agreements") with Parent and the Company, pursuant to which the stockholders have agreed, among other things, to vote their shares of Company common stock in favor of the adoption of the Merger Agreement and the approval of the Merger and against any other action, agreement or proposal which would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impair or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or any of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. The Support Agreements also include certain restrictions on transfer of shares of Company common stock by the stockholders.

Under the Support Agreements, immediately prior to the Effective Time, the Sponsor Stockholders will contribute to a direct or indirect parent company of Parent all of its holdings of Company common stock in exchange for either equity interests in such a direct or indirect parent company of Parent or the Conrad Notes (as defined therein). As a result of the Merger, the shares of Company common stock contributed to such parent company of Parent by the Sponsor Stockholders will be cancelled and extinguished without any conversion thereof or consideration paid therefor.

The foregoing description of the Support Agreements and the transactions contemplated thereby does not purport to be complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the full text of the Support Agreements, which are attached as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2 and are each incorporated by reference herein. The Support Agreements have been included to provide investors with information regarding their terms. They are not intended to provide any other factual information about the Company, Parent, Merger Sub, the Sponsor Stockholders or their respective Subsidiaries or Affiliates. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Support Agreements were made only for purposes of the Support Agreements as of the specific dates therein, were solely for the benefit of the applicable parties to the Support Agreements, may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of the parties there or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of representations and warranties may change after the date of the Support Agreements, which subsequent information may or may not be reflected in the Company's public disclosures. The Support Agreements should not be read alone, but should instead be read in conjunction with the other information regarding the Company, Parent, Merger Sub, the Sponsor Stockholders and the transactions contemplated by the Support Agreements, as well as in the other filings that the Company will make with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including a Schedule 13E-3.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 16, 2024 the Company and Parent issued a joint press release announcing the execution of the Merger Agreement. A copy of the press released is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01.	Financial	Statements	and	Exhibits
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(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>2.1*</u>	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 15, 2024, by and among HireRight Holdings Corporation, Hearts Parent, LLC and Hearts Merger Sub, Inc.
<u>10.1</u>	Support Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2024, by and among HireRight Holdings Corporation, General Atlantic Partners (Bermuda) HRG II, L.P., General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P. and GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P.
<u>10.2</u>	Support Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2024, by and among HireRight Holdings Corporation, Trident VII, L.P., Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P., and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P.
<u>99.1</u>	Joint Press Release, dated as of February 16, 2024
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document)

* The schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Company agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of such schedules and exhibits, or any section thereof, to the SEC upon request.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains "forward-looking statements" within the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these statements and other forward-looking statements in this document by words such as "may," "will," "should," "can," "could," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "predict," "project," "future," "potential," "intend," "plan," "assume," "believe," "forecast," "look," "build," "focus," "create," "work," "continue," "target," "poised," "advance," "drive," "aim," "forecast," "approach," "seek," "schedule," "position," "pursue," "progress," "budget," "outlook," "trend," "guidance," "commit," "on track," "objective," "goal," "strategy," "opportunity," "ambitions," "aspire" and similar expressions, and variations or negative of such terms or other variations thereof. Words and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future plans, actions, or events identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, such statements regarding the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement (including the Merger) (the "Transaction"), including the expected time period to consummate the Transaction, the anticipated benefits (including synergies) of the Transaction and integration and transition plans, opportunities, anticipated future performance, expected share buyback programs and expected dividends. All such forwardlooking statements are based upon current plans, estimates, expectations and ambitions that are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. Key factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the expected timing and likelihood of completion of the Transaction, including the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the Transaction; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the definitive agreement; the possibility that the Company's stockholders may not approve the Transaction; the risk that the anticipated tax treatment of the Transaction is not obtained; the risk that the parties may not be able to satisfy the conditions to the Transaction in a timely manner or at all; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the Transaction; the risk that any announcements relating to the Transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of the Company's common stock; the risk that the Transaction and its announcement could have an adverse effect on the parties' business relationships and business generally, including the ability of the Company to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with their suppliers and customers, and on their operating results and businesses generally; the risk of unforeseen or unknown liabilities; customer, shareholder, regulatory and other stakeholder approvals and support; the risk of unexpected future capital expenditures; the risk of potential litigation relating to the Transaction that could be instituted against the Company or its directors and/or officers; the risk associated with third party contracts containing material consent, anti-assignment, transfer or other provisions that may be related to the Transaction which are not waived or otherwise satisfactorily resolved; the risk of rating agency actions and the Company's ability to access short- and long-term debt markets on a timely and affordable basis; the risk of various events that could disrupt operations, including severe weather, such as droughts, floods, avalanches and earthquakes, cybersecurity attacks, security threats and governmental response to them, and technological changes; the risks of labor disputes, changes in labor costs and labor difficulties; and the risks resulting from other effects of industry, market, economic, legal or legislative, political or regulatory conditions outside of the Company's control. All such factors are difficult to predict and are beyond our control, including those detailed in the Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K that are available on the Company's website at https://www.hireright.com and on the website of the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC") at http://www.sec.gov. The Company's forwardlooking statements are based on assumptions that the Company's believes to be reasonable but that may not prove to be accurate. Other unpredictable or factors not discussed in this communication could also have material adverse effects on forward-looking statements. The Company does not assume an obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the Transaction, the Company will file with the SEC a proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "**Proxy Statement**"). The definitive version of the Proxy Statement will be sent to the stockholders of the Company seeking their approval of the Transaction and other related matters. The Company and affiliates of the Company intend to jointly file a transaction statement on Schedule 13E-3 (the "**Schedule 13E-3**"). The Company may also file other documents with the SEC regarding the Transaction. This Current Report on Form 8-K is not a substitute for the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13E-3 or any other document which the Company may file with the SEC.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THE SCHEDULE 13E-3 WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPANY, THE TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS.

Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents, including the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13E-3 and other documents filed with the SEC by the Company through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by the Company will be made available free of charge by accessing the Company's website at https://www.hireright.com or by contacting the Company by submitting a message at investor.relations@hireright.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of the Company in connection with the Transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information about the interests of the directors and executive officers of the Company and other persons who may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of stockholders of the Company in connection with the Transaction and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be included in the Proxy Statement related to the Transaction, which will be filed with the SEC. Information about the directors of the Company and their ownership of the Company common stock is also set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as filed with the SEC on April 14, 2023 (and which is available at

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1859285/000114036123018387/ny20007594x1_def14a.htm). Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company, their ownership of the Company common stock, and the Company's transactions with related persons is set forth in the sections entitled "Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance," "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters," and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence" included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2023 (and which is available at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1859285/000185928523000034/hrt-20221231.htm), and in the sections entitled "Executive Officers" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" included in the Company's definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as filed with the SEC on April 14, 2023 (and which is available at

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1859285/000114036123018387/ny20007594x1_def14a.htm). Additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the Transaction will be included in the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13E-3 and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available These documents can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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.

Date: February 16, 2024

HireRight Holdings Corporation

By: /s/ Brian Copple

Name: Brian Copple Title: General Counsel and Secretary

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

by and among

HEARTS PARENT, LLC,

HEARTS MERGER SUB, INC.

and

HIRERIGHT HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Dated as of February 15, 2024

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Exhibit A Surviving Corporation Certificate of Incorporation

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of February 15, 2024 by and among Hearts Parent, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Parent"), Hearts Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub", and together with Parent, the "Buyer Parties"), and HireRight Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). Each of the Company, Parent and Merger Sub is sometimes referred to as a "Party." All capitalized terms that are used in this Agreement have the respective meanings given to them in Article I.

RECITALS

A. The Company Board has established a special committee of independent and disinterested members of the Company Board (the "Special Committee").

B. The Special Committee has unanimously (i) determined that this Agreement, providing for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the "Merger") in accordance with the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of the Company and the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders; (ii) recommended to the Company Board that it approve this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (iii) resolved to recommend that the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders adopt this Agreement at any Company Stockholder Meeting.

C. The Company Board has unanimously, acting upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, (i) determined that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of the Company and the Company Stockholders; (ii) approved the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and the consummation of the Merger upon the terms and conditions set forth herein; and (iii) resolved to recommend that the Company Stockholders adopt this Agreement in accordance with the DGCL at any Company Stockholder Meeting.

D. Each of the board of managers of Parent and the board of directors of Merger Sub has (i) declared it advisable to enter into this Agreement; (ii) approved the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of their respective covenants and other obligations hereunder, and the consummation of the Merger upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein; and (iii) in the case of the board of directors of Merger Sub only, resolved to recommend that Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, adopt this Agreement and approve the Merger in accordance with the DGCL.

E. Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, and as a condition and inducement to the Company's willingness to enter into this Agreement, Parent has delivered limited guarantees (the "Guarantees") from General Atlantic Partners 100, L.P., Trident VII, L.P., Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P., and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P. (collectively, the "Guarantors") in favor of the Company and pursuant to which, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, the Guarantees are guaranteeing certain obligations of the Buyer Parties in connection with this Agreement.

F. Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and as a condition to the willingness of the Buyer Parties to enter into this Agreement, each of General Atlantic Partners (Bermuda) HRG II, L.P., General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P. and GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P. (the "GA Stockholders") and Trident VII,

L.P., Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P. and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P. (the "**Trident Stockholders**" and, together with the GA Stockholders, collectively, the "**Sponsor Stockholders**") have entered into Support Agreements (the "**Support Agreements**") in connection with the Merger, pursuant to which such stockholders have agreed, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Support Agreements, to vote in favor of, and support the consummation of, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to contribute, directly or indirectly, all of the shares of Company Common Stock held by the Sponsor Stockholders (the "**Sponsor Shares**") to Parent (or any direct or indirect parent company thereof), in each case, as specified in such Support Agreements.

G. The Buyer Parties and the Company desire to (i) make certain representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in connection with this Agreement and the Merger; and (ii) prescribe certain conditions with respect to the consummation of the Merger.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements set forth herein, as well as other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and accepted, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Buyer Parties and the Company agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATIONS

- 1.1 Certain Definitions. For all purposes of and pursuant to this Agreement, the following capitalized terms have the following respective meanings:
 - (a) "2018 Equity Plan" means HireRight GIS Group Holdings LLC Equity Incentive Plan.
 - (b) "2021 Equity Plan" means the HireRight Holdings Corporation 2021 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(c) "Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement" means an agreement with the Company that is either (i) in effect as of the execution and delivery of this Agreement; or (ii) executed, delivered and effective after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, in either case containing provisions that require any counterparty thereto (and any of its Affiliates and representatives) that receives material non-public information of or with respect to the Company Group to keep such information confidential; *provided, however*, that, in each case, the provisions contained therein are no less restrictive in any material respect to such counterparty (and any of its Affiliates and representatives named therein) than the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement, it being understood that such agreement need not contain any "standstill" or similar provisions or otherwise prohibit the making of any Acquisition Proposal.

(d) "Acquisition Proposal" means any offer or proposal (other than an offer or proposal by the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates) to engage in an Acquisition Transaction.

(e) "Acquisition Transaction" means any transaction or series of related transactions (other than the transactions contemplated hereby) involving:

(i) any direct or indirect purchase or other acquisition by any Person or "group" (as defined pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of Persons (in each case, other than the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates or any group that includes the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates), whether from the Company or any other Person(s), of securities representing more than 15% of the total outstanding equity securities of the Company (by vote or economic interests) after giving effect to the consummation of such purchase or other acquisition, including pursuant to a tender offer or exchange offer by any Person or "group" of Persons that, if consummated in accordance with its terms, would result in such Person or "group" of Persons beneficially owning more than 15% of the total outstanding equity securities of the Company (by vote or economic interests) after giving effect to the consummation of such tender or exchange offer;

(ii) any direct or indirect purchase, license or other acquisition by any Person or "group" (as defined pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of Persons (in each case, other than the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates or any group that includes the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates) of assets constituting or accounting for more than 15% of the consolidated assets, revenue or net income of the Company Group, taken as a whole (measured by the fair market value thereof as of the date of such purchase or acquisition); or

(iii) any merger, consolidation, business combination, recapitalization, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution or other transaction involving the Company pursuant to which (A) any Person or "group" (as defined pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of Persons (in each case, other than the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates or any group that includes the Buyer Parties or their Affiliates) would hold securities representing more than 15% of the total outstanding equity securities of the Company (by vote or economic interests) after giving effect to the consummation of such transaction or (B) the Company Stockholders immediately preceding such transaction hold less than 85% of the total outstanding equity securities (by vote or economic interests) in the surviving or resulting entity of such transaction.

(f) "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no investment fund or investment vehicle affiliated with, or managed or advised by, either General Atlantic, L.P. ("GA") or Stone Point Capital LLC ("Stone Point") or any portfolio company (as such term is commonly understood in the private equity industry) or investment of either GA or Stone Point or of any investment vehicles affiliated with, or managed or advised by, either GA or Stone Point (collectively, the "Excluded Affiliates") shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of either the Company or its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, or Parent or Merger Subs, on the other hand, and vice versa; *provided* that the Excluded Affiliates shall be deemed to be (i) Affiliates of the Company and its Subsidiaries solely for purposes of the definition of "Parent Related Party" and for purposes of Section 4.13 (excluding, in the case of Section 4.13, portfolio companies of GA or Stone Point that are not majority owned). For purposes of this definition, the term "control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of that Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

(g) "Antitrust Law" means the Sherman Antitrust Act, the Clayton Antitrust Act, the HSR Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act and all other laws, whether in any domestic or foreign jurisdiction, that are designed or intended to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions having the purpose or effect of monopolization or restraint of trade or significant impediments or lessening of competition or the creation

or strengthening of a dominant position through merger or acquisition, in any case that are applicable to the Merger.

(h) "Audited Company Balance Sheet" means the consolidated balance sheet (and the notes thereto) of the Company Group as of December 31, 2022 set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by the Company with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

(i) "Business Day" means each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banks are required or authorized by law to be closed in New York, New

(j) "Business Systems" means all computer hardware (whether general or special purpose), electronic data processing systems, information technology systems and computer systems, including any outsourced electronic data processing, information technology, or computer systems that are owned or used by or for any of the Company Group in the conduct of the business of the Company Group.

(k) "**Cash on Hand**" means all cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities and short-term investments of the Company Group, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP and expressed in U.S. dollars. For the avoidance of doubt, "Cash on Hand" shall be calculated net of issued but uncleared checks and drafts and shall include checks, other wire transfers and drafts deposited or available for deposit in the accounts of the Company Group.

(l) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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- (m) "Company Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (n) "Company Capital Stock" means the Company Common Stock and the Company Preferred Stock.
- (o) "Company Common Stock" means the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company.

(p) "Company Credit Agreement" means that certain First Lien Credit Agreement, dated July 12, 2018, among Genuine Mid Holdings LLC, as holdings, Genuine Financial Holdings LLC, as borrower, the lenders and issuing banks from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, as amended by that certain First Amendment to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated June 3, 2022, as further amended by that certain Second Amendment to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated and restated, replaced (whether upon or after termination or otherwise, and whether with the original lenders or otherwise), refinanced, supplemented, modified or otherwise changed (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions) from time to time, including any extension of the maturity thereof or increase in the amount of available borrowings thereof.

- (q) "Company Equity Plans" means, collectively, the 2018 Equity Plan and the 2021 Equity Plan.
- (r) "Company ESPP" means the HireRight Holdings Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

- (s) "Company Group" means the Company and its Subsidiaries.
- (t) "Company Intellectual Property" means any Intellectual Property that is owned or purported to be owned by any member of the Company Group.

(u) "Company Material Adverse Effect" means any change, event, violation, inaccuracy, effect or circumstance (each, an "Effect") that, individually or taken together with all other Effects that have occurred on or prior to the date of determination of the occurrence of the Company Material Adverse Effect, (a) is or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Company Group, taken as a whole or (b) would render the Company unable to consummate the Merger prior to the Termination Date; *provided, however*, that solely with respect to the foregoing clause (a), none of the following (by itself or when aggregated) will be deemed to be or constitute a Company Material Adverse Effect or will be taken into account when determining whether a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred or may, would or could occur (subject to the limitations set forth below):

(i) changes in general economic conditions in the United States or any other country or region in the world, or changes in conditions in the global economy generally;

(ii) changes in general conditions in the financial markets, credit markets or capital markets in the United States or any other country or region in the world, including (1) changes in interest rates or credit ratings generally in the United States or any other country; (2) changes in exchange rates generally for the currencies of any country; or (3) any suspension of trading in securities (whether equity, debt, derivative or hybrid securities) generally on any securities exchange or over-the-counter market operating in the United States or any other country or region in the world;

- (iii) changes in general conditions in the industries in which the Company Group generally conducts business;
- (iv) changes in general regulatory, legislative or political conditions in the United States or any other country or region in the world;

(v) any general geopolitical conditions, outbreak of hostilities, acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or military actions (including any escalation or general worsening of any such hostilities, acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or military actions) in the United States or any other country or region in the world;

(vi) earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, floods, mudslides, wild fires or other natural disasters, weather conditions, epidemics, pandemics or disease outbreaks and other force majeure events in the United States or any other country or region in the world;

(vii) any Effect resulting from the announcement of this Agreement or the pendency of the Merger and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of the Company Group with suppliers, customers, partners, vendors or any other third Person (other than for purposes of any representation or warranty contained in Sections 3.5, 3.6, 3.16(g), 3.18(f) or 3.20);

(viii) the compliance by any Party with the terms of this Agreement (other than Sections 5.1 and 5.2), including any action taken or refrained from being taken as expressly required by this Agreement;

(ix) changes after the date hereof in GAAP or other applicable accounting standards or in any applicable laws or regulations (or the binding interpretation of any of the foregoing);

(x) changes after the date hereof in the price or trading volume of the Company Common Stock, in and of itself (it being understood that any cause of such change may be deemed to constitute, in and of itself, a Company Material Adverse Effect and may be taken into consideration when determining whether a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred);

(xi) any failure, in and of itself, by the Company Group to meet (1) any public analyst estimates or expectations of the Company's revenue, earnings or other financial performance or results of operations for any period; or (2) any internal projections or forecasts of its revenues, earnings or other financial performance (it being understood that any cause of any such failure may be deemed to constitute, in and of itself, a Company Material Adverse Effect and may be taken into consideration when determining whether a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred);

(xii) any Transaction Litigation or other Legal Proceeding threatened, made or brought by any of the current or former Company Stockholders (on their own behalf or on behalf of the Company) against the Company, any of its executive officers or other employees or any member of the Company Board arising out of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement; and

(xiii) any matter set forth on Section 1.1 of the Company Disclosure Letter.

except, with respect to clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (ix), to the extent that such Effect has had a disproportionate adverse effect on the Company relative to other companies operating in the industries in which the Company Group conducts business, in which case only the incremental disproportionate adverse impact may be taken into account in determining whether there has occurred a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(v) "Company Option" means each option to purchase shares of Company Common Stock granted under either Company Equity Plan.

(w) "Company Preferred Stock" means the Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company.

(x) "Company Products" means all Software and other products, including any of the foregoing currently in development, from which the Company Group has derived, is currently deriving or is scheduled to derive, revenue from the sale, license, maintenance or provision thereof.

(y) "Company PRSU" means each restricted stock unit granted under the 2021 Equity Plan that is subject to one or more performance-based vesting conditions for purposes of Section 2.8, as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, and for purposes of Section 3.7, as of the Capitalization Date.

(z) "Company Registered Intellectual Property" means all of the Registered Intellectual Property owned or purported to be owned by any member of the Company Group.

(a) "**Company RSU**" means each restricted stock unit award granted under the 2021 Equity Plan (other than a Company PRSU), including any such award that was granted subject to one or more performance-based vesting conditions but which is no longer subject to any performance-based vesting conditions for purposes of Section 2.8, as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, and for purposes of Section 3.7, as of the Capitalization Date.

(bb) "Company Stockholders" means the holders of shares of Company Common Stock.

(cc) "**Company Stockholders Agreement**" means that certain Stockholders Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among the Company, General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Trident VII, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership.

(dd) "Continuing Employees" means each individual who is an employee of the Company Group immediately prior to the Effective Time and continues to be an employee of Parent or one of its Subsidiaries (including the Surviving Corporation) at and immediately following the Effective Time.

(ee) "Contract" means any (i) contract, subcontract, letter of intent, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, lease, license, sublicense or (ii) other binding agreement.

(ff) "COVID-19" means SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and any evolutions or mutations thereof or related or associated epidemics, pandemic or disease outbreaks, or any escalation or worsening of any of the foregoing (including any subsequent waves).

(gg) "Data Security Requirements" means, collectively, all of the following to the extent relating to privacy, data protection, information security, or information security breach notification requirements to the extent applicable to a Company Group entity from time to time: (i) the Company Group's own written policies, and procedures; (ii) all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), the Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive (2002/58/EC) (the "ePrivacy Directive") and the General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) (the "GDPR") and any national legislation implementing or supplementing the ePrivacy Directive or the GDPR, the United Kingdom's Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR as it forms part of the laws of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (to the extent applicable) (collectively, "Data Protection Laws"); and (iii) all binding industry standards applicable to a Company Group entity (including, if applicable, the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)).

(hh) "Debt Financing Sources" means the agents, arrangers, book runners, lenders, purchasers, equity sponsors or co-investors and other entities that have committed to provide the Debt Financing.

- (ii) "Default" has the meaning set forth in the Company Credit Agreement.
- (jj) "DOJ" means the United States Department of Justice or any successor thereto.

(kk) "Environmental Law" means any law (including common law) or order relating to pollution, the protection of the environment (including ambient air, surface water, groundwater or land) or natural resources, public or worker health or safety, or exposure of any Person with respect to Hazardous Substances or otherwise relating to the production, use, storage, treatment, transportation, recycling, disposal, discharge, release or other handling of any Hazardous Substances, or the investigation, clean-up or remediation thereof.

(ll) "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(mm) "Event of Default" has the meaning set forth in the Company Credit Agreement.

(nn) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(oo) "FCPA" means the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977.

(pp) "FTC" means the United States Federal Trade Commission or any successor thereto.

(qq) "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied, in the United States.

(rr) "Government Contract" means any Contract for the sale of supplies or services currently in performance or that has not been closed that is between the Company Group and a Governmental Authority or entered, to the Knowledge of the Company, into by the Company Group as a subcontractor at any tier in connection with a Contract between another Person and a Governmental Authority.

(ss) "Governmental Authority" means any government, governmental or regulatory entity or body, department, commission, bureau, council, board, agency or instrumentality, and any court, tribunal, arbitrator or arbitral body (public or private) or judicial body, in each case whether federal, state, county or provincial, and whether local or foreign.

(tt) **"Hazardous Substance**" means any substance, material or waste that is characterized or regulated by a Governmental Authority pursuant to any Environmental Law as "hazardous," "pollutant," "contaminant," "toxic" or "radioactive," or for which liability or standards of conduct may be imposed pursuant to any Environmental Law, including petroleum and petroleum products, polychlorinated biphenyls, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, mold, noise, odor and asbestos.

(uu) "HSR Act" means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976.

(vv) "Indebtedness" means any of the following liabilities or obligations: (i) indebtedness for borrowed money (including any principal, premium, accrued and unpaid interest, related expenses, prepayment penalties, commitment and other fees, sale or liquidity participation amounts, reimbursements, indemnities and all other amounts payable in connection therewith); (ii) liabilities evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments or debt securities; (iii) liabilities pursuant to or in connection with letters of credit or banker's acceptances or similar items (in each case whether or not drawn, contingent or otherwise); (iv) liabilities pursuant to capitalized leases; (v) liabilities arising out of interest rate and currency swap arrangements and any other arrangements designed to provide protection against fluctuations in interest or currency rates; (vi) deferred purchase price liabilities related to past acquisitions; (vii) payment obligations arising in connection with earnouts or other contingent payment obligations under Contracts

(other than contingent indemnification obligations that have not matured and as to which no claims have been made, or to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened); (viii) liabilities arising from any breach of any of the foregoing; and (ix) indebtedness of others guaranteed by the Company Group or secured by any lien or security interest on the assets of the Company Group.

(ww) "Intellectual Property" means the intellectual property and proprietary rights including: (i) all United States and foreign patents and applications therefor ("Patents"); (ii) all copyrights, copyright registrations and applications therefor and all other rights corresponding thereto throughout the world ("Copyrights"); (iii) trademarks, service marks, trade dress rights, domain name registrations, and similar designation of origin and rights therein ("Marks"); (iv) all rights in mask works, and all mask work registrations and applications therefor; (v) rights in Software, trade secrets and confidential information; (vi) rights of publicity; and (vii) any other intellectual property or proprietary rights or similar, corresponding or equivalent rights to any of the foregoing anywhere in the world.

(xx) "**IP Contracts**" means all Contracts to which any member of the Company Group is a party (i) with respect to material Company Intellectual Property that is licensed or transferred to any third Person other than any (a) non-disclosure agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business; and (b) non-exclusive licenses (including software as a service or "SaaS" licenses) granted in the ordinary course of business or in connection with the sale of the Company Products; (ii) pursuant to which a third Person has licensed or transferred any Intellectual Property to the Company Group, which Intellectual Property is material to the operation of the business of the Company, other than any (a) non-disclosure agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business; (b) non-exclusive licenses of commercially available software and technology; and (c) non-exclusive licenses to Software, including Open Source Software; (iii) pursuant to which any member of the Company Group has any revenue share or royalty obligations with respect to the sale or license of any Company Products or data; (iv) pursuant to which the Company or any Subsidiary is obligated to perform any material development with respect to any material Company Intellectual Property; or (v) with respect to material Company Group's rights from full and exclusive ownership in any such Company Intellectual Property.

- (yy) "IPO Date" means October 29, 2021.
- (zz) "IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service or any successor thereto.

(aaa) "Knowledge" of the Company, with respect to any matter in question, means the actual knowledge of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President; Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel and Secretary.

(bbb) "Legal Proceeding" means any claim, action, charge, audit, lawsuit, litigation, complaint, hearing, arbitration, investigation or other similarly formal legal proceeding brought by or pending before any Governmental Authority, arbitrator, mediator or other tribunal.

(ccc) "Material Contract" means any of the following Contracts:

(i) any "material contract" (as defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC, other than those agreements and arrangements described in Item 601(b)(10)(iii) of Regulation S-K) with respect to the Company Group, taken as a whole;

(ii) any material Contract with any of the twenty (20) largest customers of the Company Group, taken as a whole, determined on the basis of total revenue of the Company Group attributable to such customers pursuant to such Contracts in effect as of the date of this Agreement, for the 12 months ended September 30, 2023;

(iii) any material Contract with any of the top ten (10) vendors (excluding legal, accounting, tax and similar professional service providers whose Contracts may be cancelled without liability to the Company or its Subsidiaries upon notice of 90 days or less) to the Company Group, taken as a whole, determined on the basis of expenditures, excluding residual spend, by the Company Group, taken as a whole, for the 12 months ended September 30, 2023 (the customers, vendors and counterparties to Contracts in clauses (ii), (iii) and (xiii), collectively, "Material Relationships");

(iv) any IP Contract;

(v) any Contract containing any covenant or other provision (A) limiting the right of the Company Group to engage in any material line of business or to compete with any Person in any line of business that is material to the Company Group; (B) prohibiting the Company Group from engaging in any business with any Person or levying a fine, charge or other payment for doing so; or (C) containing and limiting the right of the Company Group pursuant to any "most favored nation" or "exclusivity" provisions, in each case of the above other than any such Contracts that (1) may be cancelled without material liability to the Company or its Subsidiaries upon notice of 90 days or less, or (2) are not material to the Company Group, taken as a whole;

(vi) any Contract (A) relating to the disposition or acquisition of assets by the Company Group with a value or purchase price greater than \$500,000 after the date hereof other than in the ordinary course of business; or (B) pursuant to which the Company Group will acquire any material ownership interest in any other Person or other business enterprise other than any Subsidiary of the Company;

(vii) any mortgages, indentures, guarantees, loans, notes or credit agreements, security agreements or other Contracts relating to the borrowing of money or extension of credit or other Indebtedness, in each case in excess of \$150,000 other than (A) accounts receivables and payables in the ordinary course of business; (B) loans to Subsidiaries of the Company in the ordinary course of business; and (C) extensions of credit to customers in the ordinary course of business;

(viii) any Lease or Sublease set forth in Section 3.14(b) or Section 3.14(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter;

(ix) any Contract providing for cash severance payments in excess of \$100,000 (other than those pursuant to which severance is required by applicable law);

(x) any Contract providing for indemnification of any officer, director or employee by the Company Group, other than Contracts entered into on substantially the same form as the Company Group's standard forms previously made available to Parent;

(xi) any Contract that is an agreement in settlement of a dispute or conciliation or similar Contract, in each case, that imposes any material obligation on the Company Group after the date hereof;

(xii) any Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

(xiii) any Contract that involves a joint venture entity, limited liability company or legal partnership (excluding, for avoidance of doubt, reseller agreements and other commercial agreements that do not involve the formation of an entity with any third Person).

(dd) "Non-Controlled Stock" means Company Common Stock held by a GA Controlled Portfolio Company or a Stone Point Controlled Portfolio Company, as applicable, (i) in trust, managed, brokerage, custodial, nominee or other customer accounts or (ii) in mutual funds, open or closed end investment funds or other pooled investment vehicles (including limited partnerships and limited liability companies) sponsored, managed or advised or sub-advised by such GA Controlled Portfolio Company or Stone Point Controlled Portfolio Company, as applicable, in each case acquired and held in the ordinary course of the securities, commodities, derivatives, asset management, banking or similar businesses of any such GA Controlled Portfolio Company or Stone Point Controlled Portfolio Company, as applicable.

(eee) "NYSE" means The New York Stock Exchange and any successor stock exchange.

(fff) "**Open Source Software**" shall mean any Software (in source or object code form) that is licensed pursuant to (i) any license that is approved by the Open Source Initiative and listed at http://www.opensource.org/licenses, which licenses include all versions of the GNU General Public License (GPL), the GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL), the GNU Affero GPL, the MIT license, the Eclipse Public License, the Common Public License, the CDDL, the Mozilla Public License (MPL), the Artistic License, the Netscape Public License, the Sun Community Source License (SCSL), and the Sun Industry Standards License (SISL), (ii) any license commonly referred to as a "free software" or "open source" license by the Open Source Foundation or the Free Software Foundation or (iii) any license to Software that conditions any rights granted in such license on the disclosure, distribution, or licensing of any other Software in source code form (other than the licensed Software in its unmodified form).

(ggg) "**Permitted Liens**" means any of the following: (i) liens for Taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies either not yet due and payable or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves have been established on the consolidated financial statements of the Company Group filed with the Company SEC Reports to the extent required by GAAP; (ii) mechanics, carriers', workmen's, warehouseman's, repairmen's, materialmen's or other liens or security interests that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves have been established to the extent required by GAAP; (iii) leases, subleases and licenses (other than capital leases and leases underlying sale and leaseback transactions); (iv) liens imposed by applicable law (other than Tax law); (v) pledges or deposits to secure obligations pursuant to workers' compensation laws or similar legislation or to secure public or statutory obligations; (vi) pledges and deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a similar nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business; (vii) defects, imperfections or irregularities in title, easements, covenants and rights of way (unrecorded and of record) and other similar liens (or other encumbrances of any type), and zoning, building and other similar codes or restrictions, in each case that do not adversely affect in any material respect the current use or value of the applicable property owned, leased, used or held for use by the Company Group; (viii) liens the existence of which are disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company included in the Company SEC Reports filed as of the date hereof; (ix) non-exclusive licenses to Company Intellectual Property made in the ordinary course of business; (x) any other liens that do not secure a liquidated amount, that

not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material effect on the Company Group, taken as a whole; (xi) statutory, common law or contractual liens (or other encumbrances of any type) of landlords or liens against the interests of the landlord or owner of any Leased Real Property unless caused by the Company Group; or (xii) liens (or other encumbrances of any type) that do not materially and adversely affect the use or operation of the property subject thereto.

(hhh) "Person" means any individual, corporation (including any non-profit corporation), limited liability company, joint stock company, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, estate, trust, firm, Governmental Authority or other enterprise, association, organization or entity.

(iii) "Personally Identifiable Information" means all data relating to an identifiable natural person, or which is otherwise classified as 'personal data,' 'personally identifiable information,' protected health information,' or any similar term under applicable Data Security Requirements.

(jjj) "Processed" or "Processing" means, with respect to data, to store, collect, copy, process, transfer, transmit, display, access, use, adapt, record, retrieve, organize, structure, erase or disclose, or which is otherwise defined as 'processed' or 'processing' under applicable Data Security Requirements.

(kkk) "**Registered Intellectual Property**" means all United States, international and foreign (i) Patents and Patent applications (including provisional applications); (ii) registered Marks and applications to register Marks (including domain name registrations and intent-to-use applications, or other registrations or applications related to Marks); and (iii) registered Copyrights and applications for Copyright registration.

(III) "Sanctioned Country" means any country or region that is the target of a comprehensive embargo under Trade Control Laws (at the time of this Agreement, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela and the Crimea, so-called "Donetsk People's Republic," and so-called "Luhansk People's Republic" regions of Ukraine).

(mmm) "Sanctioned Person" means any Person that is the subject or target of sanctions under applicable Trade Control Laws, including: (i) any Person listed on any U.S., United Kingdom, or European Union sanctions- or export-related restricted party list, including the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons; (ii) any Person that is, in the aggregate, 50 percent or greater owned, directly or indirectly, or otherwise controlled by a Person or Persons described in clause (i); or (iii) any Person located, organized, or ordinarily resident in a Sanctioned Country or a national of a Sanctioned Country with whom U.S. Persons are prohibited from dealing.

(nnn) "Sarbanes-Oxley Act" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

- (000) "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor thereto.
- (ppp) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933.

(qqq) "Service Provider" means any director, officer, employee (whether temporary, part-time or full-time) or individual independent contractor of any of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case, in their respective capacities of providing services to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(rrr) "Software" means any and all computer programs, including operating system and applications software, implementations of algorithms, computerized databases, development tools, design tools, user interfaces and program interfaces, whether in source code or object code form and all documentation, including user manuals relating to the foregoing.

(sss) "**Specified Data Breach**" means the actual unauthorized (i) disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information in the possession, custody or direct control of any member of the Company Group; or (ii) access, use, theft, transmission or transfer of Personally Identifiable Information Processed by or on behalf of any member of the Company Group, or in the possession, custody or direct control of any member of the Company Group that, in the case of each of clauses (i) or (ii), would reasonably be expected to (A) negatively impact in any material respect, the business, reputation, or results of operation of the Company Group; or (B) result in any member of the Company Group having any material obligation under applicable Data Security Requirements to provide notification regarding any of the foregoing to any Governmental Authority.

(ttt) "Subsidiary" of any Person means (i) a corporation of which more than 50% of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting equity securities of such corporation is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person; (ii) a partnership of which such Person or one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person or such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries thereof, directly or indirectly, is the general partner and has the power to direct the policies, management and affairs of such Person, directly or indirectly, is the manager or managing member and has the power to direct the policies, management and affairs of such Person, directly or indirectly, is the manager or managing member and has the power to direct the policies, management and affairs of such Person (iv) any other Person (other than a corporation, partnership or limited liability company) in which such Person or one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person, directly or indirectly, has at least a majority ownership and the power to direct the policies, management and affairs thereof. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, for purposes of this Agreement, following the Closing, each of the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries will be deemed to be a Subsidiary of Parent.

(uuu) "Superior Proposal" means any *bona fide* unsolicited written Acquisition Proposal that did not arise from a material breach of Section 5.3 for an Acquisition Transaction on terms that the Special Committee has determined in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) is reasonably likely to be consummated in accordance with its terms, taking into account all legal, regulatory and financing aspects of the proposal (including the timing and certainty of closing) and the identity of the Person making the proposal and other aspects of the Acquisition Proposal that the Special Committee deems relevant, and if consummated, would be more favorable, from a financial point of view, to the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders (in their capacity as such) than the Merger (taking into account any revisions to this Agreement made or proposed in writing by Parent prior to the time of such determination). For purposes of the references to "15%" in the definition of "Acquisition Transaction" will be deemed to be references to "50%" and all references to "85%" in the definition of "Acquisition Transaction" will be deemed to be references to "50%".

(vvv) "Taxes" means any United States federal, state and local, and non-United States taxes, assessments and similar governmental charges and impositions in the nature of taxes (including taxes based upon or measured by gross receipts, income, profits, sales, use and occupation and value added, ad valorem, transfer, franchise, withholding, payroll, employment, excise and property taxes), together with all interest, penalties and additions imposed with respect to such amounts imposed by any Governmental Authority.

(www) "Tax Returns" means any returns, estimates, elections, declarations, claims for refund, information statements and reports (including amendments and attachments thereto) relating to any Tax or Taxes.

(xxx) **"Transaction Litigation**" means any Legal Proceeding commenced or threatened by any Person (including any current or former holder of Company Common Stock or any other securities of any member of the Company Group) against a Party or any of its Subsidiaries or any of its or their Representatives or otherwise relating to, involving or affecting such Party or any of its Subsidiaries or any of its or their Representatives, in each case in connection with, arising from or otherwise relating to or regarding the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement, including any Legal Proceeding alleging or asserting any misrepresentation or omission in the Proxy Statement, Schedule 13e-3, any Other Required Company Filing or any other communications to the Company Stockholders, other than any Legal Proceedings among the Parties or with the Debt Financing Sources related to this Agreement or any Guarantees.

(yyy) "Unaffiliated Company Stockholders" means the holders of Company Common Stock, excluding those shares of Company Common Stock held, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of (i) GA, its investment fund Affiliates, its portfolio companies majority owned by such investment fund Affiliates (with respect to which GA has the right to vote or direct the voting of such shares held by such portfolio companies) ("GA Controlled Portfolio Companies") (excluding any Non-Controlled Stock), (ii) Stone Point, its investment fund Affiliates, its portfolio companies majority owned by such investment fund Affiliates (with respect to which Stone Point has the right to vote or direct the voting of such shares held by such portfolio companies) ("Stone Point Controlled Portfolio Companies") (excluding any Non-Controlled Stock), (iii) any person that the Company has determined to be an "officer" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act and (iv) those members of the Company Board who are not members of the Special Committee.

(zzz) "WARN Act" means the United States Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988 and any similar foreign, state or local law.

(aaa) "Willful and Material Breach" means, with respect to any covenant, representation, warranty or other agreement set forth in this Agreement, a material breach that is a consequence of an act or failure to act undertaken or omitted to be taken by the breaching Party with the actual or constructive knowledge (which shall be deemed to include knowledge of facts that a Person acting reasonably should have known, based on reasonable due inquiry) that the taking of such act or failure to take such act would, or would reasonably be expected to, cause, or constitute a breach of the relevant covenant, representation, warranty or other agreement.

1.2 *Additional Definitions.* The following capitalized terms have the respective meanings given to them in the respective Sections of this Agreement set forth opposite each of the capitalized terms below:

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Parent Related Parties	8.3(f)(i)
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Vested Company RSU	2.8(c)(i)
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1.3 Certain Interpretations.

(a) When a reference is made in this Agreement to an Article or a Section, such reference is to an Article or a Section of this Agreement unless otherwise indicated, and references to "paragraphs" or "clauses" are to separate paragraphs or clauses of the Section or subsection in which the reference occurs. When a reference is made in this Agreement to a Schedule or Exhibit, such reference is to a Schedule or Exhibit to this Agreement, as applicable, unless otherwise indicated.

(b) When used herein, (i) the words "hereof," "herein" and "herewith" and words of similar import will, unless otherwise stated, be construed to refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement; and (ii) the words "include," "includes" and "including" will be deemed in each case to be followed by the words "without limitation." When used herein, the phrase "the date hereof" means "the date of this Agreement."

(c) Unless the context otherwise requires, "neither," "nor," "any," "either" and "or" are not exclusive.

(d) The word "extent" in the phrase "to the extent" means the degree to which a subject or other thing extends, and does not simply mean "if."

(e) When used in this Agreement, references to "\$" or "Dollars" are references to U.S. dollars.

(f) The meaning assigned to each capitalized term defined and used in this Agreement is equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of such term, and words denoting any gender include all genders. Where a word or phrase is defined in this Agreement, each of its other grammatical forms has a corresponding meaning.

(g) When reference is made to any party to this Agreement or any other agreement or document, such reference includes such Party's successors and permitted assigns. References to any Person include the successors and permitted assigns of that Person.

(h) Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Agreement to the Subsidiaries of a Person will be deemed to include all direct and indirect Subsidiaries of such entity.

(i) When used herein, references to "ordinary course" or "ordinary course of business" will be construed to mean "ordinary course of business, consistent with past practices."

(j) A reference to any specific legislation or to any provision of any legislation includes any amendment to, and any modification, re-enactment or successor thereof, any legislative provision substituted therefor and all rules, regulations and statutory instruments issued thereunder or pursuant thereto, except that, for purposes of any representations and warranties in that Agreement that are made as a specific date, references to any specific legislation will be deemed to refer to such legislation or provision (and all rules, regulations and statutory instruments issued thereunder or pursuant thereto) as of such date. A reference to "law" will refer to any legislation, statute, law (including common law), ordinance, rule, regulation, code, directive, determination or stock exchange listing requirement, as applicable, and "order" will refer to any decree, ruling, judgment, injunction or other order in any Legal Proceedings by or with any Governmental Authority. References to any agreement or Contract are to that agreement or Contract as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and any exhibits, schedules, annexes, statements of work, riders and other documents attached thereto.

(k) All accounting terms used herein will be interpreted, and all accounting determinations hereunder will be made, in accordance with GAAP. An item arising with respect to a specific representation or warranty will be deemed to be "reflected on" or "set forth in" a balance sheet or financial statements, to the extent that any such phrase appears in such representation or warranty, if (i) there is a reserve, accrual or other similar item underlying a number on such balance sheet or financial statements that is specifically related to such item; or (ii) such item is specifically set forth on the balance sheet or financial statements or is specifically set forth in the notes thereto (*provided* that an amount with respect to such item is included in such notes), in each case of clauses (i) and (ii), if an amount is so shown or set forth on such balance sheet or financial statement or notes thereto, solely to the extent of such amount.

(1) The table of contents and headings set forth in this Agreement are for convenience of reference purposes only and will not affect or be deemed to affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or any term or provision hereof.

(m) The measure of a period of one month or year for purposes of this Agreement will be the date of the following month or year corresponding to the starting date. If no corresponding date exists, then the end date of such period being measured will be the next actual date of the following month or year (for example, one month following May 18 is June 18 and one month following May 31 is July 1). When calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period will be excluded. References to "from" or "through" any date mean, unless otherwise specified, from and including or through and including such date, respectively.

(n) The Parties agree that they have been represented by legal counsel during the negotiation and execution of this Agreement and therefore waive the application of any law, regulation, holding or rule of construction providing that ambiguities in an agreement or other document will be construed against the Party drafting such agreement or document.

(o) No summary of this Agreement or any Exhibit or Schedule delivered herewith prepared by or on behalf of any Party will affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or such Exhibit or Schedule.

(p) The information contained in this Agreement and in the Company Disclosure Letter and Parent Disclosure Letter is disclosed solely for purposes of this Agreement, and no information contained herein or therein will be deemed to be an admission by any Party to any third Person of any matter whatsoever, including (i) any violation of law or breach of contract; or (ii) that such information is material or that such information is required to be referred to or disclosed under this Agreement. Disclosure of any information or document in the Company Disclosure Letter is not a statement or admission that it is material or required to be disclosed in the Company Disclosure Letter. Nothing in the Company Disclosure Letter constitutes an admission against the Company's interest or represents the Company's legal position or legal rights on the matter so disclosed. No reference in this Agreement to dollar amount thresholds will be deemed to be evidence of a Company Material Adverse Effect or materiality.

(q) The representations and warranties in this Agreement are the product of negotiations among the Parties and are for the sole benefit of the Parties. Any inaccuracies in such representations and warranties are subject to waiver by the Parties in accordance with Section 8.5 without notice or liability to any other Person. In some instances, the representations and warranties in this Agreement may represent an allocation among the Parties of risks associated with particular matters regardless of the knowledge of any of the Parties. Consequently, Persons other than the Parties may not rely on the representations and warranties in this Agreement as characterizations of actual facts or circumstances as of the date hereof or as of any other date.

(r) Documents or other information or materials will be deemed to have been "made available," "furnished," "provided" or "delivered" by the Company if such documents, information or materials have been physically or electronically delivered to the relevant Party prior to the date of this Agreement, including by being posted to a virtual data room managed by the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or filed with or furnished to the SEC and available on EDGAR.

(s) References to "writing" mean the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether in electronic form or otherwise, and including writings delivered by Electronic Delivery. "Written" will be construed in the same manner.

(t) Prior drafts of this Agreement or the fact that any clauses have been added, deleted or otherwise modified from any prior drafts of this Agreement will not be used as an aide of construction or otherwise constitute evidence of the intent of the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof will arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of any such prior drafts.

ARTICLE II THE MERGER

2.1 *The Merger.* Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and the applicable provisions of the DGCL, at the Effective Time, (a) Merger Sub will be merged with and into the Company; (b) the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub will thereupon cease; and (c) the Company will continue as the surviving corporation of the Merger. The Company, as the surviving corporation of the Merger, is sometimes referred to herein as the "**Surviving Corporation**."

2.2 *The Effective Time.* Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, on the Closing Date, Parent, Merger Sub and the Company will cause the Merger to be consummated pursuant to the DGCL by filing a certificate of merger in customary form and substance (the "Certificate of

Merger") with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in accordance with the applicable provisions of the DGCL (the time of such filing and acceptance for record by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, or such later time as may be agreed in writing by Parent, Merger Sub and the Company and specified in the Certificate of Merger, being referred to herein as the "Effective Time").

2.3 *The Closing.* The consummation of the Merger (the "**Closing**") shall take place by the remote exchange of electronic copies of documents and signatures (including by Electronic Delivery) (a) in no event later than the third Business Day after the satisfaction or waiver (to the extent permitted hereunder) of the last to be satisfied or waived of the conditions set forth in Article VII (other than those conditions that by their terms are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver (to the extent permitted hereunder) of such conditions at the Closing; *provided*, that if any of the conditions set forth in Article VII are not satisfied or waived (to the extent permitted hereunder) on such third Business Day, then the Closing shall take place on the first Business Day thereafter on which all such conditions have been satisfied or waived (to the extent permitted hereunder); or (b) such other time, location and/or date as Parent and the Company mutually agree in writing. The date on which the Closing actually occurs is referred to as the "**Closing Date**."

2.4 *Effect of the Merger*. At the Effective Time, the effect of the Merger will be as provided in this Agreement and the applicable provisions of the DGCL. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, at the Effective Time all (a) of the property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of the Company and Merger Sub will vest in the Surviving Corporation; and (b) debts, liabilities and duties of the Company and Merger Sub will become the debts, liabilities and duties of the Surviving Corporation.

2.5 Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws.

(a) Surviving Corporation Certificate of Incorporation. At the Effective Time, subject to the provisions of Section 6.10(a), the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "**Charter**"), will be amended and restated in its entirety to read as set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, and such amended and restated certificate of incorporation until thereafter amended in accordance with the applicable provisions of the DGCL and such certificate of incorporation.

(b) *Surviving Corporation Bylaws*. At the Effective Time, subject to the provisions of Section 6.10(a), the bylaws of Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, will become the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended in accordance with the applicable provisions of the DGCL, the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation and such bylaws.

2.6 Directors and Officers.

(a) *Directors of the Surviving Corporation*. At the Effective Time, the initial directors of the Surviving Corporation will be the directors of Merger Sub as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, each to hold office in accordance with the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified.

(b) Officers of the Surviving Corporation. At the Effective Time, the initial officers of the Surviving Corporation will be the officers of the Company as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, each to hold office in accordance with the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until their respective successors are duly appointed.

2.7 Effect of Merger on Company Common Stock.

(a) Company Common Stock. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the Buyer Parties, the Company or the holders of any of the following securities, the following will occur:

(i) each share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Merger Sub that is outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time will be converted into one validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable share of common stock of the Surviving Corporation, and thereupon each certificate representing ownership of such shares of common stock of Merger Sub will thereafter represent ownership of shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation;

(ii) each share of Company Common Stock that is outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than Owned Company Shares or Dissenting Company Shares) will be cancelled and extinguished and automatically converted into the right to receive cash in an amount equal to \$14.35, without interest thereon (the "**Per Share Price**"), in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.10 (or in the case of a lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, upon delivery of an affidavit (and bond, if required) in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.12);

(iii) each share of Company Common Stock that is (A) held by the Company Group as treasury stock or otherwise; (B) owned by the Buyer Parties (including the Sponsor Shares); or (C) owned by any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Buyer Parties as of immediately prior to the Effective Time (each, an "**Owned Company Share**") will be cancelled and extinguished without any conversion thereof or consideration paid therefor.

(b) Sponsor Shares. The Sponsor Shares shall not be entitled to receive the Per Share Price and shall, immediately prior to the Closing, be contributed, directly or indirectly, to Parent (or any direct or indirect parent company thereof) pursuant to the terms of the applicable Support Agreement and shall be treated in accordance with Section 2.7(a)(iii).

(c) Adjustment to the Per Share Price. The Per Share Price will be adjusted appropriately (and subject to the terms of the Charter) to reflect the effect of any stock split, reverse stock split, stock distribution or dividend (including any dividend or other distribution of securities convertible into Company Common Stock), reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, combination, exchange of shares or other similar change with respect to Company Common Stock occurring on or after the date hereof and prior to the Effective Time.

(d) Statutory Rights of Appraisal.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, all shares of Company Common Stock that are issued and outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time and held by Company Stockholders who shall have neither voted in favor of the Merger nor consented thereto in writing and who shall have (or for which the beneficial owner (as defined, for purposes of this Section 2.7(d), in Section 262(a) of the DGCL (shall have) properly and validly exercised their statutory rights of appraisal in respect of such shares of Company Common Stock in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL (the "**Dissenting Company Shares**") will not be converted into, or represent the right to receive, the Per Share Price pursuant to this Section 2.7. Holders of Dissenting Company Shares (or beneficial owners thereof) will be entitled to receive payment of the appraised value of such Dissenting Company Shares in

accordance with the provisions of Section 262 of the DGCL, except that all Dissenting Company Shares held by Company Stockholders (or beneficial owners) who shall have failed to perfect or who shall have effectively withdrawn or lost their rights to appraisal of such Dissenting Company Shares pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL will thereupon be deemed to have been converted into, and to have become exchangeable for, as of the Effective Time, the right to receive the Per Share Price, without interest thereon, upon surrender of the Certificates or Uncertificated Shares that formerly evidenced such shares of Company Common Stock in the manner provided in Section 2.10.

(ii) The Company will give Parent (A) prompt notice of any demands for appraisal received by the Company, withdrawals of such demands and any other instruments served pursuant to the DGCL and received by the Company in respect of Dissenting Company Shares; and (B) the opportunity to participate in all negotiations and Legal Proceedings with respect to demands for appraisal pursuant to the DGCL in respect of Dissenting Company Shares. The Company may not, except with the prior written consent of Parent, make any payment with respect to any demands for appraisal or settle or offer to settle any such demands for payment in respect of Dissenting Company Shares. For purposes of this Section 2.7(d)(ii), "participate" means that Parent will be kept apprised of proposed strategy and other significant decisions with respect to demands for appraisal pursuant to the DGCL in respect of Dissenting Company Shares (to the extent that the attorney-client privilege between the Company and its counsel is not undermined or otherwise affected), and Parent may offer comments or suggestions with respect to such demands but will not be afforded any decision-making power or other authority over such demands except for the payment, settlement or compromise consent set forth above.

2.8 Equity Awards.

(a) Company Options Granted Under the 2018 Equity Plan. At the Effective Time, each outstanding Company Option that was granted under the 2018 Equity Plan (each, a "2018 Company Option"), whether vested or unvested, shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be converted into an option to purchase (each, a "Converted Company Option"), subject to the same terms and conditions (including applicable vesting conditions) as applied to such 2018 Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, (i) the number of shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation equal to the number of shares of Company Option. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the per-share exercise price and the number of shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation purchasable pursuant to each Converted Company Option shall be determined in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

(b) Company Options Granted Under the 2021 Equity Plan.

(i) At the Effective Time, each outstanding Company Option that was granted under the 2021 Equity Plan (each, a "2021 Company Option") and that is vested at the Effective Time (each, a "Vested 2021 Company Option"), shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and converted into the right to receive an amount (without interest), in cash, equal in value to (A) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Vested 2021 Company Option *multiplied by* (B) the excess, if any, of the Per Share Price over the exercise price per share of Company Common Stock underlying such Vested 2021 Company Option (the "Vested 2021 Company Option Consideration"). Any Vested 2021 Company Option that has an exercise price per share of Company Common Stock that is greater than or equal to the Per Share Price shall be cancelled at the Effective Time for no consideration.

(ii) At the Effective Time, each outstanding 2021 Company Option that is not a Vested 2021 Company Option (each, an "**Unvested 2021 Company Option**") shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and converted into the contingent right to receive from Parent or the Surviving Corporation an aggregate amount (without interest) in cash (a "**Converted Cash Award**") equal in value to (A) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Unvested 2021 Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time *multiplied by* (B) the excess, if any, of the Per Share Price over the exercise price per share of Company Common Stock under such Unvested 2021 Company Option. Each such Converted Cash Award assumed and converted pursuant to this Section 2.8(b)(ii) will continue to have, and will be subject to, the same vesting terms and conditions as applied to the corresponding Unvested 2021 Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time. Any Unvested 2021 Company Option that has an exercise price per share of Company Common Stock that is greater than or equal to the Per Share Price shall be cancelled at the Effective Time for no consideration.

(c) Company RSUs.

(i) At the Effective Time, each Company RSU that is outstanding and vested (but not yet settled) at the Effective Time, taking into account any acceleration of vesting of any such Company RSU that is held by a non-employee director of the Company Board that occurs upon the Effective Time (each, a "Vested Company RSU"), shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and converted into the right to receive an amount (without interest) in cash equal in value to (A) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Vested Company RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time *multiplied by* (B) the Per Share Price (the "Vested Company RSU Consideration").

(ii) At the Effective Time, each outstanding Company RSU that is not a Vested Company RSU (each, an "**Unvested Company RSU**") shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and converted into a Converted Cash Award equal in value to (A) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Unvested Company RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time *multiplied by* (B) the Per Share Price. Each such Converted Cash Award assumed and converted pursuant to this Section 2.8(c)(ii) will continue to have, and will be subject to, the same vesting terms and conditions as applied to the corresponding Unvested Company RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time.

(d) Company PRSUs.

(i) At the Effective Time, each Company PRSU that is outstanding and subject to an absolute total shareholder return performance condition (each, an "aTSR PRSU") shall be cancelled for no consideration.

(ii) If the Closing Date occurs prior to the date that the Company publicly announces its earnings for the fiscal 2023 fourth quarter and the full 2023 fiscal year, then at the Effective Time, each Company PRSU that is outstanding and subject to an adjusted EBITDA performance condition (each, an "**AEBITDA PRSU**") shall, automatically and without any action required on the part of the holder thereof, be cancelled and converted into a Converted Cash Award equal in value to the total number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such AEBITDA PRSU immediately prior to the Effective Time. Each such Converted Cash Award assumed and converted pursuant to this Section 2.8(d)(ii) will continue to have, and will be subject to, the same service-based vesting terms and conditions as applied to the corresponding AEBITDA PRSU immediately prior to the Effective Time (for clarity, such Converted Cash Award will vest

in equal installments based on continued service through February 28, 2025 and February 28, 2026, subject to any accelerated vesting conditions set forth in the applicable award agreement for such AEBITDA PRSU).

(e) Payment Procedures. The Surviving Corporation or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, shall pay, through the payroll system or payroll provider of the Surviving Corporation or its applicable Subsidiary, to the applicable holders of the Vested 2021 Company Options, Company RSUs and Company PRSUs, the Vested 2021 Company Option Consideration, the Vested Company RSU Consideration and all amounts that become payable on vesting of the Converted Cash Awards, as applicable. The Vested 2021 Company Option Consideration and the Vested Company RSU Consideration will be paid no later than the second regularly scheduled payroll date of the Surviving Corporation or its applicable Subsidiary following the Closing Date. The amounts that become payable on vesting of the Converted Cash Awards will be paid no later than the second regularly scheduled payroll date of the Surviving Corporation or its applicable Subsidiary following the Closing Date. The amounts that become payable on vesting of the Converted Cash Awards will be paid no later than the second regularly scheduled payroll date of the Surviving Corporation or its applicable Subsidiary following the release effective date, if the vesting of such Converted Cash Award is subject to the holder's execution of a release of claims). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any payment owed to such holders cannot be made through the Surviving Corporation's or its applicable Subsidiary's payroll system or payroll provider, then the Surviving Corporation will issue a check for such payment to such holder, which check will be sent by overnight courier to such holder by the applicable date determined in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence.

(f) *Further Actions.* The Company shall pass resolutions approving, and take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary or required to effect, the treatment of the Company Options, Company RSUs and Company PRSUs under this Section 2.8.

2.9 Company ESPP. Prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall take all actions as are necessary to (a) provide that no new individuals will be permitted to enroll in the Company ESPP on or following the date of this Agreement; (b) make any adjustments that may be necessary or advisable to reflect that the offering period that is in effect on the date of this Agreement (the "**Current Offering Period**") shall be shortened if required pursuant to this Section 2.9, but otherwise treat the Current Offering Period as a fully effective and completed offering period for all purposes pursuant to the Company ESPP; (c) not allow any increase in the amount of participants' payroll deduction elections under the Company ESPP during the Current Offering Period from those in effect on the date of this Agreement; (d) cause the exercise (as of no later than one Business Day prior to the date on which the Effective Time occurs) of each outstanding purchase right pursuant to the Company ESPP, but otherwise not issue any Company Common Stock under the Company ESPP; (e) provide that no further offering period will commence pursuant to the Company ESPP on or after the date of this Agreement; and (f) not extend the Current Offering Period. If purchase rights are exercised under the Company ESPP pursuant to the foregoing clause (d) prior to the Closing Date, on such exercise date, the Company will apply the funds credited as of such date pursuant to the Company ESPP within each participant's account to the purchase of whole shares of Company Common Stock in accordance with the terms of the Company ESPP. Immediately prior to and effective as of the Effective Time (but subject to the consummation of the Merger), the Company shall terminate the Company ESPP and no further rights shall be granted or exercised under the Company ESPP thereafter.

2.10 Exchange of Certificates.

(a) Payment Agent. Prior to the Closing, (i) Parent will select a bank or trust company reasonably acceptable to the Company to act as the payment agent for the Merger (the "**Payment Agent**"); and (ii) Parent will enter into a payment agent agreement, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company, with such Payment Agent.

(b) Exchange Fund. At or prior to the Closing, Parent will deposit (or cause to be deposited) with the Payment Agent, by wire transfer of immediately available funds, for payment to the holders of shares of Company Common Stock pursuant to Section 2.7, an amount of cash equal to the aggregate consideration to which such holders become entitled pursuant to Section 2.7. Until disbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, such cash will be invested by the Payment Agent, as directed by Parent or the Surviving Corporation, in (i) obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States with a maturity of no more than 30 days; (ii) commercial paper obligations rated A-1 or P-1 or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Corporation, respectively; or (iii) certificates of deposit, bank repurchase agreements or banker's acceptances of commercial banks with capital exceeding \$1,000,000,000 (based on the most recent financial statements of such bank that are then publicly available) (such cash and any proceeds thereon, the "**Exchange Fund**"). To the extent that (A) there are any losses with respect to any investments of the Exchange Fund; (B) the Exchange Fund diminishes for any reason below the level required for the Payment Agent to promptly pay the cash amounts contemplated by Section 2.7; or (C) all or any portion of the Exchange Fund is unavailable for distribution and maintained at a level sufficient for the Payment Agent to be replaced or restored, so as to ensure that the Exchange Fund is at all times fully available for distribution and maintained at a level sufficient for the Payment Agent to make the payments contemplated by Section 2.7. Any income from investment of the Exchange Fund will be payable to Parent or the Surviving Corporation, as Parent directs.

(c) Payment Procedures. Promptly following the Closing (and in any event within three Business Days following the Closing), Parent and the Surviving Corporation will cause the Payment Agent to mail to each holder of record (as of immediately prior to the Effective Time) of (i) a certificate or certificates that immediately prior to the Effective Time represented outstanding shares of Company Common Stock (other than Dissenting Company Shares and Owned Company Shares, as applicable) (the "Certificates"); (ii) uncertificated shares of Company Common Stock (other than Dissenting Company Shares and Owned Company Shares, as applicable) (the "Uncertificated Shares"): (A) a letter of transmittal in customary form (which will specify that delivery will be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Certificates will pass, only upon delivery of the Certificates to the Payment Agent); and (B) instructions for use in effecting the surrender of the Certificates and Uncertificated Shares, as applicable, in exchange for the Per Share Price, payable in respect thereof pursuant to Section 2.7. Upon surrender of Certificates for cancellation to the Payment Agent, together with such letter of transmittal, duly completed and validly executed in accordance with the instructions thereto, the holders of such Certificates will be entitled to receive in exchange therefor an amount in cash equal to the product obtained by multiplying (x) the aggregate number of shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificate; by (y) the Per Share Price (subject to any applicable withholding in accordance with Section 2.13), and the Certificates so surrendered will forthwith be cancelled. Upon receipt of an "agent's message" by the Payment Agent (or such other evidence, if any, of transfer as the Payment Agent may reasonably request) in the case of a book-entry transfer of Uncertificated Shares, the holders of such Uncertificated Shares will be entitled to receive in exchange therefor an amount in cash equal to the product obtained by multiplying (1) the aggregate number of shares of Company Common Stock represented by such holder's transferred Uncertificated Shares; by (2) the Per Share Price (subject to any applicable withholding in accordance with Section 2.13), and the transferred Uncertificated Shares so surrendered will be cancelled. The Payment Agent will accept such Certificates and transferred Uncertificated Shares upon compliance with such reasonable terms and conditions as the Payment Agent may impose to cause an orderly exchange thereof in accordance with normal exchange practices. No interest will be paid or accrued for the benefit of holders of the Certificates and Uncertificated Shares on the Per Share Price, payable

upon the surrender of such Certificates and Uncertificated Shares pursuant to this Section 2.10(c). Until so surrendered, outstanding Certificates and Uncertificated Shares will be deemed from and after the Effective Time to evidence only the right to receive the Per Share Price without interest thereon, payable in respect thereof pursuant to Section 2.7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, no holder of Uncertificated Shares will be required to provide a Certificate or an executed letter of transmittal to the Payment Agent in order to receive the payment that such holder is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 2.7.

(d) *DTC Payment*. Prior to the Closing, Parent and the Company will cooperate to establish procedures with the Payment Agent and the Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**") with the objective that (i) if the Closing occurs at or prior to 11:30 a.m., Eastern time, on the Closing Date, then the Payment Agent will transmit to DTC or its nominees on the Closing Date an amount in cash, by wire transfer of immediately available funds, equal to (A) the number of shares of Company Common Stock (other than Owned Company Shares and Dissenting Company Shares) held of record by DTC or such nominee immediately prior to the Effective Time; multiplied by (B) the Per Share Price (such amount, the "**DTC Payment**"); and (ii) if the Closing occurs after 11:30 a.m., Eastern time, on the Closing Date, then the Payment Agent will transmit the DTC Payment to DTC or its nominees on the first Business Day after the Closing Date.

(e) *Transfers of Ownership*. Subject, in all cases, to the terms and conditions of the Charter in respect of Company Common Stock, if a transfer of ownership of shares of Company Common Stock is not registered in the stock transfer books or ledger of the Company or if the Per Share Price is to be paid in a name other than that in which the Certificates or Uncertificated Shares surrendered or transferred in exchange therefor are registered in the stock transfer books or ledger of the Company, the Per Share Price may be paid to a Person other than the Person in whose name the Certificate or Uncertificated Share so surrendered or transferred is registered in the stock transfer books or ledger of the Company, as applicable, only if, in the case of shares of Company Common Stock represented by Certificates, such Certificate is properly endorsed and otherwise in proper form for surrender and transfer, or in the case of Uncertificated Shares, a proper transfer instruction is presented, and in either case the Person requesting such payment has paid to Parent (or any agent designated by Parent) any transfer Taxes required by Parent) that such transfer Taxes have been paid or are otherwise not payable.

(f) No Liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, none of the Payment Agent, Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any other Party will be liable to a holder of shares of Company Common Stock, for any amount properly paid to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar law.

(g) Distribution of Exchange Fund to Parent. Any portion of the Exchange Fund that remains undistributed to the holders of the Certificates or Uncertificated Shares on the date that is one year after the Closing Date, as applicable, will be delivered to Parent (as directed by Parent) upon demand, and any holders of shares of Company Common Stock that were issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, who have not theretofore surrendered or transferred their Certificates or Uncertificated Shares representing such shares of Company Common Stock, for exchange pursuant to this Section 2.10 will thereafter look for payment of the Per Share Price (subject to any applicable withholding in accordance with Section 2.13) without interest thereon, payable in respect of the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificates or Uncertificated Shares solely to Parent (subject to abandoned property, escheat or similar laws), solely as general creditors thereof, for any claim to the Per Share Price, to which

such holders may be entitled pursuant to Section 2.7. Any amounts remaining unclaimed by holders of any such Certificates or Uncertificated Shares two years after the Closing Date, or at such earlier date as is immediately prior to the time at which such amounts would otherwise escheat to, or become property of, any Governmental Authority, will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, become the property of the Surviving Corporation, free and clear of any claims or interest of any such holders (and their successors, assigns or personal representatives) previously entitled thereto.

2.11 No Further Ownership Rights in Company Common Stock. From and after the Effective Time, (a) all shares of Company Common Stock will no longer be outstanding and will automatically be converted or cancelled and retired, as applicable, in accordance with Section 2.7 and cease to exist; and (b) each holder of Certificates or Uncertificated Shares theretofore representing any shares of Company Common Stock will cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the right to receive the Per Share Price, payable therefor in accordance with Section 2.7, or in the case of Dissenting Company Shares, the rights pursuant to Section 2.7(d), subject in each case, to any applicable withholding in accordance with Section 2.13. The Per Share Price paid in accordance with the terms of this Article II will be deemed to have been paid in full satisfaction of all rights pertaining to such shares of Company Common Stock. From and after the Effective Time, there will be no further registration of transfers on the records of the Surviving Corporation of shares of Company Common Stock that were issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than transfers to reflect, in accordance with customary settlement procedures, trades effected prior to the Effective Time. If, after the Effective Time, Certificates or Uncertificated Shares are presented to the Surviving Corporation for any reason, they will (subject to compliance with the exchange procedures of Section 2.10(c)) be cancelled and exchanged as provided in this Article II.

2.12 Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates. In the event that any Certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Payment Agent will issue in exchange therefor, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the holder thereof, the Per Share Price payable in respect of the share of Company Common Stock formerly represented by such Certificate pursuant to Section 2.7, subject in each case, to any applicable withholding in accordance with Section 2.13. Parent or the Payment Agent may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the payment of such Per Share Price, require the owners of such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificates to deliver a bond in such customary amount as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against Parent, the Surviving Corporation or the Payment Agent with respect to the Certificates alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

2.13 *Required Withholding.* Each of the Payment Agent, Parent, the Company and the Surviving Corporation will be entitled to deduct and withhold from any amounts payable pursuant to this Agreement any amounts as are required to be deducted or withheld therefrom pursuant to any Tax laws. To the extent that any amounts are so deducted or withheld and paid over to the appropriate Governmental Authority, such amounts will be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the Person with respect to whom such deduction or withholding was made.

2.14 *No Dividends or Distributions.* No dividends or other distributions with respect to the capital stock of the Surviving Corporation with a record date on or after the Effective Time will be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Certificates or Uncertificated Shares.

2.15 Necessary Further Actions. If, at any time after the Effective Time, any further action is necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Agreement and to vest the Surviving Corporation with full right, title and possession to all assets, property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of the Company

or Merger Sub, then the directors and officers of the Company and Merger Sub will take all such lawful and necessary action.

ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

With respect to any Section of this Article III, except (a) as disclosed in the reports, statements and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC or furnished by the Company to the SEC, in each case, pursuant to the Exchange Act on or after the IPO Date and no later than one Business Day prior to the date hereof (other than any disclosures contained or referenced therein under the captions "Risk Factors," "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" and any other disclosures contained or referenced therein of information, factors or risks that are predictive, cautionary or forward-looking in nature) (the "**Company SEC Reports**") (it being understood and agreed that (i) any matter disclosed in any Company SEC Report will be deemed to be disclosed in a section of the Company Disclosure Letter only to the extent that it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure in such Company SEC Report that it is applicable to such section 3.7 or Section 3.12(a)(ii)); or (b) subject to the terms of Section 9.12, as set forth in the disclosure letter delivered by the Company to the Buyer Parties on the date hereof (the "**Company Disclosure Letter**"), the Company hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer Parties as follows:

3.1 Organization; Good Standing. The Company (a) is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing pursuant to the DGCL; and (b) has the requisite corporate power and authority to conduct its business as it is presently being conducted and to own, lease or operate its properties and assets. The Company is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the character of its properties owned or leased or the nature of its activities make such qualification necessary (to the extent that the concept of "good standing" is applicable in the case of any jurisdiction outside the United States), except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made available to Parent true, correct and complete copies of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Company (the "**Bylaws**"). The Company is not in violation of the Charter or the Bylaws.

3.2 Corporate Power; Enforceability. The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to (a) execute and deliver this Agreement; (b) perform its covenants and obligations hereunder; and (c) subject to receiving the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, consummate the Merger. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company of its covenants and obligations hereunder, and the consummation of the Merger have been duly authorized and approved by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and no additional corporate actions on the part of the Company are necessary to authorize (i) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company; (ii) the performance by the Company of its covenants and obligations hereunder; or (iii) subject to the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, the consummation of the Merger. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Buyer Parties, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceability (A) may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally; and (B) is subject to general principles of equity (collectively, the "Enforceability Limitations").

3.3 Special Committee and Company Board Approval; Fairness Opinion; Anti-Takeover Laws.

(a) Special Committee Approval. The Special Committee has (i) determined that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of the Company and the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders; (ii) recommended to the Company Board that it approve this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (iii) resolved to recommend that the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders adopt this this Agreement at any Company Stockholder Meeting (collectively, the "Special Committee Recommendation"), which Special Committee Recommendation has not been withdrawn, rescinded or modified in any way as of the date hereof.

(b) Company Board Approval. The Company Board has (i) determined that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of the Company and the Company Stockholders; (ii) approved the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and the consummation of the Merger upon the terms and conditions set forth herein; and (iii) resolved to recommend that the Company Stockholders adopt this Agreement in accordance with the DGCL at any Company Stockholder Meeting (collectively, the "Company Board Recommendation"), which Company Board Recommendation has not been withdrawn, rescinded or modified in any way as of the date hereof.

(c) *Fairness Opinion*. The Special Committee has received the written opinion (or an oral opinion to be confirmed in writing) of Centerview Partners LLC (the "**Advisor**"), to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion, and based upon and subject to the various assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, and qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the Per Share Price to be paid to holders of shares of Company Common Stock (other than the Sponsor Stockholders and their Affiliates) pursuant to this Agreement is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders (it being understood and agreed that such written opinion is for the benefit of the Special Committee and may not be relied upon by the Buyer Parties). The Company shall, following the execution of this Agreement by all Parties, furnish an accurate, complete and confidential copy of said opinion letter to Parent solely for informational purposes.

(d) Anti-Takeover Laws. Assuming that the representations of the Buyer Parties set forth in Section 4.5 and Section 4.11 are true and correct, the Company Board has taken all necessary actions so that the restrictions on business combinations set forth in Section 203 of the DGCL or in the Charter, the Bylaws, or any other similar organizational document of the Company (including ARTICLE NINE of the Charter) and any other similar applicable "anti-takeover" law will not be applicable to this Agreement, any Support Agreement or the Merger and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. There is no stockholder rights plan, "poison pill" antitakeover plan or similar device in effect to which any member of the Company Group subject, party or otherwise bound.

3.4 *Requisite Stockholder Approvals.* Except for (i) the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of all of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock entitled to vote on the proposal to adopt this Agreement and (ii) the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock held by the Unaffiliated Company Stockholders entitled to vote on the proposal to adopt this Agreement (the requisite votes described in the preceding clauses (i) and (ii) together, the "**Requisite Stockholder Approvals**"), no other vote of the holders of any class or series of Company Capital Stock is necessary pursuant to applicable law, the Charter or the Bylaws to adopt this Agreement and consummate the Merger.

3.5 Non-Contravention. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company, the performance by the Company of its covenants and obligations hereunder, and the consummation of the Merger do not (a) violate or conflict with any provision of the Charter or the Bylaws; (b) violate, conflict with, result in the breach of, constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) pursuant to, result in the termination of, accelerate the performance required by, or result in a right of termination or acceleration pursuant to any Material Contract; (c) assuming compliance with the matters referred to in Section 3.6 and, in the case of the consummation of the Merger, subject to obtaining the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, violate or conflict with any law or order applicable to the Company Group or by which any of its properties or assets are bound; or (d) result in the creation of any lien (other than Permitted Liens) upon any of the properties or assets of the Company Group, except in the case of each of clauses (b), (c) and (d) for such violations, conflicts, breaches, defaults, terminations, accelerations or liens that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

3.6 *Requisite Governmental Approvals*. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, filing or registration with, or notification to (any of the foregoing, a "**Consent**") any Governmental Authority is required on the part of the Company in connection with (a) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company; (b) the performance by the Company of its covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement; or (c) the consummation of the Merger, except (i) the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and such filings with Governmental Authorities to satisfy the applicable laws of states in which the Company Group is qualified to do business; (ii) such filings and approvals as may be required by any federal or state securities laws, including compliance with any applicable requirements of the HSR Act; and (iv) such other Consents the failure of which to obtain or make would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

3.7 Company Capitalization.

(a) *Capital Stock.* The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of (i) 1,000,000,000 shares of Company Common Stock, and (ii) 100,000,000 shares of Company Preferred Stock. As of 5:00 p.m., Eastern time, on February 12, 2024 (such time and date, the "**Capitalization Date**"), (A) 67,351,207 shares of Company Common Stock were issued and outstanding; (B) no shares of Company Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding; and (C) 12,848,092 shares of Company Common Stock were held by the Company as treasury shares. All outstanding shares of Company Common Stock are validly issued, fully paid, nonassessable. From the Capitalization Date to the date hereof, the Company has not issued or granted any Company Securities other than pursuant to the exercise or settlement of Company Equity Awards granted prior to the date hereof.

(b) *Stock Reservation.* As of the Capitalization Date, there were outstanding the following (collectively, the "**Company Equity Awards**"): (i) 2018 Company Options to acquire 2,896,018 shares of Company Common Stock having a weighted average exercise price of \$16.19, (ii) 2021 Company Options to acquire 1,596,780 shares of Company Common Stock having a weighted average exercise price of \$18.34, (iii) Company RSUs in respect of 1,472,363 shares of Company Common Stock and (iv) Company PRSUs in respect of (A) 2,282,114 shares of Company Common Stock (assuming target performance) and (B) 2,534,409 shares of Company Common Stock (assuming maximum performance). In addition, as of the Capitalization Date, 49,327 shares of Company Common Stock are subject to outstanding purchase rights under the Company ESPP (based on the Per Share Price and assuming employee contributions continue until the purchase date at the levels in place as of the Capitalization Date). The Company has made available to Parent a true, correct and complete list, as of the Capitalization Date, with respect to each

outstanding Company Equity Award, of the name or employee number of the holder of such Company Equity Award, the grant date of such Company Equity Award, the vested status, in the case of any Company PRSU, an indication of whether it is an aTSR PRSU or an AEBITDA PRSU, and, in the case of any Company Option, the per share exercise price and the expiration date. No Company Option is intended to be an "incentive stock option" (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code).

(c) Company Securities. Except as set forth in this Section 3.7, as of the Capitalization Date, there were (i) no outstanding shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in (including voting debt), the Company; (ii) no outstanding securities of the Company convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest (including voting debt) in, the Company; (iii) no outstanding options, warrants or other rights or binding arrangements to acquire from the Company, or that obligate the Company to issue, any capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest (including voting debt) in, the Company; (iv) no obligations of the Company to grant, extend or enter into any subscription, warrant, right, convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security, or other similar Contract relating to any capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest (including shares of restricted stock, nestricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, performance shares, contingent value rights, "phantom" stock or similar securities or rights that are derivative of, or provide economic benefits based, directly or indirectly, on the value or price of, any capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, the Company (the items in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v), collectively with the Company is bound with respect to the voting of any shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, the Company (vii) no other obligations or binding commitments of any character restricting the transfer of any shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, the Company; (vii) except as provided in the Charter or the Bylaws, no obligations or binding commitments of any character restricting the transfer of any shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, the Company (wiii) no other obligations or binding company shares based on the price or value of any Company Securities. The Company is not party to any contract t

(d) Other Rights. The Company is not a party to any Contract relating to the voting of, requiring registration of, or granting any preemptive rights, anti-dilutive rights or rights of first refusal or other similar rights with respect to any Company Securities. All outstanding shares of Company Common Stock are free of any preemptive rights.

(e) Company Credit Agreement. (i) As of the date hereof, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the Company Credit Agreement; and (ii) as of immediately prior to the Closing, without giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, there shall be no Event of Default that has occurred and is continuing under the Company Credit Agreement.

3.8 Subsidiaries.

(a) Subsidiaries. Each Subsidiary of the Company (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing pursuant to the laws of its jurisdiction of organization (to the extent that the concept of "good standing" is applicable in the case of any jurisdiction outside the United States); and (ii) has the requisite corporate (or similar) power and authority to carry on its business as it is presently being conducted

and to own, lease or operate its properties and assets, except where the failure to be so organized, validly existing and in good standing would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Each Subsidiary of the Company is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the character of its properties owned or leased or the nature of its activities make such qualification necessary (to the extent that the concept of "good standing" is applicable in the case of any jurisdiction outside the United States), except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect. No Subsidiary of the Company is in violation of its charter, bylaws or other similar organizational documents, except for such violations that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Capital Stock of Subsidiaries. All of the outstanding capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, each Subsidiary of the Company (i) has been duly authorized, validly issued and is fully paid and nonassessable; and (ii) except for directors' qualifying or similar shares, is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company, free and clear of all liens (other than Permitted Liens) and any other restriction (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of such capital stock or other equity or voting interest) that would prevent such Subsidiary from conducting its business as of the Effective Time in substantially the same manner that such business is conducted on the date hereof.

(c) Other Securities of Subsidiaries. There are no outstanding (i) securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, any Subsidiary of the Company; (ii) options, warrants or other rights or arrangements obligating the Company Group to acquire from any Subsidiary of the Company, or that obligate any Subsidiary of the Company to issue, any capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for, shares of capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest (including any voting interest (including any voting debt) in, any Subsidiary of the Company; or (iii) obligations of any Subsidiary of the Company to grant, extend or enter into any subscription, warrant, right, convertible or exchangeable security, or other similar Contract relating to any capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest (including any voting debt) in, such Subsidiary to any Person other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries.

(d) Other Investments. Other than equity securities held in the ordinary course of business for cash management purposes, the Company does not own or hold the right to acquire any equity securities, ownership interests or voting interests (including voting debt) of, or securities exchangeable or exercisable therefor, or investments in, any other Person.

3.9 Company SEC Reports. Since the IPO Date, the Company has filed all forms, reports and documents with the SEC that have been required to be filed by it pursuant to applicable laws prior to the date hereof. Each Company SEC Report complied, as of its filing date, in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, each as in effect on the date that such Company SEC Report was filed. True, correct and complete copies of all Company SEC Reports are publicly available in the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval database of the SEC. As of its filing date (or, if amended or superseded by a filing prior to the date hereof, on the date of such amended or superseded filing), each Company SEC Report did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. No Subsidiary of the Company is required to file any forms, reports or documents with the SEC. To the Company's Knowledge, no Company SEC Report is the subject of ongoing SEC review, comment or investigation.

3.10 Company Financial Statements; Internal Controls.

(a) Company Financial Statements. The consolidated financial statements (including any related notes and schedules) of the Company Group filed with the Company SEC Reports (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto or as otherwise permitted by Form 10-Q with respect to any financial statements filed on Form 10-Q); and (ii) fairly present, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company Group as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of operations and cash flows for the periods then ended (subject, in the case of any financial statements filed on Form 10-Q, to normal year-end adjustments). Except as have been described in the Company SEC Reports, there are no unconsolidated Subsidiaries of the Company or any off-balance sheet arrangements of the type required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 303(a)(4) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC.

(b) Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Company has established and maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" and "internal control over financial reporting" (in each case as defined pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act). The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that all (i) material information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports and other documents that it files or furnishes pursuant to the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC; and (ii) such material information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications required pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Company's management has completed an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting in compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, and such assessment concluded that such internal control was effective. Since the IPO Date, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer has received notice from any Governmental Authority challenging or questioning the accuracy, completeness, form or manner of filing of such certifications.

(c) Internal Controls. The Company has established and maintains a system of internal accounting controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, including policies and procedures that (i) require the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company Group; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP and that receipts and expenditures of the Company Group are being made only in accordance with appropriate authorizations of the Company's management and the Company Board; and (iii) provide assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the assets of the Company Group. Neither the Company nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm has identified or been made aware of (A) any significant deficiency or material weakness in the system of internal control over financial reporting utilized by the Company Group that has not been subsequently remediated; or (B) any fraud that involves the Company's management or other employees who have a role in the preparation of financial statements or the internal control over financial reporting utilized by the Company Group. As of the date hereof, there are no outstanding or unresolved comments in comment letters received from the SEC with respect to the Company SEC Reports.

3.11 No Undisclosed Liabilities. The Company Group has no liabilities other than liabilities (a) reflected or otherwise reserved against in the Audited Company Balance Sheet or in the consolidated financial statements of the Company Group (including the notes thereto) included in the Company SEC Reports filed prior to the date hereof; (b) arising pursuant to this Agreement or incurred in connection with the Merger; (c) incurred in the ordinary course of business on or after December 31, 2022; (d) liabilities for performance of obligations under Contracts binding upon any member of the Company Group (other than resulting from a breach thereof) made available to Parent prior to the date of this Agreement; or (e) that would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

3.12 Absence of Certain Changes.

(a) No Company Material Adverse Effect. Since September 30, 2023 through the date hereof, (i) the business of the Company Group has been conducted, in all material respects, in the ordinary course of business and (ii) there has not occurred a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Forbearance. Since September 30, 2023 through the date hereof, the Company has not taken any action that would be prohibited by Section 5.2 (other than subsections 5.2(c), 5.2(j), 5.2(j), 5.2(j) (for any such action that was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company Board, unless approval was not required under the Company's normal governance procedures), 5.2(n), 5.2(o), 5.2(s), 5.2(w) and 5.2(x) (to the extent related to the foregoing subsections), if taken or proposed to be taken after the date hereof.

3.13 Material Contracts.

(a) Validity. Each Material Contract is valid and binding on the Company or each such Subsidiary of the Company party thereto and is in full force and effect, and none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries party thereto or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party thereto is in breach of or default pursuant to any such Material Contract, except for such failures to be in full force and effect that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect. No event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a breach or default pursuant to any Material Contract by the Company Group, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party thereto, except for such breaches and defaults that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Notices from Material Relationships. To the Knowledge of the Company, since September 30, 2023 to the date hereof, the Company has not received any notice in writing from or on behalf of any Material Relationship indicating that such Material Relationship intends to terminate, or not renew, any Material Contract with such Material Relationship.

3.14 Real Property.

(a) Owned Real Property. The Company Group does not own any real property.

(b) Leased Real Property. With respect to each of the existing leases, subleases, licenses or other agreements pursuant to which the Company Group uses or occupies, or has the right to use or occupy, now or in the future, any real property (such property, the "Leased Real Property," and each such lease, sublease, license or other similar agreement, a "Lease") (including all material modifications, amendments and supplements thereto) and except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the current use by the Company or its Subsidiaries of the Leased Real

Property, (i) to the Knowledge of the Company, there are no disputes with respect to such Lease; (ii) the Company or one of its Subsidiaries has not collaterally assigned or granted any other security interest in such Lease or any interest therein; and (iii) there are no liens (other than Permitted Liens) on the estate or interest created by such Lease. The Company or one of its Subsidiaries has valid leasehold estates in the Leased Real Property, free and clear of all liens (other than Permitted Liens). Neither the Company Group, nor to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party to the Lease is in material breach of or default pursuant to any Lease.

(c) *Subleases*. With respect to all of the Company's existing material subleases, licenses or similar agreements (each, a "**Sublease**") granting to any Person, other than the Company Group, any right to use or occupy, now or in the future, the Leased Real Property (i) to the Knowledge of the Company, there are no disputes with respect to such Sublease that would result in material liability to the Company Group, taken as a whole; (ii) the other party to such Sublease is not an Affiliate of the Company Group.

3.15 *Environmental Matters*. Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, none of the members of the Company Group (a) has received any written notice alleging that the Company or any Subsidiary has violated, or has any liability under, any applicable Environmental Law; (b) has transported, produced, processed, manufactured, distributed, generated, used, treated, handled, stored, released or disposed, or arranged for the disposal, of any Hazardous Substances in violation of or in a manner giving rise to liability under any applicable Environmental Law (and neither has any other Person to the extent giving rise to liability under any applicable Environmental Law (and neither has any other Person to the extent giving rise to liability under any applicable Environmental Law; (d) is a party to or is the subject of any pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened Legal Proceeding (i) alleging the noncompliance by the Company Group with any Environmental Law, or (ii) seeking to impose liability, including any responsibility for any investigation, cleanup, removal or remediation, pursuant to any Environmental Law; (e) has failed or is failing to comply with any Environmental Law, which compliance includes obtaining, possessing and maintaining all Permits required under applicable Environmental Law; or (f) owns, leases or operates, or has owned, leased or operated, any property or facility contaminated by any Hazardous Substance, so as to result in liability to the Company or any Subsidiary under Environmental Law. The Company Group has furnished to the Buyer Parties all environmental, health or safety assessments, audits, reports and other material environmental documents relating to the Company's, or its affiliates' or predecessors', past or current properties, facilities or operations which are in their possession or reasonable control.

3.16 Intellectual Property; Data Security and Privacy.

(a) Registered Intellectual Property. Except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole, the Company has maintained all material Company Registered Intellectual Property in the ordinary course consistent with reasonable business practices. None of the material Company Registered Intellectual Property is jointly owned with any third Person.

(b) No Order; No Proceedings. No material Company Intellectual Property is subject to any Legal Proceeding or outstanding legal order with respect to the Company Group restricting in any manner the use, transfer or licensing thereof by any member of the Company Group of such Company Intellectual Property or any Company Products, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(c) Absence of Liens. Except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole, the Company or one of its Subsidiaries exclusively owns and has good and valid legal and equitable title to each item of material Company Intellectual Property free and clear of any liens (other than Permitted Liens).

(d) IP Sufficiency. The Company Group exclusively owns or possesses all right title and interest in and to, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, otherwise has a valid and enforceable license to use, all material Intellectual Property that is used in, held for use in, or necessary for the operation of the business of the Company Group free and clear of all liens (except for Permitted Liens), except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(e) Transfers. Since the IPO Date, no member of the Company Group has transferred ownership of, or granted any exclusive license with respect to, any material Company Intellectual Property to any third Person.

(f) Development of Intellectual Property for Third Parties. Except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has developed Intellectual Property for any third party except where the Company or a Subsidiary owns or retains a right to use any Intellectual Property developed in connection therewith (to the extent that is used in, held for use in, or necessary for the operation of its business).

(g) *Changes.* Except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole, the consummation of the Merger will not result in: (i) the termination of any license of Intellectual Property to the Company by a third Person; (ii) the granting by the Company of any license or rights to any Company Intellectual Property; or (iii) the release from escrow of any material Company technology or software.

(h) No Government Funding. The Company is not under any obligation to license or pay royalties with respect to any material Company Intellectual Property to any Governmental Authority because it has received funding to develop such material Company Intellectual Property from a Governmental Authority.

(i) No Infringement. The operation of the business of the Company Group (including the manufacture and sale of the Company Products) as of the date hereof does not infringe, misappropriate, dilute or otherwise violate (nor since the IPO Date has infringed, misappropriated, diluted or otherwise violated) the Intellectual Property of any third Person pursuant to the laws of any jurisdiction, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(j) No Notice of Infringement. Since the IPO Date, the Company Group has not (i) received written notice of a Legal Proceeding, (ii) to the Knowledge of the Company, received any threat of a Legal Proceeding from any third Person, or (iii) been involved in any Legal Proceeding, in each case of (i)-(iii), alleging that the operation of the business of the Company Group or of the Company Products infringes, misappropriates, dilutes or otherwise violates the Intellectual Property of any third Person pursuant to the laws of any jurisdiction, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(k) No Third Person Infringement. Since the IPO Date, the Company Group has not provided any third Person with written notice claiming that such third Person is infringing, misappropriating,

diluting or otherwise violating any material Company Intellectual Property, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no such activity is occurring that has resulted in a material liability to the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(1) Proprietary Information. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has taken commercially reasonable steps to protect the Company's and its Subsidiaries' rights in their material confidential information and trade secrets, or any trade secrets or confidential information of third Persons provided to the Company Group. Without limiting the foregoing, each member of the Company Group has required each officer and employee, contractor or consultant engaged in the development of any material Intellectual Property or technology for the Company or its Subsidiaries to execute a proprietary information and confidentiality agreement assigning all such Intellectual Property or technology, as applicable to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries.

(m) *Business Systems*. The Company Group owns, leases, licenses, or otherwise has the legal right to use all Business Systems, and such Business Systems are sufficient for the needs of the Company Group's business as it is currently conducted, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole. The Company Group has implemented since the IPO Date, and maintains, commercially reasonable security, disaster recovery, and business continuity plans, procedures, and facilities designed to provide substantially continuous monitoring and alerting of material operational problems or issues with the Business Systems in the possession or operational control of the Company Group, except where the failure to implement and maintain such plans, procedures, or facilities would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole. In the last 12 months, with respect to any of the Business Systems, there has not, as of the date hereof, been any (i) unauthorized access or use; or (ii) failure that has not been remedied or replaced, except, in the case of the foregoing (i) or (ii), except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(n) Data Security and Privacy. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries (i) is, and since the IPO Date has been, in material compliance with all Data Security Requirements; and (ii) since the IPO Date, has taken reasonable steps consistent with standard industry practice by companies of similar size and maturity, and in compliance in all material respects with the Data Security Requirements, to protect (A) the confidentiality, integrity, availability, and security of its Business Systems that are involved in the Processing of Personally Identifiable Information and in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted; and (B) Personally Identifiable Information Processed by the Company or such Subsidiary from unauthorized use, access, disclosure, theft, and modification, except in each case as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole. As of the date hereof, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole, (i) there are no pending complaints, investigations, inquiries, notices, enforcement proceedings, or actions by or before any Governmental Authority and (ii) since the IPO Date, no fines or other penalties have been imposed on or written claims for compensation have been received by the Company or any Subsidiary, for violation of any Data Security Requirement in connection with any Specified Data Breach. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries have not since the IPO Date, (1) experienced any Specified Data Breaches; or (2) been involved in any Legal Proceedings related to any violation of any Data Security Requirements by the Company Group or any Specified Data Breaches, each except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(o) Company Products; Source Code. To the Knowledge of the Company, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole, there are (i) no defects in any Company Products or Business Systems; and (ii) no viruses, worms, Trojan horses or similar disabling codes

or programs in any of the same. As of the date hereof, the Company Group possesses all source code and other materials for all Company Products and Business Systems owned or purported to be owned by any member of the Company Group, except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole. The Company Group has not disclosed, delivered, licensed or otherwise made available, and does not have a duty or obligation (whether present, contingent, or otherwise) to disclose, deliver, license, or otherwise make available, any source code to any Company Products to any Person (other than Persons working with or on behalf of the Company and subject to reasonable confidentiality obligations), except as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

(p) Open Source Software. No Company Product is distributed with any Open Source Software in a manner that requires or would require the Company Group to disclose or license any proprietary source code to any Company Product or in a manner that requires any Company Product to be made available at no charge, except, in each case, as would not be material to the business of the Company Group, taken as a whole.

3.17 *Tax Matters*. Except as would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company hereby represents and warrants:

(a) *Tax Returns*. Each member of the Company Group has (i) timely filed (taking into account valid extensions obtained in the ordinary course of business) all Tax Returns required to be filed by any of them, and all such Tax Returns are true and complete and prepared in compliance with all applicable law; and (ii) paid, or has adequately reserved on the face of the Audited Company Balance Sheet (in accordance with GAAP) for the payment of, all income and other Taxes that are due and payable (whether or not shown on any Tax Return);

(b) Statutes of Limitations. None of the members of the Company Group has executed any waiver of any statute of limitations on, or extended the period for the assessment or collection of, any Tax, in each case that has not since expired;

(c) Taxes Paid. Each member of the Company Group has timely withheld with respect to their employees and other third Persons and paid over to the appropriate Tax authority all Taxes required to be paid or withheld;

(d) *No Audits*. (i) No audits or other examinations with respect to Taxes of the Company Group are presently in progress or have been asserted or proposed in writing and (ii) none of the members of the Company Group has received a written claim by a Governmental Authority in a jurisdiction where the Company Group does not file Tax Returns that the Company or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, is or may be subject to Tax in that jurisdiction;

(e) Spin-offs. In the past five years, none of the members of the Company Group has constituted either a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" in a distribution of stock intended to qualify for tax-free treatment pursuant to Section 355 of the Code;

(f) No Listed Transaction. None of the members of the Company Group has engaged in a "listed transaction" as set forth in Treasury Regulation § 1.6011-4(b)

(g) Tax Agreements. None of the members of the Company Group (i) is a party to or bound by, or currently has any liability pursuant to, any Tax sharing, allocation or indemnification agreement

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or obligation, other than any such agreement or obligation solely between and among members of the Company Group, or entered into in the ordinary course of business the primary purpose of which is unrelated to Taxes; or (ii) has any liability for the Taxes of any Person other than a member of the Company Group pursuant to Treasury Regulation § 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or non-United States law) as a transferee or successor;

(h) Foreign Taxation. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in a trade or business, had a permanent establishment (within the meaning of an applicable Tax treaty or convention between the United States and such foreign country), or otherwise been subject to taxation in any country other than the country in which it is incorporated or formed;

(i) No Liens. There are no liens (other than Permitted Liens) for Taxes on any equity, asset or property of the Company or its Subsidiaries;

(j) Closing Agreements and Rulings. No "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Tax law), private letter ruling, technical advice memoranda or similar agreement or ruling has been entered into or issued by any Governmental Authority with respect to any member of the Company Group which agreement or ruling would be effective after the Closing;

(k) Entity Classification. The Company is, and all times since its inception has been, classified as a C-corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and each of the Company's Subsidiaries is a corporation or disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

3.18 Employee Plans.

(a) *Employee Plans*. For purposes of this Agreement, "**Employee Plan**" shall mean (collectively) (i) all "employee benefit plans" (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), whether or not subject to ERISA; and (ii) all other employment, natural person consultant or other service, bonus, stock option, stock purchase or other equity-based, post-employment welfare benefit, incentive compensation, profit sharing, savings, retirement, disability, insurance, vacation, deferred compensation, severance, termination, retention, change in control compensation, fringe, welfare or other benefit or compensation plans, programs, agreements, contracts, policies or binding arrangements (whether or not in writing) (x) in each case that are sponsored, maintained or contributed to (or required to be contributed to) by any member of the Company Group; or (y) otherwise, under or with respect to which the Company Group has any obligation or liability, contingent or otherwise.

(b) Absence of Certain Plans. No member of the Company Group has, in the last six years, maintained, sponsored contributed to or has been required to contribute to or currently maintains, sponsors or participates in, contributes to or is required to contribute to, or otherwise has any current or contingent liability or obligation under or with respect to: (i) a "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA); (ii) a "multiple employer plan" (within the meaning of Section 210 of ERISA or Section 413(c) of the Code); (iii) a "defined benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(35) of ERISA) or an "employee pension benefit plan" that otherwise is or was subject to Section 302 of Title I of ERISA, Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA; or (iv) a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" (within the meaning of Section 210 of ERISA or Section 413(c) of the Code), including by reason of at any time being treated as a single employer with any other Person under Section 414 of the Code.

(c) *Compliance*. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, each Employee Plan has been established, maintained, funded, and administered, in form and operation, in accordance with its terms and with all applicable laws, including the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and any applicable regulatory guidance issued by any Governmental Authority. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, all required contributions, premiums and other payments relating to the Employee Plans have been timely and accurately made, and no Employee Plan has any unfunded liabilities that have not been fully accrued in accordance with GAAP. Each Employee Plan that is or was intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination or opinion letter from the IRS as to its qualified status, and nothing has occurred that could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, no member of the Company Group has incurred, whether or not assessed, any Tax or penalty under Sections 4980B, 4980D, 4980H, 6721 or 6722 of the Code and no circumstances exist that could result in the imposition of any such Tax or penalty.

(d) *Employee Plan Legal Proceedings*. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, there are no claims, disputes or Legal Proceedings pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to or against any Employee Plan, the assets of any trust pursuant to any Employee Plan, or the plan sponsor, plan administrator or any fiduciary of any Employee Plan, other than routine claims for benefits that have been or are being handled through an administrative claims procedure.

(e) Post-Employment and Post-Retirement Plans. No Employee Plan provides, and no member of the Company Group has any current or potential obligation to provide, post-employment, post-ownership, post-service or retiree life insurance, health or other welfare benefits to any Person, except as required by Section 4980B of the Code or any similar state law for which the covered Person pays the full cost of coverage.

(f) No Additional Rights. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the Merger will, either alone or in conjunction with any other event (whether contingent or otherwise), (i) result in, or accelerate the time of payment, funding or vesting of, any payment (including severance, change in control, stay or retention bonus or otherwise) or benefits becoming due under any Employee Plan or otherwise; (ii) increase any compensation or benefits otherwise payable under any Employee Plan or otherwise; (iii) result in the acceleration of the time of payment or vesting of any compensation or benefits under any Employee Plan or otherwise; (iv) trigger any other obligation under, or result in the breach or violation of, any Employee Plan; or (v) limit or restrict the right of Parent to merge, amend or terminate any material Employee Plan at or after the Effective Time (other than ordinary notice and administration requirements and expenses or routine claims for benefits).

(g) International Employee Plans. Each material Employee Plan that is maintained in any non-United States jurisdiction primarily for the benefit of any employee of the Company Group whose principal work location is outside of the United States (an "International Employee Plan") has been established, registered, maintained and administered in good standing and compliance with its terms and conditions and in all material respects with the requirements prescribed by any applicable laws or regulatory authorities. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, all employee and employee contributions to each International Employee Plan required by law or by the terms of such International Employee Plan have been

timely made or, if applicable, accrued in accordance with GAAP. No International Employee Plan is a defined benefit plan (as defined in ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA) or has material unfunded liabilities that as of the Effective Time will not be offset by insurance or fully accrued in accordance with GAAP. Except as required by applicable law, no condition exists that would prevent the Company Group from terminating or amending any International Employee Plan at any time for any reason without liability to any member of the Company Group (other than ordinary notice and administration requirements and expenses or routine claims for benefits). Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, each International Employee Plan that is required to be registered has been so registered and has been maintained in good standing with applicable regulatory authorities.

(h) No Tax Gross-Ups. No member of the Company Group has any obligation to gross-up or indemnify any individual with respect to any Tax, including under Section 409A or 4999 of the Code.

3.19 Labor Matters.

(a) Union Activities. The Company Group is not a party to or bound by any collective bargaining agreement, labor union contract or trade union agreement or other Contract with any labor union, works council, or other labor organization or employee representative (each, a "**Collective Bargaining Agreement**"), and no employees of the Company Group are represented by a labor union, works council or other labor organization or employee representative with respect to their employment with the Company Group. There are no pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company Group with regard to their employment with the Company Group, and no such activities or proceedings have occurred within the past three years. No Collective Bargaining Agreement is being negotiated by the Company Group. There is no unfair labor practice charge, material labor grievance, material labor arbitration, strike, lockout, slowdown, work stoppage, picketing, handbilling or other material labor dispute against or affecting the Company Group pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, and no such labor dispute has occurred within the past three years.

(b) Wage and Hour and Legal Compliance. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group is in compliance, and in the past three years has complied with applicable laws and orders with respect to labor and employment (including applicable laws regarding wage and hour, immigration (including the completion of Forms I-9 for all U.S. employees and the proper confirmation of employee visas), discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, whistleblowing, disability rights or benefits, equal opportunity, restrictive covenants, pay transparency, plant closures and layoffs (including the WARN Act), employee trainings and notices, workers' compensation, labor relations, employee leave issues, COVID-19, affirmative action, unemployment insurance, employee health and safety, and collective bargaining).

(c) *Withholding*. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group has withheld all amounts required by applicable law to be withheld from the wages, salaries and other payments to current and former employees and other service providers. Except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group has fully and timely paid all arrears of wages, wage premiums, salaries, commissions, severance or other termination entitlements, fees or other payments, including under Contract, Company Group policy or law, and is not liable for any Taxes or any penalty for failure to comply with any of the foregoing. No member of the

Company Group is liable for any payment to any trust or other fund or to any Governmental Authority with respect to unemployment compensation benefits, social security or other benefits for employees (other than routine payments to be made in the ordinary course of business).

(d) Sexual Harassment. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, there has not been any action relating to, or any act or material allegation of or relating to, sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct, or breach of any sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct policy by an executive officer of the Company, nor has there been, to the Knowledge of the Company, any settlements or similar out-of-court or pre-litigation arrangement relating to any such matters, nor to the Knowledge of the Company has any such action been threatened.

3.20 *Permits*. Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group holds, to the extent legally required, all permits, licenses, variances, clearances, consents, commissions, franchises, exemptions, orders, accreditations, registrations, certifications, qualifications, exemptions and approvals from Governmental Authorities that are required for the operation of the business of the Company Group as currently conducted ("**Permits**"). The Company Group complies with the terms of all Permits, and no termination, suspension, modification, revocation or cancellation of any of the Permits is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, except for such noncompliance, suspensions or cancellations that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Each Permit is valid and in full force and effect and will be available for use immediately after Closing. No Permit will be adversely affected by the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and none of the Permits will expire or terminate as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

3.21 *Compliance with Laws.* The Company and each of its Subsidiaries is, and since the IPO Date has been, in compliance in all material respects with all laws and orders that are applicable to the Company Group or to the conduct of the business or operations of the Company Group.

3.22 Legal Proceedings; Orders.

(a) No Legal Proceedings. There are no material Legal Proceedings pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company Group or, as of the date hereof, against any present or former officer or director of the Company Group in such individual's capacity as such.

(b) No Orders. None of the Company Group is subject to any material order of any kind or nature that would prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Company to perform in all material respects its covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.23 *Insurance*. As of the date hereof, the Company Group has all material policies of insurance covering the Company Group and any of its employees, properties or assets, including policies of property, fire, workers' compensation, products liability, directors' and officers' liability and other casualty and liability insurance, that is customarily carried by Persons conducting business similar to that of the Company Group. As of the date hereof, all such insurance policies are in full force and effect, no notice of cancellation has been received and there is no existing default or event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default by any insured thereunder, except for such defaults that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

3.24 *Related Person Transactions*. Except for indemnification, compensation or other employment arrangements in the ordinary course of business, there are no Contracts, transactions, arrangements or understandings between the Company Group, on the one hand, and any Affiliate (including any director or officer) thereof, but not including any wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company or any of the Sponsor Stockholders or their respective Affiliates (including any director or officer designated or nominated by any Sponsor Stockholder), on the other hand, that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC in the Company's Form 10-K or proxy statement pertaining to an annual meeting of stockholders.

3.25 *Brokers*. Except for the Advisor, there is no financial advisor, investment banker, broker, finder, agent or other Person that has been retained by or is authorized to act on behalf of the Company Group, the Company Board or the Special Committee who is entitled to any financial advisor's, investment banking, brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission in connection with the Merger. The Company has made available to Parent a true, correct and complete copy of the engagement letter of the Advisor and each other financial advisor, investment banker, broker, finder or agent that has been retained by the Company Group, the Company Board or the Special Committee in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

3.26 Trade Controls; FCPA.

(a) Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group has conducted its transactions and dealings over the past five years in accordance with all applicable United States anti-money laundering laws, regulations, and orders; import, export, re-export, transfer, and re-transfer control laws, regulations, and orders; economic or trade sanctions laws, regulations and orders; and all other similar applicable laws, regulations and orders (collectively, "**Trade Control Laws**").

(b) Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group has implemented and maintains in effect written policies and procedures and internal controls reasonably designed to prevent, deter and detect violations of applicable Trade Control Laws and all applicable anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, statutes, regulations and orders, including the FCPA (collectively, "**Anti-Corruption Laws**"). Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company Group has not made any voluntary or involuntary disclosure, conducted any internal investigation or audit, or received any notice, inquiry or internal or external allegation, in each case relating to an actual or potential violation of Trade Control Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, there are no pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened Legal Proceedings against the Company Group alleging a violation of any Trade Control Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) No material licenses or approvals pursuant to the Trade Control Laws are necessary for the transfer of any export licenses or other export approvals to Parent or the Surviving Corporation in connection with the consummation of the Merger.

(e) Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company Group nor any officer, director, or employee, nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any agent or other Person acting on behalf of the Company Group, has, directly or indirectly, (i) taken any action that would result in a violation of any provision of Anti-Corruption Laws; (ii) used any corporate funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity; (iii) made, offered,

promised, authorized, or received any unlawful payment or gift of money or any other thing of value, to, from, or for the benefit of any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA), foreign political party or official thereof, political campaign or public international organization; or (iv) made, offered, promised, authorized or received any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other similar unlawful payment in violation of Anti-Corruption Laws.

(f) Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company Group nor any of its officers, directors or employees, nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any agent or other third party representative acting on behalf of the Company Group, is currently, or has been in the past five years: (i) a Sanctioned Person, or (ii) engaging in any dealings or transactions with, on behalf of, or for the benefit of any Sanctioned Person or in any Sanctioned Country.

(g) Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, no member of the Company Group engages in (i) the design, fabrication, development, testing, production or manufacture of one or more "critical technologies" within the meaning of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, including all implementing regulations thereof (the "**DPA**"); (ii) the ownership, operation, maintenance, supply, manufacture or servicing of "covered investment critical infrastructure" within the meaning of the DPA (where such activities are covered by column 2 of Appendix A to 31 C.F.R. Part 800); or (iii) the maintenance or collection, directly or indirectly, of "sensitive personal data" of U.S. citizens within the meaning of the DPA.

3.27 Government Contracts. Since the IPO Date, no member of the Company Group has (i) materially breached or violated any law or clause pertaining to any Contract with any Governmental Authority; (ii) been excluded from bidding by a Governmental Authority; (iii) been audited or investigated (other than routine audits or investigations that did not result in any material adverse finding) by any Governmental Authority with respect to any Contract with any Governmental Authority; or (iv) conducted or initiated any internal investigation or made any disclosure with regard to any irregularity in connection with a Contract with any Governmental Authority. There are no material outstanding claims or disputes in connection with any member of the Company Group's Contracts with any Governmental Authority. To the Company's Knowledge, there are no outstanding or unsettled allegations of fraud, false claims or overpayments by any Governmental Authority with regard to any member of the Company Group's Contracts with any Governmental Authority. The Company Group has not received any direct or indirect contract award from a Governmental Authority on the basis of a small business set aside or other preferred bidder status.

3.28 Exclusivity of Representations and Warranties.

(a) *No Other Representations and Warranties*. The Company Group, acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in Article IV of this Agreement, Section 5 of the Guarantees, or Section 6 of the Support Agreements:

(i) no Person has been authorized by any Buyer Party or any of its Affiliates or Representatives to make any representation or warranty relating to any Buyer Party or any of its businesses or operations or otherwise in connection with this Agreement or the Merger, and if made, such representation or warranty must not be relied upon by the Company Group or any of its respective Affiliates or Representatives as having been authorized by the Buyer Party or any of its Affiliates or Representatives (or any other Person); and

(ii) the representations and warranties made by the Buyer Parties in this Agreement, the Guarantees and the Support Agreements are in lieu of and are exclusive of all other representations and warranties, including any express or implied or as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and the Buyer Parties hereby disclaim any other or implied representations or warranties, notwithstanding the delivery or disclosure to the Company Group or any of its respective Affiliates or Representations or other information (including any financial information, supplemental data or financial projections or other forward-looking statements).

(b) No Reliance. The Company Group, on behalf of itself and its Subsidiaries, acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in Article IV, the Guarantees or the Support Agreements, it is not acting (including, as applicable, by entering into this Agreement or consummating the Merger) in reliance on:

(i) any representation or warranty, express or implied;

(ii) any estimate, projection, prediction, data, financial information, memorandum, presentation or other materials or information provided or addressed to any member of the Company Group or any of their respective Affiliates or Representatives; or

(iii) the accuracy or completeness of any other representation, warranty, estimate, projection, prediction, data, financial information, memorandum, presentation or other materials or information.

ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE BUYER PARTIES

Except as set forth in the disclosure letter delivered by the Buyer Parties on the date hereof (the "**Parent Disclosure Letter**"), the Buyer Parties hereby represent and warrant to the Company as follows:

4.1 Organization; Good Standing.

(a) *Parent*. Parent (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing pursuant to the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; and (ii) has the requisite power and authority to conduct its business as it is presently being conducted and to own, lease or operate its properties and assets.

(b) Merger Sub. Merger Sub (i) is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing pursuant to the DGCL; and (ii) has the requisite corporate power and authority to conduct its business as it is presently being conducted and to own, lease or operate its properties and assets.

(c) Organizational Documents. Parent has made available to the Company true, correct and complete copies of the certificate of incorporation, bylaws and other similar organizational documents of the Buyer Parties, each as amended to date. No Buyer Party is in violation of its certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other similar organizational document.

4.2 *Power; Enforceability.* Each Buyer Party has the requisite power and authority to (a) execute and deliver this Agreement; (b) perform its covenants and obligations hereunder; and (c) consummate the Merger. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Buyer Parties, the performance by each Buyer Party of its respective covenants and obligations hereunder and the consummation of the Merger have been

duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of each Buyer Party, and no additional actions on the part of any Buyer Party are necessary to authorize (i) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by each Buyer Party; (ii) the performance by each Buyer Party of its respective covenants and obligations hereunder; or (iii) the consummation of the Merger. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each Buyer Party and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Buyer Party, enforceable against each Buyer Party in accordance with its terms, subject to the Enforceability Limitations.

4.3 *Non-Contravention.* The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each Buyer Party, the performance by each Buyer Party of its covenants and obligations hereunder and the consummation of the Merger do not (a) violate or conflict with any provision of the certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other similar organizational documents of the Buyer Parties; (b) violate, conflict with, result in the breach of, constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) pursuant to, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the performance required by, or result in a right of termination or acceleration pursuant to any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, lease, license, contract, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which any Buyer Party is a party or by which the Buyer Parties or any of their properties or assets may be bound; (c) assuming the consents, approvals and authorizations referred to in Section 4.4 have been obtained, violate or conflict with any law or order applicable to the Buyer Parties or by which any of their properties or assets of the Buyer Parties, except in the case of each of clauses (b), (c) and (d) for such violations, conflicts, breaches, defaults, terminations, accelerations or liens that would not, individually or in the aggregate, prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

4.4 Requisite Governmental Approvals. No Consent of any Governmental Authority is required on the part of the Buyer Parties or any of their Affiliates (a) in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement by each Buyer Party; (b) the performance by each Buyer Party of its covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement; or (c) the consummation of the Merger, except (i) the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and such filings with Governmental Authorities to satisfy the applicable laws of states in which the Company Group is qualified to do business; (ii) such filings and approvals as may be required by any federal or state securities laws, including compliance with any applicable requirements of the Exchange Act; (iii) compliance with any applicable requirements of the HSR Act; and (iv) such other Consents the failure of which to obtain would not, individually or in the aggregate, prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

4.5 Legal Proceedings; Orders.

(a) No Legal Proceedings. There are no Legal Proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Parent or any of its Affiliates, threatened against the Buyer Parties that would, individually or in the aggregate, prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) No Orders. No Buyer Party is subject to any order of any kind or nature that would prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

4.6 *Brokers*. There is no financial advisor, investment banker, broker, finder, agent or other Person that has been retained by or is authorized to act on behalf of the Buyer Parties or any of their Affiliates who is entitled to any financial advisor's, investment banking, brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission payable by the Company in connection with the Merger.

4.7 Operations of the Buyer Parties. Each Buyer Party has been formed solely for the purpose of engaging in the Merger, and, prior to the Effective Time, none of the Buyer Parties will have engaged in any other business activities and will have incurred no liabilities or obligations other than as contemplated by any agreements or arrangements entered into in connection with the Debt Financing, the Guarantees and this Agreement. Parent owns beneficially and of record all of the outstanding capital stock, and other equity and voting interest in, Merger Sub free and clear of all liens.

4.8 *No Parent Vote or Approval Required.* No vote or consent of the holders of any capital stock of, or other equity or voting interest in, Parent is necessary to approve this Agreement and the Merger. The vote or consent of Parent, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub is the only vote or consent of the capital stock of, or other equity interest in, Merger Sub necessary to approve this Agreement and the Merger.

4.9 *Guarantees.* Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, each Guarantor has delivered to the Company a duly executed Guarantee. Each Guarantee is in full force and effect and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the applicable Guarantors, enforceable against them in accordance with its terms, subject to the Enforceability Limitations. There is no default or breach under any Guarantee by the Guarantors, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would, or would reasonably be expected to, constitute a default on the part of the Guarantors pursuant to any Guarantee.

4.10 Debt Financing.

(a) Debt Commitment Letters. As of the date hereof, Parent has delivered to the Company a true, correct and complete copy of certain executed commitment letters from the financial institutions named therein, together with certain related fee letters (as each may be amended or modified pursuant to Section 6.6) (collectively, the "Debt Commitment Letters" (which, in each case, may be redacted with respect to fee amounts, pricing caps, "market flex" and other economic provisions that would not adversely affect the conditionality, enforceability, availability, termination or the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Financing), which commitment letters confirm the respective commitments of the Debt Financing Sources party thereto, subject to the terms and conditions thereof, to provide or cause to be provided the respective debt amounts set forth therein in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including any Alternative Financing, the "Debt Financing").

(b) No Amendments; No Other Agreements. As of the date hereof, (i) the Debt Commitment Letters and the terms of the Debt Financing have not been amended or modified; (ii) no such amendment or modification is contemplated by Parent or, to its knowledge, any other party to the Debt Commitment Letters, except as may be permitted under Section 6.6; and (iii) the respective commitments contained therein have not been withdrawn, terminated or rescinded in any respect of which Parent is aware. As of the date hereof, there are no other Contracts, agreements, side letters or arrangements to which Parent is a party that would adversely affect the conditionality, enforceability, availability, termination or aggregate principal amount of the Debt Financing (x) other than as expressly contained in the Debt Commitment Letters delivered to the Company prior to the execution of this Agreement and (y) any customary engagement letter, fee letter and non-disclosure agreements that do not impact the conditionality or amount of the Debt Financing.

(c) Sufficiency of Debt Financing. Assuming (A)(i) the Debt Financing is funded in accordance with the Debt Commitment Letters and (B) the satisfaction of the conditions to the obligation of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Merger as set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2, on the Closing Date, the net proceeds of the Debt Financing, when funded in accordance with the Debt Commitment Letters, together with Cash on Hand at Closing, will be, in the aggregate, sufficient to (i) make the payment of all amounts payable by the Buyer Parties on the Closing Date pursuant to Article II in connection with consummation of the Merger (which does not include, for the avoidance of doubt, any payments with respect to any Sponsor Shares); and (ii) pay any other amounts required to be paid by the Buyer Parties pursuant to this Agreement in connection with the consummation of the Merger (including the consummation of the Debt Financing) upon the terms and conditions contemplated hereby (the "Debt Financing Purposes" and the amount required to fund such Debt Financing Purposes, the "Required Amount").

(d) Validity. The Debt Commitment Letters (in the form delivered by Parent to the Company) are in full force and effect and constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of Parent, enforceable against Parent in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Limitations. The Debt Commitment Letters contain all of the conditions precedent (or, where applicable, refer to customary conditions precedent for a transaction of the nature contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letters) to the obligations of the parties thereunder to make the Debt Financing described therein available to Parent or Merger Sub on the terms and conditions contained therein and, other than as expressly set forth in the Debt Commitment Letters (including any market flex provisions), there are no conditions precedent or other contingencies related to the funding of the Debt Financing described therein in the amount required to fund the Required Amount. As of the date hereof, assuming the satisfaction of the conditions to the obligation of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Merger as set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2, no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would, or would reasonably be expected to, constitute a default or breach on the part of Parent or Merger Sub pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letters (it being understood that neither Parent nor Merger Sub is making any representation or warranty regarding the effect of any inaccuracy of the representations and warranties in Article III or the Company's compliance hereunder). As of the date hereof, assuming the satisfaction of be satisfied by it (it being understood that neither Parent nor Merger Sub is making any representation or warranty regarding the effect of any inaccuracy of the representations of the Debt Financing to be satisfied by it (it being understood that neither Parent nor Merger Sub is making any representation or warranty regarding the effect of any inaccuracy of the Debt Financing to be satisfied by it (it being understood t

4.11 Stockholder and Management Arrangements. As of the date hereof, except for the Support Agreements, none of Parent or any of its Affiliates is a party to any Contract, or has authorized, made or entered into, or committed or agreed to enter into, any formal or informal arrangements or other understandings (whether or not binding) with any stockholder (other than any existing limited partner or other equity financing source of the Guarantors or any of their respective Affiliates), director, officer, employee or other Affiliate of the Company Group (a) relating to (i) this Agreement or the Merger; or (ii) the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries from and after the Closing; or (b) pursuant to which any (i) such holder of Company Capital Stock would be entitled to receive consideration of a different amount or nature than the Per Share Price in respect of such holder's shares of Company Common Stock; (ii) such holder of Company Group other Affiliate of the Guarantors has

agreed to provide, directly or indirectly, equity investment to the Buyer Parties or the Company to finance any portion of the Merger.

4.12 Solvency. As of the Effective Time and immediately after giving effect to the Merger (including the payment of all amounts payable pursuant to Article II in connection with or as a result of the Merger and all related fees and expenses of Parent, the Company and their respective Subsidiaries in connection therewith), (a) the amount of the "fair saleable value" of the assets of the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries will exceed (i) the value of all liabilities of the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries, including contingent and other liabilities; and (ii) the amount that will be required to pay the probable liabilities of the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries on its existing debts (including contingent liabilities) as such debts become absolute and matured; (b) the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries will not have an unreasonably small amount of capital for the operation of the businesses in which it is engaged or proposed to be engaged; and (c) the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries for the operation of the businesses in which it is engaged or proposed to be engaged; and (c) the Surviving Corporation and its subsidiaries, subsidiaries will be able to pay its liabilities, including contingent and other liabilities, as they mature. For purposes of the foregoing, "not have an unreasonably small amount of capital for the operate enough cash from operations, asset dispositions or refinancing, or a combination thereof, to meet its obligations as they become due.

4.13 Exclusivity of Representations and Warranties.

(a) No Other Representations and Warranties. Each Buyer Party, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in Article III:

(i) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (or any other Person) makes, or has made, any representation or warranty relating to the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of their businesses, operations or otherwise in connection with this Agreement or the Merger;

(ii) no Person has been authorized by the Company Group or any of its Affiliates or Representatives to make any representation or warranty relating to the Company Group or any of its businesses or operations or otherwise in connection with this Agreement or the Merger, and if made, such representation or warranty must not be relied upon by the Buyer Parties or any of their respective Affiliates or Representatives as having been authorized by the Company Group or any of its Affiliates or Representatives (or any other Person); and

(iii) the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement are in lieu of and are exclusive of all other representations and warranties, including any express or implied or as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and the Company hereby disclaims any other or implied representations or warranties, notwithstanding the delivery or disclosure to the Buyer Parties or any of their respective Affiliates or Representatives of any documentation or other information (including any financial information, supplemental data or financial projections or other forward-looking statements).

(b) No Reliance. Each Buyer Party, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in Article III, it is not acting (including, as applicable, by entering into this Agreement or consummating the Merger) in reliance on:

(i) any representation or warranty, express or implied;

(ii) any estimate, projection, prediction, data, financial information, memorandum, presentation or other materials or information provided or addressed to the Buyer Parties or any of their respective Affiliates or Representatives, including any materials or information made available in the electronic data room hosted by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the Merger, in connection with presentations by the Company's management or in any other forum or setting; or

(iii) the accuracy or completeness of any other representation, warranty, estimate, projection, prediction, data, financial information, memorandum, presentation or other materials or information.

ARTICLE V INTERIM OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY

5.1 *Affirmative Obligations*. Except (a) as expressly contemplated by this Agreement or required by applicable law or order; (b) as set forth in Section 5.1 or Section 5.2 of the Company Disclosure Letter; (c) as contemplated by Section 5.2; or (d) as approved in advance by Parent in writing (which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), at all times during the period commencing with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (i) use its respective reasonable best efforts to maintain its existence in good standing pursuant to applicable law; (ii) subject to the restrictions and exceptions set forth in Section 5.2 or elsewhere in this Agreement, conduct its business and operations in the ordinary course of business in all material respects; and (iii) use its respective reasonable best efforts to (A) preserve intact its material assets, properties, Contracts or other material legally binding understandings, licenses and business organizations; and (B) preserve the current relationships with material customers, vendors, distributors, partners, lessors, licensors, licensees, creditors, contractors and other Persons with which the Company Group has material business relations.

5.2 *Forbearance Covenants.* Except (i) as set forth in Section 5.2 of the Company Disclosure Letter; (ii) as approved in advance by Parent in writing (which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed); or (iii) as expressly contemplated by the terms of this Agreement or required by applicable law or order, at all times during the period commencing with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries, to:

(a) amend the Charter, the Bylaws, or any other similar organizational document, other than in respect of Subsidiaries in immaterial respects;

(b) propose or adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, merger, consolidation, restructuring, recapitalization, statutory conversion, division, redomestication, share exchange or other reorganization;

(c) issue, sell, deliver or agree or commit to issue, sell or deliver (whether through the issuance or granting of options, warrants, commitments, subscriptions, rights to purchase or otherwise) any Company Securities, except for the issuance or sale of shares of Company Common Stock in connection with the exercise or settlement (as applicable) of the Company Equity Awards outstanding as of the date hereof in accordance with their terms as in effect on the date hereof;

(d) directly or indirectly acquire, repurchase or redeem any securities, except for (A) repurchases, withholdings, or cancellations of Company Securities pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Company Equity Awards outstanding as of the date hereof in accordance with their terms as in effect on the date hereof; or (B) transactions between the Company and any of its direct or indirect Subsidiaries;

(e) (A) adjust, split, combine or reclassify any shares of capital stock, or issue or authorize or propose the issuance of any other Company Securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for, shares of its capital stock or other equity or voting interest; (B) declare, set aside or pay any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, shares or property or any combination thereof) in respect of any shares of capital stock or other equity or voting interest; except for cash dividends made by any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company to the Company, or one of the Company's other wholly owned Subsidiaries; (C) pledge or encumber any shares of its capital stock or other equity or voting interest; or (D) modify the terms of any shares of its capital stock or other equity or voting interest;

(f) (A) incur or assume any Indebtedness (including any long-term or short-term debt) or issue any debt securities, except (1) for trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business; (2) obligations incurred pursuant to business credit cards in the ordinary course of business; (3) borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility (as defined in the Company Credit Agreement) in the ordinary course of business; and (4) intercompany loans or advances between or among the Company and its direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiaries; or (B) assume, guarantee, endorse or otherwise become liable or responsible (whether directly, contingently or otherwise) for the obligations of any other Person, except with respect to obligations of any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiaries of the Company;

(g) mortgage or pledge any of its and its Subsidiaries' assets, tangible or intangible, or create or incur any lien thereupon (other than Permitted Liens), other than in connection with financing transactions permitted by Section 5.2(f) or consented to by Parent;

(h) make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other Person, except for (1) extensions of credit to customers in the ordinary course of business; (2) advances to Service Providers for travel and other business-related expenses, in each case, in the ordinary course of business and in compliance in all material respects with the Company Group's policies related thereto; and (3) loans, advances or other extensions of credit or capital contributions to, or investments in, the Company or any direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiaries of the Company;

(i) acquire, lease, license, sell, abandon, transfer, assign, guarantee, or exchange any (x) Company Intellectual Property, or (y) assets in excess of \$500,000, and other than (1) the acquisition, sale, lease or licensing of Company Products or other materials embodying Company Intellectual Property in the ordinary course of business; (2) the acquisition, assignment or abandonment of immaterial Company Intellectual Property in connection with the exercise of the reasonable business judgment of the Company Group in the ordinary course of business; and (3) any capital expenditures permitted by (or consented to by Parent under) Section 5.2(n);

(j) (A) except as required by applicable law or the terms of the Employee Plans as in effect on the date hereof, enter into, adopt, amend (including accelerating the vesting, payment or funding), modify or terminate any Employee Plan or other plan, program, agreement or arrangement that would constitute an Employee Plan if in effect on the date hereof (other than at-will offer letters (or, for jurisdictions outside of the United States, employment agreements that provide for employment periods or rights no greater

than required by applicable law) entered into with newly hired employees of the Company Group in the ordinary course of business and whose annual base salary or wages is less than \$175,000); (B) increase the compensation of Service Provider, grant any Company Equity Award or pay any special bonus or special remuneration to any Service Provider, grant any Company Equity Award or pay any benefit not required by (or accelerate the time of payment or vesting of any payment becoming due under) any Employee Plan as in effect as of the date hereof, except in the case of each of clauses (A) and (B), as may be required by applicable law or the terms of the applicable Employee Plan in effect as of the date hereof or for normal increases in cash compensation in the ordinary course of business for Service Providers with an annual base salary or wages (or, in the case of non-employee Service Providers, equivalent compensation) of less than \$175,000; (C) enter into any change in control, severance or similar agreement or any retention or similar agreement with any employee of the Company Group, except in the case of separation and release agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business providing for severance in accordance with the terms of the applicable Employee Plan as in effect on the date hereof applicable to employees of the Company Group with an annual base salary or wages of less than \$175,000; or (D) hire, terminate (other than for "cause" or equivalent under applicable local law), furlough or temporarily lay off any Service Provider, in each case with an annual base salary or wages (or, in the case of non-employee Service Providers, equivalent compensation) of \$175,000 or more;

(k) settle, release, waive or compromise any pending or threatened material Legal Proceeding or other claim, except for the settlement of any Legal Proceedings or other claim that is (A) reflected or reserved against in the Audited Company Balance Sheet; (B) for solely monetary payments of, net of insurance recovery, no more than \$250,000 individually and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, and that does not involve any admission of wrongdoing; or (C) settled in compliance with Section 6.15;

(1) except as required by applicable law or GAAP, (A) revalue in any material respect any of its properties or assets, including writing-off notes or accounts receivable, other than in the ordinary course of business; or (B) make any change in any of its accounting principles or practices;

(m) (A) make (except in the ordinary course of business) or change any material Tax election; (B) settle, consent to or compromise any material Tax claim or assessment or surrender a right to a material Tax refund; (C) consent to any extension or waiver of any limitation period with respect to any material Tax claim or assessment (other than an extension of a limitation period arising by operation of law as a result of an automatic extension of time to file any Tax Return obtained in the ordinary course of business); (D) file any amended Tax Return; or (E) enter into a closing agreement or voluntary disclosure agreement with any Governmental Authority regarding any material Taxes;

(n) incur or commit to incur any capital expenditure(s) other than consistent with the capital expenditure budget attached to Section 5.2(n) of the Company Disclosure Letter;

(o) enter into, modify, amend or terminate any (i) Contracts (other than any Material Contract) that if so entered into, modified, amended or terminated would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect; or (ii) Material Contract or any Contract that would have been a Material Contract if such Contract was in existence as of the date hereof, except in the ordinary course of business or as permitted under Section 5.2(c) and Section 5.2(j);

(p) maintain insurance at less than current levels or otherwise in a manner inconsistent with past practice;

(q) engage in any transaction with, or enter into any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, any Affiliate of the Company or other Person covered by Item 404 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404;

(r) effectuate or announce any closing, employee layoff, furlough, reduction to terms and conditions of employment or other event affecting in whole or in part any site of employment, facility, operating unit or employee that would result in liability of the Company Group under the WARN Act;

(s) grant any material refunds, credits, rebates or other allowances to any end user, customer, reseller or distributor, in each case other than in the ordinary course of business;

(t) acquire (by merger, consolidation or acquisition of stock or assets) any other Person or any material portion thereof or material equity interest therein or enter into any Contract that involves a joint venture entity, limited liability company or legal partnership (excluding, for avoidance of doubt, reseller agreements and other commercial agreements that do not involve the formation of an entity with any third Person);

(u) (A) enter into, negotiate, modify or terminate any Collective Bargaining Agreement or agreement or arrangement to form a works council or other Contract with any labor union, works council, or other labor organization; or (B) recognize or certify any labor union, works council or other labor organization, or group of employees, as the bargaining representative for any employees of the Company Group;

(v) waive or release any noncompetition, nonsolicitation, nondisclosure, noninterference, nondisparagement, or other restrictive covenant obligation of any current or former Service Provider;

(w) adopt or implement any stockholder rights plan or similar arrangement, in each case, applicable to the Merger or any other transaction consummated in compliance with Parent's rights under Section 5.3(d)(i)(2) or Section 5.3(d)(i)(2);

(x) (i) cancel, modify, amend or waive or terminate the Company Credit Agreement, except for modifications or amendments to the Company Credit Agreement that would not impair the ability of Parent to obtain the Debt Financing, (ii) reduce the ability of the Company and its Subsidiaries to incur secured debt for borrowed money in the form of the Debt Financing on the Closing Date in any material respect, (iii) reduce the ability of the Company and its Subsidiaries to make Restricted Payments (as defined in the Company Credit Agreement) on the Closing Date in any material respect, (iv) impair the ability of the Merger to be consummated in compliance with any "merger" or "fundamental changes" covenant in the Company Credit Agreement, (v) consent to or otherwise permit any assignment or transfer of rights or interests of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in or with respect to the Company Credit Agreement or borrowings thereunder, (vi) fail to make any interest payment under the Company Credit Agreement as and when due or (vii) amend or modify the stated final maturity date of any indebtedness for borrowed money thereunder to be sooner than such maturity date as in effect as of the date hereof, amend or modify the interest rate or undrawn commitment fees payable by the Company or its Subsidiaries under any such agreement in a manner materially adverse to the Company and its Subsidiaries or amend or modify any such agreement to reduce the amount of the total lending commitments thereunder;

(y) apply for, seek or obtain any Permit, or enter any new geographic market, if doing so (i) would prevent, materially delay or materially impede the transactions contemplated hereby or (ii) would

require the Buyer Parties, GA, Stone Point or their respective Affiliates to make any filing or notice with or disclosure to any Governmental Authority; or

- (z) enter into, authorize any of, or agree or commit to enter into a Contract to take any of the actions prohibited by this Section 5.2.
- 5.3 No Solicitation.

(a) No Solicitation or Negotiation. Subject to the terms of Section 5.3(b), from and after the date hereof until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company will cease and cause to be terminated any discussions or negotiations with any Person and its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, consultants, agents, representatives and advisors (collectively, "Representatives"), cease providing any further information with respect to the Company or any Acquisition Proposal to any such Person or its Representatives and terminate all access granted to any such Person and its Representatives to any physical or electronic data room. Subject to the terms of Section 5.3(b), from and after the date hereof until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company Group will not, and will not instruct, authorize or knowingly permit any of its Representatives acting on the Company's behalf (other than Parent and its Affiliates and Representatives) to, directly or indirectly, (i) solicit, initiate, propose or induce the making, submission or announcement of, or knowingly encourage, facilitate or assist, any proposal or inquiry that constitutes, or is reasonably expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal; (ii) furnish to any Person (other than to Parent or any designees of Parent) any non-public information relating to the Company Group or afford to any Person access to the business, properties, assets, books, records or other non-public information, or to any personnel, of the Company Group (other than Parent or any designees of Parent), in any such case with the intent to induce the making, submission or announcement of, or to knowingly encourage, facilitate or assist, any proposal or inquiry that constitutes, or is reasonably expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal or any inquiries or the making of any proposal that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal; (iii) participate or engage in discussions or negotiations with any Person with respect to any inquiry or proposal that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal; (iv) approve, endorse or recommend any proposal that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, an Acquisition Proposal; (v) enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, merger agreement, acquisition agreement or other Contract relating to an Acquisition Transaction, other than an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement (any such letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, merger agreement, acquisition agreement or other Contract relating to an Acquisition Transaction, an "Alternative Acquisition Agreement"); or (vi) authorize or commit to do any of the foregoing. From the date hereof until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company will not be required to enforce, and will, if requested, be permitted to waive, any provision of any standstill or confidentiality agreement, in each case, solely to the extent that the Special Committee has determined in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that the failure to do so would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties pursuant to applicable law.

(b) Superior Proposals. Notwithstanding anything to contrary set forth in this Section 5.3 (but subject to the provisos in this Section 5.3(b)), at any time from and after the date hereof until the Company's receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, the Company and the Special Committee may, directly or indirectly through one or more of their Representatives (including the Advisor), participate or engage in discussions or negotiations with, furnish any non-public information relating to the Company Group, or afford access to the business, properties, assets, books, records or other non-public information, or to any personnel, of the Company Group, pursuant to an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement to any Person

or its Representatives that has made or delivered to the Company a *bona fide* written Acquisition Proposal after the date of this Agreement, and otherwise facilitate such Acquisition Proposal or assist such Person (and its Representatives and financing sources) with such Acquisition Proposal (in each case, if requested by such Person), in each case, that did not arise from a material breach of this Section 5.3(b); *provided, however*, that the Special Committee has determined in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that such Acquisition Proposal either constitutes a Superior Proposal or is reasonably likely to lead to a Superior Proposal, and the Special Committee has determined in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that the failure to take the actions contemplated by this Section 5.3(b) would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties pursuant to applicable law; and *provided further, however*, that the Company will promptly (and in any event within 24 hours) make available to Parent any non-public information concerning the Company Group that is provided to any such Person or its Representatives that was not previously made available to Parent.

(c) No Change in Company Board Recommendation or Entry into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement. Except as provided by Section 5.3(d), at no time after the date hereof may the Company Board (or a committee thereof, including the Special Committee):

(i) (A) withhold, withdraw, amend, qualify or modify, or publicly propose to withhold, withdraw, amend, qualify or modify, the Special Committee Recommendation or the Company Board Recommendation in a manner adverse to Parent in any material respect; (B) adopt, approve, endorse, recommend or otherwise declare advisable an Acquisition Proposal; (C) fail to publicly reaffirm the Special Committee Recommendation or the Company Board Recommendation within 10 Business Days after Parent so requests in writing (it being understood that the Company will have no obligation to make such reaffirmation on more than three separate occasions); (D) take or fail to take any formal action or make or fail to make any recommendation or public statement in connection with a tender or exchange offer within 10 Business Days after commencement thereof, other than a recommendation against such offer or a "stop, look and listen" communication by the Company Board (or a committee thereof including the Special Committee) to the Company Stockholders pursuant to Rule 14d-9(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act (or any substantially similar communication); or (E) fail to include the Special Committee Recommendation or the Company Board Recommendation in the Proxy Statement (any action described in clauses (A) through (E), a "**Recommendation Change**"); *provided, however*, that, for the avoidance of doubt, none of (1) the determination by the Special Committee that an Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal or (2) the delivery by the Company to Parent of any notice contemplated by Section 5.3(d) will constitute a Recommendation Change; or

(ii) cause or permit the Company Group to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement.

(d) *Recommendation Change; Entry into Alternative Acquisition Agreement.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, at any time prior to obtaining the Requisite Stockholder Approvals:

(i) other than in connection with a *bona fide* Acquisition Proposal that constitutes a Superior Proposal, the Company Board (or a committee thereof), upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, or the Special Committee may effect a Recommendation Change pursuant to clause (A), (C) or (E) of Section 5.3(c)(i) only in response to any positive material event or development or material change in circumstances with respect to the Company that was (A) not actually known to, or reasonably foreseeable to, the Special Committee or the Company Board as of the date hereof; and (B) does not relate to

(a) any Acquisition Proposal; or (b) the mere fact, in and of itself, that the Company meets or exceeds any internal or published or third party projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions of revenue, earnings or other financial or operating metrics for any period ending on or after the date hereof, or changes after the date hereof in the market price or trading volume of the Company Common Stock or the credit rating of the Company (it being understood that the underlying cause of any of the foregoing in this clause (b) may be considered and taken into account) (each such event, an "Intervening Event"), if the Special Committee determines in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that the failure to do so would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties pursuant to applicable law and if and only if:

(1) the Company has provided prior written notice to Parent at least four Business Days in advance to the effect that the Company Board (or a committee thereof), upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, or the Special Committee has (A) so determined; and (B) resolved to effect a Recommendation Change pursuant to this Section 5.3(d)(i), which notice will specify the applicable Intervening Event in reasonable detail; and

(2) prior to effecting such Recommendation Change, the Company and its Representatives, during such four Business Day period, must have negotiated with Parent and its Representatives in good faith (to the extent that Parent desires to so negotiate) to make such adjustments to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other documents contemplated hereby, and after taking into account any revisions to the terms of this Agreement and the other documents contemplated hereby, the Special Committee determines that the failure to make a Recommendation Change in response to such Intervening Event would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties pursuant to applicable law; or

(ii) if the Company has received a *bona fide* Acquisition Proposal that the Special Committee has concluded in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) constitutes a Superior Proposal, then the Company Board, upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, or the Special Committee may (A) effect a Recommendation Change with respect to such Acquisition Proposal; or (B) authorize the Company to terminate this Agreement to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Acquisition Proposal, in each case if and only if:

(1) the Special Committee determines in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that the failure to do so would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties pursuant to applicable law;

(2) the Company Group and its Representatives have complied in all material respects with their obligations pursuant to this Section 5.3 with respect to such Acquisition Proposal;

(3) (i) the Company has provided prior written notice to Parent at least four Business Days in advance (the "**Notice Period**") to the effect that the Company Board (or a committee thereof), upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, or the Special Committee has (A) received a *bona fide* Acquisition Proposal that has not been withdrawn; (B) concluded in good faith that such Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal; and (C) resolved to effect a Recommendation Change or to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5.3(d)(ii) absent any revision to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, which notice will specify the basis for such Recommendation Change or termination, including the identity of the Person or "group" of Persons making such Acquisition Proposal, the status of discussions relating to such Acquisition Proposal, the material terms and conditions thereof and unredacted copies of all written requests, proposals, offers, agreements and other relevant documents (including, among others, all financing commitments) relating to such Acquisition Proposal; (ii) prior to effecting such

Recommendation Change or termination, the Company and its Representatives, during the Notice Period, must have (x) permitted Parent and its Representatives to make a presentation to the Special Committee regarding this Agreement and any adjustments with respect thereto (to the extent that Parent requests to make such a presentation) and (y) negotiated with Parent and its Representatives in good faith (to the extent that Parent desires to so negotiate) to make such adjustments to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other documents contemplated hereby so that such Acquisition Proposal would cease to constitute a Superior Proposal; *provided, however*, that in the event of any material revisions, updates or supplements to such Acquisition Proposal, the Company will be required to deliver a new written notice to Parent and to comply with the requirements of this Section 5.3(d)(ii)(3) with respect to such new written notice (it being understood that the "Notice Period" in respect of such new written notice will be three Business Days); and (iii) at the end of the applicable Notice Period, the Company Board (or a committee thereof), upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, or the Special Committee concludes in good faith (after taking into account any revisions to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other documents contemplated hereby proposal yposed by Parent) that such Acquisition Proposal remains a Superior Proposal; and

(4) solely in the event of any termination of this Agreement in order to cause or permit the Company Group to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Acquisition Proposal which constitutes a Superior Proposal under sub-clause (B) of this Section 5.3(d)(ii), the Company will have validly terminated this Agreement in accordance with Section 8.1(h), including with respect to complying with its obligation to pay the Company Termination Fee in accordance with Section 8.3(b)(iii).

(e) Notice. From the date of this Agreement until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company will promptly (and, in any event, within 24 hours from the receipt thereof) notify Parent in writing if any inquiries, offers or proposals that constitute an Acquisition Proposal are received by the Company or any of its Representatives or any non-public information is requested from, or any discussions or negotiations are sought to be initiated or continued with, the Company or any of its Representatives with respect to an Acquisition Proposal. Such notice must include (i) the identity of the Person or "group" of Persons making such offers or proposals (unless, in each case, such disclosure is prohibited pursuant to the terms of any confidentiality agreement with such Person or "group" of Persons that is in effect on the date of this Agreement); and (ii) a summary of the material terms and conditions of such offers or proposals. Thereafter, the Company must keep Parent reasonably informed, on a prompt basis (and, in any event, within 24 hours), of the status (and supplementally provide the terms) of any such offers or proposals (including any amendments thereto) and the status of any such discussions or negotiations.

(f) Certain Disclosures. Nothing in this Agreement will prohibit the Company or the Company Board (or a committee thereof including the Special Committee) from (i) taking and disclosing to the Company Stockholders a position contemplated by Rule 14e-2(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act or complying with Rule 14d-9 promulgated under the Exchange Act, including a "stop, look and listen" communication by the Company Board (or a committee thereof including the Special Committee) to the Company Stockholders pursuant to Rule 14d-9(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act (or any substantially similar communication); (ii) complying with Item 1012(a) of Regulation M-A promulgated under the Exchange Act; (iii) informing any Person of the existence of the provisions contained in this Section 5.3; or (iv) making any disclosure to the Company Stockholders (including regarding the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company Group) that the Company Board (or a committee thereof, including the Special Committee) has determined to make in good faith in order to comply with applicable law, regulation or stock exchange rule or listing agreement, it being understood that any such statement or

disclosure made by the Company Board (or a committee thereof, including the Special Committee) pursuant to this Section 5.3(f) must be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and will not limit or otherwise affect the obligations of the Company or the Company Board (or any committee thereof including the Special Committee) and the rights of Parent under this Section 5.3, it being understood that nothing in the foregoing will be deemed to permit the Company or the Company Board (or a committee thereof including the Special Committee) to effect a Recommendation Change other than in accordance with Section 5.3(d). In addition, it is understood and agreed that, for purposes of this Agreement, a factually accurate public statement by the Company or the Company Board (or a committee thereof including the Special Committee), to the extent required by law, that solely describes the Company's receipt of an Acquisition Proposal, the identity of the Person making such Acquisition Proposal, and the material terms of such Acquisition Proposal will not, in and of itself, be deemed to be (A) a withholding, withdrawal, amendment, or modification, or proposal by the Company Board (or a committee thereof) to withhold, withdraw, amend or modify, the Company Board Recommendation; (B) an adoption, approval or recommendation with respect to such Acquisition Proposal; or (C) a Recommendation Change, in each case, so long as the Company Board (or a committee thereof, including the Special Committee), expressly reaffirms the Special Committee Recommendation and the Company Board Recommendation in such public statement.

(g) *Breach by Representatives*. The Company agrees that any breach of this Section 5.3 by any director, officer or other Representative of the Company (other than a consultant or an employee of the Company who is not an officer of the Company and its not acting at the direction of the Company in connection with any action that constitutes a breach of this Section 5.3) will be deemed to be a breach of this Section 5.3 by the Company. The Company will not authorize, direct or knowingly permit any consultant or employee of the Company to breach this Section 5.3, and upon becoming aware of any breach or threatened breach of this Section 5.3 by a consultant or employee of the Company, shall use its reasonable best efforts to stop such breach or threatened breach.

ARTICLE VI ADDITIONAL COVENANTS

6.1 Required Action and Forbearance; Efforts.

(a) *Reasonable Best Efforts.* Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Buyer Parties, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, will use their respective reasonable best efforts to (A) take (or cause to be taken) all actions; (B) do (or cause to be done) all things; and (C) assist and cooperate with the other Parties in doing (or causing to be done) all things, in each case, as are necessary, proper or advisable pursuant to applicable law or otherwise to consummate and make effective, in the most expeditious manner practicable, the Merger, including by:

(i) subject to 6.2 with respect to Antitrust Laws, (1) obtaining all consents, waivers, approvals, orders and authorizations from Governmental Authorities; and (2) making all registrations, declarations and filings with Governmental Authorities, in each case, that are necessary or advisable to consummate the Merger;

(ii) obtaining all consents, waivers and approvals and delivering all notifications pursuant to any Material Contracts in connection with this Agreement and the consummation of the Merger so as to maintain and preserve the benefits to the Surviving Corporation of such Material Contracts as of and following the consummation of the Merger; and

(iii) executing and delivering any Contracts and other instruments that are reasonably necessary to consummate the Merger.

(b) No Consent Fees. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Section 6.1 or elsewhere in this Agreement, neither the Company Group nor the Buyer Parties will be required to agree to the payment of a consent fee, "profit sharing" payment or other consideration (including increased or accelerated payments), the provision of additional security (including any guarantee), or otherwise make any accommodation, commitment or incur any liability or obligation to any third party, in connection with the Merger, including in connection with obtaining any consent pursuant to any Material Contract.

6.2 Filings.

(a) Filing Under the HSR Act and Other Applicable Antitrust Laws. The Buyer Parties (and their respective Affiliates, if applicable), on the one hand, and the Company (and its Subsidiaries, if applicable), on the other hand, will (i) file with the FTC and the Antitrust Division of the DOJ a Notification and Report Form relating to this Agreement and the Merger as required by the HSR Act within ten (10) Business Days following the date hereof; provided that in the event that the FTC and/or the Antitrust Division of the DOJ is closed or not accepting such filings under the HSR Act (a "Government Closure"), such day shall be extended day-for-day, for each Business Day the Government Closure is in effect; and (ii) as soon as practicable after the date of this Agreement file comparable pre-merger or post-merger notification filings, forms and submissions with any Governmental Authority (including in draft form where applicable) pursuant to any other applicable Antitrust Laws, to the extent required in the reasonable judgment of counsel to Parent in consultation with the Company, in each case, with Parent having primary responsibility for and control of the making of such filings and filing and approval strategy, with reasonable input and consultation rights on the part of the Company. No Party shall (or shall permit any of its Affiliates, as applicable, to) withdraw its filing, or commit to or agree with any Governmental Authority to stay, toll, or extend, any applicable waiting period or enter into any similar timing agreement, without the prior written consent of the other Parties (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). Each of Parent and the Company will use reasonable efforts to (A) cooperate and coordinate (and cause its respective Affiliates to cooperate and coordinate) with the other in the making of such filings; (B) supply the other (or cause the other to be supplied) with any information that may be required in order to make such filings; (C) supply (or cause to be supplied) any additional information that may be required or requested by the FTC, the DOJ or any other Governmental Authorities; and (D) take all action necessary to (1) cause the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting periods (including where applicable, by way of a positive clearance decision) pursuant to the HSR Act and any other applicable Antitrust Laws, including requesting early termination of the HSR waiting period; and (2) obtain the required consents pursuant to any other applicable Antitrust Laws, in each case as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event prior to the Termination Date. If any Party or Affiliate thereof receives a request for additional information or documentary material from any Governmental Authority with respect to the Merger pursuant to the HSR Act or any other applicable Antitrust Laws, then such Party will make (or cause to be made), as soon as reasonably practicable and after consultation with the other Parties, an appropriate response in compliance with such request.

(b) *Divestitures*. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, if and to the extent necessary to obtain clearance of the Merger pursuant to the HSR Act, each of Parent and Merger Sub shall offer, negotiate, commit to and effect, by consent decree, hold separate order or otherwise, (i) the sale, divestiture, license or other disposition of any and all of the capital stock or other equity or voting interests, assets (whether tangible or intangible), rights, products or businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries and

(ii) any other restrictions on the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries; *provided, however*, that neither Parent nor Merger Sub shall have an obligation to offer, negotiate, commit to or effect any actions contemplated by clause (i) or (ii) of this Section 6.2(b), if such action would have a material adverse effect on the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or if such action is not conditioned upon the Closing. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall this Section 6.2(b) or any other provision of this Agreement require or obligate Parent, Merger Sub or any of Parent's Affiliates to, and the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of Parent, agree or otherwise be required to, take any action, including any action contemplated by this Section 6.2(b), with respect to any Excluded Affiliates.

(c) Cooperation. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, the Company and the Buyer Parties shall (and shall cause their respective Subsidiaries to), subject to any restrictions under applicable laws, (i) promptly notify the other Parties of, and, if in writing, furnish the others with copies of (or, in the case of oral communications, advise the others of the contents of) any material communication received by such Person from a Governmental Authority in connection with the Merger and permit the other Parties to review and discuss in advance (and to consider in good faith any comments made by the other parties in relation to) any proposed draft notifications, formal notifications (provided, however, that filings made under the HSR Act need not be shared), filing, submission or other written communication (and any analyses, memoranda, white papers, presentations, correspondence or other documents submitted therewith) made in connection with the Merger to a Governmental Authority; (ii) keep the other Parties reasonably informed with respect to the status of any such submissions and filings to any Governmental Authority in connection with the Merger and any material developments, meetings or discussions with any Governmental Authority in respect thereof, including with respect to (A) the receipt of any non-action, action, clearance, consent, approval or waiver, (B) the expiration of any waiting period, (C) the commencement or proposed or threatened commencement of any investigation, litigation or administrative or judicial action or proceeding under applicable laws and (D) the nature and status of any objections raised or proposed or threatened to be raised by any Governmental Authority with respect to the Merger; and (iii) not independently participate in any meeting, hearing, proceeding or material discussions (whether in person, by telephone or videoconference) with or before any Governmental Authority in respect of the Merger without giving the other Parties reasonable prior notice of such meeting or discussions and, unless prohibited by such Governmental Authority, the opportunity to attend or participate. However, each of the Company and the Buyer Parties may designate any non-public information provided to any Governmental Authority as restricted to "outside counsel" only and any such information shall not be shared with employees, officers or directors or their equivalents of the other Party without approval of the Party providing the non-public information; provided, however, that each of the Company and the Buyer Parties may redact any valuation and related information, or information that is protected by legal privilege, before sharing any information provided to any Governmental Authority with another Party on an "outside counsel" only basis.

(d) Limitation on Other Transactions. During the period commencing with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Closing, unless the Company otherwise consents in writing, Parent and Merger Sub will not acquire or agree to acquire by merging or consolidating with, by purchasing a portion of the assets of or equity in, or by acquiring in any other manner, any business of any Person or other business organization or division thereof, or otherwise acquire or agree to acquire any assets or equity interests, if the entering into of a definitive agreement relating to, or the consummation of, such transaction would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impede the consummation of the Merger, including by (i) imposing any material delay in the obtaining of, or materially increasing the risk of not obtaining, any consent of any Governmental Authority necessary to consummate the Merger or the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period; (ii) materially increasing the risk of any

Governmental Authority entering an order prohibiting the consummation of the Merger; or (iii) materially increasing the risk of not being able to remove any such order on appeal or otherwise.

6.3 Proxy Statement; Schedule 13e-3 and Other Required SEC Filings.

(a) *Proxy Statement and Schedule 13e-3.* Promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) following the date hereof, the Company will prepare and file with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement (as amended or supplemented, the "**Proxy Statement**") relating to the Company Stockholder Meeting. Subject to Section 5.3(d), the Company must include the Special Committee Recommendation and the Company Board Recommendation in the Proxy Statement. The Company and Parent shall cooperate to, concurrently with the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement, jointly prepare and file with the SEC a Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13e-3") relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) Other Required Company Filing. If the Company determines that it is required to file any document other than the Proxy Statement with the SEC in connection with the Merger pursuant to applicable law (such document, as amended or supplemented, an "**Other Required Company Filing**"), then the Company will promptly prepare and file such Other Required Company Filing with the SEC. The Company will cause, and will cause its Affiliates to cause, the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 (as to the Company) and any Other Required Company Filing to comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules of the SEC and the NYSE. The Company will not file the Proxy Statement or any Other Required Company Filing with the SEC without first providing Parent and its counsel a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and the Company Will give due consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested thereto by Parent or its counsel. On the date of filing, the date of mailing to the Company Filing will contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not false or misleading. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no covenant is made by the Company with respect to any information supplied by the Buyer Parties or any of their Affiliates for inclusion or incorporation by reference in any Other Required Parent Filings will not, at the time that such Other Required Parent Filing is filed with the SEC, contain any untrue statement for the circumstances under which they SEC, contain any untrue statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which the SEC, contain any untrue statement of a material fact required Parent Filings will not, at the time that such Other Required Parent Filing is filed with the SEC, contain any untrue statement of a material fact required Parent Filings will no

(c) Other Required Parent Filing. If Parent determines that any Buyer Party (or any of their respective Affiliates, if applicable) is required to file any document with the SEC other than the Schedule 13e-3 in connection with the Merger or the Company Stockholder Meeting pursuant to applicable law (an "Other Required Parent Filing"), then the Buyer Parties will, and will cause their respective Affiliates to, promptly prepare and file such Other Required Parent Filing with the SEC. The Buyer Parties will cause, and will cause their respective Affiliates to cause, the Schedule 13e-3 (as to the Buyer Parties) and any Other Required Parent Filing to comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules of the SEC. Neither the Buyer Parties nor any of their respective Affiliates will file any Other Required Parent Filing (or any amendment thereto) with the SEC without first providing the Company and its counsel a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and Parent will give due consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested thereto by the Company or its

counsel. On the date of filing, the date of mailing to the Company Stockholders (if applicable) and at the time of the Company Stockholder Meeting, none of the Schedule 13e-3 or any Other Required Parent Filing will contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not false or misleading. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no covenant is made by the Buyer Parties with respect to any information supplied by the Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Schedule 13e-3 or any Other Required Parent Filing. The information supplied by the Buyer Parties and their respective Affiliates for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 or any Other Required Company Filing will not, at the time that the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 or such Other Required Company Filing is filed with the SEC, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(d) *Furnishing Information*. Each of the Company, on the one hand, and the Buyer Parties, on the other hand, will furnish all information concerning it and its Affiliates, if applicable, as the other Party may reasonably request in connection with the preparation and filing with the SEC of the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 and any Other Required Company Filing or any Other Required Parent Filing. If at any time prior to the Company Stockholder Meeting any information relating to the Company, the Buyer Parties or any of their respective Affiliates should be discovered by the Company, on the one hand, or Parent, on the other hand, that should be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 or any Other Required Company Filing or any Other Required Parent Filing, as the case may be, so that such filing would not include any misstatement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, then the Party that discovers such information will promptly notify the other, and an appropriate amendment or supplement to such filing describing such information will be promptly prepared and filed with the SEC by the appropriate Party and, to the extent required by applicable law or the SEC or its staff, disseminated to the Company Stockholders.

(e) Consultation Prior to Certain Communications. The Company and its Affiliates, on the one hand, and Parent and its Affiliates, on the other hand, may not communicate in writing with the SEC or its staff with respect to the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3, any Other Required Company Filing or any Other Required Parent Filing, as the case may be, without first providing the other Party a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such written communication, and each Party will give due consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested thereto by the other Parties or their respective counsel.

(f) *Notices.* The Company, on the one hand, and Parent, on the other hand, will advise the other, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of any receipt of a request by the SEC or its staff for (i) any amendment or revisions to the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3, any Other Required Company Filing or any Other Required Parent Filing, as the case may be; (ii) any receipt of comments from the SEC or its staff on the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3, any Other Required Company Filing or any Other Required Parent Filing, as the case may be; or (iii) any receipt of a request by the SEC or its staff for additional information in connection therewith.

(g) Dissemination of Proxy Statement and Schedule 13e-3. Subject to applicable law, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Proxy Statement and Schedule 13e-3 to be disseminated to the Company Stockholders as promptly as reasonably practicable following the filing thereof

with the SEC and confirmation from the SEC that it will not review, or that it has completed its review of, each of the Proxy Statement and the Schedule 13e-3.

6.4 Company Stockholder Meeting.

(a) *Call of Company Stockholder Meeting.* Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Company will take all action necessary in accordance with the DGCL, the Exchange Act, the Charter, the Bylaws and the rules of the NYSE to establish a record date for (and the Company will not change the record date without the prior written consent of Parent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed)) and, duly call, give notice of, convene and hold a meeting of its stockholders (the "**Company Stockholder Meeting**"), in each case, as promptly as reasonably practicable following the mailing of the Proxy Statement to the Company Stockholders for the purpose of obtaining the Requisite Stockholder Approvals. As promptly as practicable after the date of this Agreement (and upon the reasonable request of Parent made not more than one time every two weeks), the Company shall conduct a "broker search" in accordance with Rule 14a-13 of the Exchange Act assuming that, for such purposes only, the record date of the Company Stockholder Meeting will be 20 Business Days after the date the broker search is conducted. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company Will not be required to convene and hold the Company Stockholder Meeting at any time prior to the date that is 30 days following the mailing of the Proxy Statement to the Company Stockholders. Subject to Section 5.3(d) and unless there has been a Recommendation Change, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to solicit proxies to obtain the Requisite Stockholder Approvals.

(b) Adjournment of Company Stockholder Meeting. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing will prevent the Company from postponing or adjourning the Company Stockholder Meeting if (i) there are holders of an insufficient number of shares of the Company Common Stock present or represented by proxy at the Company Stockholder Meeting to constitute a quorum at the Company Stockholder Meeting or to obtain the Requisite Stockholder Approvals (it being understood that the Company may not postpone or adjourn the Company Stockholder Meeting by applicable law, order or a request from the SEC or its staff; or (iii) to the extent necessary to ensure that any supplement or amendment to the Proxy Statement that is required by applicable law is provided to the stockholders of the Company will submit this Agreement to the Company Stockholder Meeting. Unless this Agreement is validly terminated in accordance with Section 8.1, the Company will submit this Agreement to the Company Stockholder Meeting for the purpose of obtaining the Requisite Stockholder Approvals even if the Company Board (or a committee thereof), upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, has effected a Recommendation Change. If requested by Parent on up to two separate occasions in order to allow additional time for the solicitation of votes in order to obtain the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, the Company shall postpone or adjourn the prior written consent of Parent (which will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), the Company Stockholder Meeting for up to 10 Business Days each such occasion. Without the prior written consent of Parent (which will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or adjournment.

6.5 [Reserved.]

6.6 Cooperation With Debt Financing.

(a) *Cooperation with Debt Financing.* Until the Closing, and in all cases subject to the limitations set forth herein, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to, and will use its reasonable best efforts to cause each of its Subsidiaries and its and their respective Representatives to (other than with respect to clauses (iv)(B), (vii) and (xi) below, which shall not be subject to such reasonable best efforts qualifier), provide Parent with such reasonable cooperation as may be reasonably requested by Parent to assist the Buyer Parties in arranging the Debt Financing (if any) to be obtained by the Buyer Parties or their respective Affiliates in connection with the Merger, including:

(i) participating (and causing senior management and Representatives, with appropriate seniority and expertise, of the Company to participate) in a reasonable number of meetings and presentations with actual or prospective lenders, road shows and due diligence sessions, drafting sessions and sessions with rating agencies, and otherwise reasonably cooperating with the marketing and due diligence efforts for any of the Debt Financing (which, at the Company's option, may be attended via teleconference or virtual meeting platforms) upon reasonable advance notice, during normal business hours and at reasonable times and locations to be mutually agreed;

(ii) providing reasonable assistance to Parent and the Debt Financing Sources with the timely preparation of (A) rating agency presentations, bank information memoranda, confidential information memoranda, lender presentations and similar documents, in each case, solely with respect to information relating to the Company Group, and as required in connection with or proper for the Debt Financing or customarily used to arrange transactions similar to the Debt Financing; and (B) pro forma financial statements and forecasts of financial statements of the Surviving Corporation for one or more periods following the Closing Date, in each case, based on available financial information and data derivable from the Company Group's historical books and records; *provided, however*, that no member of the Company Group will be required to provide any information or assistance with respect to the preparation of pro forma financial statements and forecasts of financing relating to (i) the determination of the proposed aggregate amount of the Debt Financing, the interest rates thereunder or the fees and expenses relating thereto; (ii) the determination used in connection with the Debt Financing; or (iii) any financial information related to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or any adjustments whether or not directly related to the acquisition of the Company Group;

(iii) providing reasonable cooperation in granting of security interests (and perfection thereof) in collateral or the reaffirmation of the pledge of collateral on or after the Closing Date, including assisting Parent in connection with the preparation, registration, execution and delivery (but in the case of execution and delivery, solely to the extent any such execution and delivery would only be effective on or after the Closing Date) of any pledge and security documents, mortgages, currency or interest hedging arrangements and other definitive financing documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by Parent or the Debt Financing Sources (including using reasonable best efforts to obtain, to the extent applicable and only if practicable, consents of accountants for use of their reports in any materials relating to the Debt Financing as reasonably requested by Parent), obtaining insurance certificates and endorsements, and facilitating the delivery of all stock and other certificates representing equity interests in the Company and its Subsidiaries to the extent required in connection with the Debt Financing Date, in each case, as may be reasonably requested by Parent or the Financing for use of the Debt Financing of security interests in respect of the Debt Financing required on the Closing Date, and otherwise reasonably facilitating the pledging of collateral and the granting of security interests in respect of the Debt Financing required on the Closing Date, in each case, as may be reasonably requested by Parent or the Financing Sources, it being understood that such documents will not take effect until the Effective Time;

(iv) furnishing Parent and the Debt Financing Sources, as promptly as practicable, with (A) available financial and other pertinent and customary information (and supplementing such information upon the reasonable request of Parent to the extent any such information contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make such information not misleading) regarding the Company Group as may be reasonably requested by Parent or the Debt Financing Sources and (B) the financial statements described in paragraph 4 of Exhibit C to the Debt Commitment Letter (as in effect on the date hereof);

(v) cooperating with Parent to obtain reasonable corporate and facilities ratings, consents, landlord waivers and estoppels, non-disturbance agreements, non-invasive environmental assessments, non-imputation affidavits, legal opinions, surveys and title insurance as reasonably requested by Parent, including in connection with any sale-and-leaseback agreements or arrangements to be effected at or after the Closing;

(vi) [Reserved.]

(vii) providing reasonably requested authorization letters to the Debt Financing Sources authorizing the distribution of information to prospective lenders or investors and containing a representation to the Debt Financing Sources that the information pertaining to the Company Group and based on financial information and data derived from the Company Group's historical books and records contained in the disclosure and marketing materials related to the Debt Financing is complete and correct in all material respects and that the public side versions of such documents, if any, do not include material non-public information about the Company or its Subsidiaries or securities;

(viii) facilitating and assisting in the preparation, execution and delivery of one or more credit agreements, guarantees, certificates and other definitive financing documents as may be reasonably requested by Parent (including furnishing all information relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective businesses to be included in any schedules thereto or in any perfection certificates); *provided* that the foregoing documentation shall be subject to the occurrence of the Closing Date and become effective no earlier than the Closing Date;

(ix) ensuring that the Debt Financing benefits from existing lending relationships of the Company and its Subsidiaries to the extent practicable and reasonably requested by Parent;

(x) taking all corporate and other actions, subject to the occurrence of the Closing, reasonably necessary or reasonably requested by Parent to (A) permit the consummation of the Debt Financing (including distributing the proceeds of any Debt Financing obtained by any Subsidiary of the Company to the Surviving Corporation); and (B) cause the direct borrowing or incurrence of all of the proceeds of the Debt Financing by the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries substantially concurrently with the Closing and permit the proceeds to be made available substantially concurrently with the Closing to fund the Financing Purposes;

(xi) promptly furnishing (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date) to Parent and the Debt Financing Sources with all documentation and other information about the Company Group as is reasonably requested in writing by Parent or the Debt Financing Sources with respect to applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act, to the extent requested in writing at least seven (7) Business Days prior to the Closing Date; and

(xii) cooperating in satisfying the conditions precedent set forth in the definitive agreements relating to the Debt Financing to the extent satisfaction thereof requires the cooperation, or is within the control, of the Company, its Subsidiaries or their respective representatives.

(b) Obligations of the Company. Nothing in this Section 6.6 will require the Company Group to (i) waive or amend any terms of this Agreement, pay any commitment fee or similar fee or agree to pay any other fees or reimburse any expenses or otherwise issue or provide any indemnities prior to the Effective Time for which it has not received prior reimbursement or is not otherwise indemnified by or on behalf of Parent; (ii) enter into, approve, modify or perform any definitive agreement (other than the authorization letters referred to above) or commitment or distribute any cash (except to the extent subject to concurrent reimbursement by Parent) that will be effective prior to the Closing Date; (iii) give any indemnities in connection with the Debt Financing that are effective prior to the Effective Time and only to the extent previously agreed in writing by the Company; (iv) take any action that would unreasonably interfere with the conduct of the business of the Company Group or create an unreasonable risk of damage or destruction to any property or assets of the Company Group; (v) provide any presentations, memoranda or other materials or documents used in the connection with the Debt Financing with respect to which any of the Company Group or their respective Representatives provided cooperation pursuant to their obligations under this Section 6.6 or any of such documents or materials containing information based on financial information or data derived from the Company Group's historical books and records, in all cases, (x) which does not include language that exculpates the Company Group and their respective Representatives and Affiliates from any liability in connection with the unauthorized use or misuse by the recipients thereof of all such presentations, memoranda and other materials and documents and information set forth therein, and (y) which the Company and the Company and its Representatives have not been given reasonable opportunity to review and comment on; (vi) prepare separate financial statements for any of the Company Group to the extent not customarily prepared by the Company Group and to the extent such preparation would be unduly burdensome or change any fiscal period; (vii) adopt any resolutions, execute any consents or otherwise take any corporate or similar action prior to the Closing; (viii) provide any legal opinion prior to the Closing; or (ix) take any action that will conflict with or violate its organizational documents or any applicable laws or would result in a material violation or breach of, or default under, any material agreement to which any member of the Company Group is a party (not entered in contemplation hereof). In addition, (A) no action, liability or obligation of the Company Group or any of its Representatives pursuant to any certificate, agreement, arrangement, document or instrument relating to the Debt Financing (other than customary authorization letters referred to above (including with respect to the presence or absence of material non-public information and the accuracy of the information contained in the disclosure and marketing materials related to the Debt Financing based on financial information and data derived from the Company's historical books and records)) will be effective prior to the Effective Time, and the Company Group will not be required to take any action pursuant to any certificate, agreement, arrangement, document or instrument (other than customary authorization letters referred to above (including with respect to the presence or absence of material non-public information and the accuracy of the information contained in the disclosure and marketing materials related to the Debt Financing based on financial information and data derived from the Company's historical books and records)) that is not contingent on the occurrence of the Closing or that must be effective prior to the Effective Time; and (B) any bank information memoranda required in relation to the Debt Financing will contain disclosure reflecting the Surviving Corporation or its Subsidiaries as the obligor. Nothing in this Section 6.6 will require (1) any officer, employee or Representative of the Company Group to deliver any certificate or opinion or take any other action under this Section 6.6 that could reasonably be expected to result in personal liability to such officer or Representative; or (2) the Company Board to approve any financing or Contracts related thereto, effective prior to the Closing Date. For the avoidance of doubt, neither

the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall be required to be an issuer or obligor with respect to the Debt Financing prior to the Effective Time.

(c) Use of Logos. The Company hereby consents to the use of its and its Subsidiaries' logos in connection with the Debt Financing so long as such logos (i) are used solely in a manner that is not intended to or likely to harm, disparage or adversely affect the Company Group or the reputation or goodwill of the Company Group; and (ii) are used solely in connection with a description of the Company, its business and Company Products or the Merger.

(d) *Confidentiality*. All non-public or other confidential information provided by the Company or any of its Representatives pursuant to this Agreement will be kept confidential in accordance with the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement, except that Parent will be permitted to disclose such information to any Debt Financing Sources or prospective Debt Financing Sources, rating agencies and other financial institutions and investors that may become parties to the Debt Financing (and, in each case, to their respective counsel and auditors) so long as such Persons (i) agree to be bound by the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement as if parties thereto; or (ii) are subject to other customary confidentiality undertakings with respect to such information.

(e) *Reimbursement.* Promptly upon request by the Company, Parent will reimburse the Company for any documented and reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by the Company Group in connection with the cooperation of the Company Group contemplated by this Section 6.6 (*provided*, that, for the avoidance of doubt, such costs and expenses shall not include (x) costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of historical financial statements that are or would be prepared in the ordinary course of business irrespective of this Agreement, (y) any ordinary course amounts payable to Service Providers of the Company or its Affiliates with respect to services provided prior to the Closing Date and (z) any other ordinary course amounts that would have been incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby regardless of any debt financing established in connection herewith and regardless of the covenants set forth in this Section 6.6).

(f) Indemnification. The Company Group and its Representatives will be indemnified and held harmless by Parent from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), interest, awards, judgments, penalties and amounts paid in settlement suffered or incurred by them in connection with any obligations with respect to the cooperation provided pursuant to this Section 6.6 or the provision of information utilized in connection therewith (other than information provided in writing by the Company or its Subsidiaries specifically for use in connection therewith), except in the event such liabilities, expenses or losses arose out of or result from the fraud, gross negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of any member of the Company Group or any of their respective Representatives. Parent's obligations pursuant to Section 6.6(e) and this Section 6.6(f) referred to collectively as the "**Reimbursement Obligations**." Each of Parent and Merger Sub acknowledges and agrees that the Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective Representatives shall not, prior to the Effective Time, incur any liability to any Person under any financing that Parent and Merger Sub may raise in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(g) No Financing Condition. The Buyer Parties acknowledge and agree that obtaining the Debt Financing is not a condition to the Closing. Except in the case of a Willful and Material Breach, the Company's breach of Section 6.6(a) will not be asserted as the basis for (A) any conditions set forth in Article VII to consummate the Merger having not been satisfied or (B) the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(e). If the Debt Financing has not been obtained, the Buyer Parties will each continue

to be obligated, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VII, to consummate the Merger.

(h) Alternative Financing. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each of Parent and Merger Sub shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the Debt Financing on the terms and conditions described in the Debt Commitment Letters, including (i) maintaining in effect the Debt Commitment Letters until the Merger and the transactions contemplated in connection therewith are consummated in accordance with their respective terms (subject to amendment, modification and replacement as may be permitted under Section 6.6). (ii) satisfying, or causing to be satisfied, on a timely basis all conditions to the closing of and funding under the Debt Commitment Letters applicable to Parent and/or Merger Sub that are within its control, including paying when due all commitment fees and other fees arising under the Debt Commitment Letters as and when they become due and payable thereunder, and (iii) consummating the Debt Financing at or prior to the Effective Time in accordance with the terms of the Debt Commitment Letters; provided that Parent and/or Merger Sub may amend or modify the Debt Commitment Letters, and/or elect to replace all or any portion of the Debt Financing or increase the amount of debt financing to be obtained with alternative debt financing subject only to such conditions to funding as are substantially similar, or are not less favorable in aggregate, from the standpoint of the Company and its shareholders, than the terms and conditions as set forth in the Debt Commitment Letters as in effect on the date hereof (the "Alternative Financing"), in each case only so long as (A) the aggregate proceeds of the Debt Financing (as amended or modified) and/or the Alternative Financing, together with the amount of cash of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, in each case available on the Closing Date, will be sufficient to fund the Required Amount and (B) such amendment or modification or the Alternative Financing contains no incremental conditionality to funding relating to the Debt Financing and would not prevent, materially delay or materially impede or impair the ability of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Parent shall deliver to the Company true and complete copies of all Contracts or other arrangements pursuant to which any alternative sources have committed to provide the Alternative Financing (the "Alternative Financing Documents") (except for customary engagement and fee letters) as promptly as reasonably practicable after execution thereof. In the event a portion of the Debt Financing (in an amount sufficient to cause the remaining portion of the Debt Financing to fall below the Required Amount) becomes unavailable on the terms and conditions contemplated in the Debt Commitment Letters such that and to the extent is not replaced by the Alternative Financing, Parent shall promptly notify the Company.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, nothing contained in Section 6.6(h) shall require, and in no event shall the reasonable best efforts of Parent or Merger Sub be deemed or construed to require, either Parent or Merger Sub to seek equity financing from any source or to pay any fees in excess of, or agree to "market flex" provisions less favorable to Parent, Merger Sub or the Surviving Corporation (or any of their Affiliates) than, those contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letters and/or, if applicable, the Alternative Financing Documents (in each case, whether to secure waiver of any conditions contained therein or otherwise).

(j) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Parent and Merger Sub agree not to amend, modify or waive any provision of the Debt Commitment Letters, if such amendment, modification or waiver reduces (or would reduce) the aggregate amount of the Debt Financing to an amount less than the amount required to fund Required Amount or imposes new or additional conditions or otherwise expands, amends or modifies the conditions to the Debt Financing in a manner that would be expected to prevent or materially delay the ability of the Company, Parent or Merger Sub to consummate the Merger or the other transactions contemplated thereby or otherwise adversely impact the ability of Parent or Merger Sub

to enforce its rights against the other parties to the Debt Commitment Letters. Parent shall give the Company notice as promptly as practicable (i) upon becoming aware of any breach of any provision of, or termination by any party to, the Debt Commitment Letters or (ii) upon the receipt of any written notice from any person with respect to any threatened breach or threatened termination of the Debt Commitment Letters.

(k) The Company shall furnish to Parent and Merger Sub as promptly as practicable any material notices received (or sent) by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries from (or to) any administrative agent or lender under the Company Credit Agreement.

6.7 Anti-Takeover Laws. The Company and the Company Board (and the Special Committee and any other committee empowered to take such action, if applicable) will (a) take all actions within their power to ensure that no provision of the Charter, the Bylaws, or any other similar organizational document of the Company (including ARTICLE NINE of the Charter) or any "anti-takeover" statute or similar statute or regulation is or becomes applicable to this Agreement, any Support Agreements or the Merger or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby; and (b) if any provision of the Charter, the Bylaws, or any other similar organizational document of the Company (including ARTICLE NINE of the Charter) or any "anti-takeover" statute or similar statute or regulation becomes applicable to this Agreement, any Support Agreements or the Merger or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby; take all action within their power to ensure that the Merger and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Support Agreements may be consummated as promptly as practicable on the terms contemplated hereby and thereby and otherwise to make inapplicable the effect of such statute or regulation on the Merger and such transactions.

6.8 Access. At all times during the period commencing with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Closing, the Company will afford Parent and its Representatives reasonable access during normal business hours, upon reasonable advance notice, to the properties, books and records and personnel of the Company Group, except that the Company may restrict or otherwise prohibit access to any documents or information to the extent that (a) any applicable law or regulation requires the Company Group to restrict or otherwise prohibit access to such documents or information; (b) access to such documents or information would give rise to a material risk of waiving any attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or other privilege applicable to such documents or information; (c) access to a Contract to which the Company Group is a party or otherwise bound would violate or cause a default pursuant to, or give a third Person the right terminate or accelerate the rights pursuant to, such Contract; (d) access would result in the disclosure of any trade secrets of third Persons; or (e) such documents or information. Any investigation conducted pursuant to the access contemplated by this Section 6.8 will be conducted in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with the company Group will be subject to the Company Group or create a risk of damage or destruction to any property or assets of the Company Group. Any access to the properties of the Company Group will be subject to the Company's reasonable security measures and insurance requirements and will not include the right to perform invasive testing. The confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement will apply to any information obtained by Parent or any of its Representatives in connection with any investigation conducted pursuant to the access contemplated by this Section 6.8. All requests for access pursuant to this Sec

6.9 Section 16(b) Exemption. The Company will take all actions reasonably necessary to cause any dispositions of equity securities of the Company (including derivative securities) in connection with the Merger by each individual who is a director or executive officer of the Company to be exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

6.10 Directors' and Officers' Exculpation, Indemnification and Insurance.

(a) Indemnified Persons. The Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries will (and Parent will cause the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to) honor and fulfill, in all respects, the obligations of the Company Group pursuant to any indemnification agreements between a member of the Company Group and any of its current or former directors or officers (and any person who becomes a director or officer of a member of the Company Group prior to the Effective Time) (collectively, the "Indemnified Persons") or employees for any acts or omissions by such Indemnified Persons or employees occurring prior to the Effective Time. In addition, during the period commencing at the Effective Time and ending on the sixth anniversary of the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to) cause the certificates of incorporation, bylaws, and other similar organizational documents of the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to contain provisions with respect to indemnification, exculpation and the advancement of expenses that are at least as favorable as the indemnification, exculpation and the other similar organizational documents of the Subsidiaries of the Company, as applicable, as of the date hereof. During such six-year period, such provisions may not be repealed, amended or otherwise modified in any adverse manner except as required by applicable law.

(b) Indemnification Obligation. Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 6.10(a), during the period commencing at the Effective Time and ending on the sixth anniversary of the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation will (and Parent will cause the Surviving Corporation to) indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law or pursuant to any indemnification agreements with the Company and any of its Subsidiaries in effect on the date hereof, each Indemnified Person from and against any costs, fees and expenses (including attorneys' fees and investigation expenses), judgments, fines, losses, claims, damages, liabilities and amounts paid in settlement or compromise in connection with any Legal Proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, to the extent that such Legal Proceeding arises, directly or indirectly, out of or pertains, directly or indirectly, to (i) any action or omission, or alleged action or omission, in such Indemnified Person's capacity as an Affiliate, director, officer, employee or agent of the Company Group or its Affiliates to the extent that such action or omission, or alleged action or omission, occurred prior to or at the Effective Time; and (ii) the Merger, as well as any actions taken by the Company or the Buyer Parties with respect thereto (including any disposition of assets of the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries that is alleged to have rendered any of the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries insolvent), except that if, at any time prior to the sixth anniversary of the Effective Time, any Indemnified Person delivers to Parent a written notice asserting a claim for indemnification pursuant to this Section 6.10(b), then the claim asserted in such notice will survive the sixth anniversary of the Effective Time until such claim is fully and finally resolved. In the event of any such Legal Proceeding, (A) the Surviving Corporation will have the right to control the defense thereof after the Effective Time (it being understood that, by electing to control the defense thereof, the Surviving Corporation, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, will be deemed to have waived any right to object to the Indemnified Person's entitlement to indemnification hereunder with respect thereto); (B) each Indemnified Person will be entitled to retain his or her own counsel, whether or not the Surviving Corporation elects to control the defense of any such Legal Proceeding; (C) the Surviving Corporation will advance all fees and expenses (including fees and expenses of any counsel) as incurred by an Indemnified Person in the defense of

such Legal Proceeding, whether or not the Surviving Corporation elects to control the defense of any such Legal Proceeding; and (D) no Indemnified Person will be liable for any settlement of such Legal Proceeding effected without his or her prior written consent (unless such settlement relates only to monetary damages for which the Surviving Corporation is entirely responsible). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, none of Parent, the Surviving Corporation nor any of their respective Affiliates will settle or otherwise compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, or otherwise seek the termination of, any Legal Proceeding for which indemnification may be sought by an Indemnified Person pursuant to this Agreement unless such settlement, compromise, consent or termination includes an unconditional release of all Indemnified Persons from all liability arising out of such Legal Proceeding. Any determination required to be made with respect to whether the conduct of any Indemnified Person complies or complied with any applicable standard will be made by independent legal counsel selected by the Surviving Corporation (which counsel will be reasonably acceptable to such Indemnified Person), the fees and expenses of which will be paid by the Surviving Corporation.

(c) *D&O Insurance*. During the period commencing at the Effective Time and ending on the sixth anniversary of the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation will (and Parent will cause the Surviving Corporation to) maintain in effect the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance in effect on the date hereof ("**D&O Insurance**") in respect of acts or omissions occurring at or prior to the Effective Time on terms (including with respect to coverage, conditions, retentions, limits and amounts) that are equivalent to those of the D&O Insurance. In satisfying its obligations pursuant to this Section 6.10(c), the Surviving Corporation will not be obligated to pay annual premiums in excess of 300% of the amount paid by the Company for coverage for its last full fiscal year (such 300% amount, the "**Maximum Annual Premium**"). If the annual premiums of such insurance coverage exceed the Maximum Annual Premium, then the Surviving Corporation will be obligated to obtain a policy with the greatest coverage available for a cost not exceeding the Maximum Annual Premium from an insurance carrier with the same or better credit rating as the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance from an insurance from an insurance carrier with the same or better credit rating as the Company's liability insurance carrier on the date hereof on terms (including with respect to coverage, conditions, retentions, limits and amounts) that are no less favorable than those of the D&O Insurance from an insurance carrier with the same or better credit rating as the Company's liability insurance carrier on the date hereof on terms (including with respect to coverage, conditions, retentions, limits and amounts) that are no less favorable than those of the D&O Insurance so long as the aggregate cost for such "tail" policy does not exceed the Maximum Annual Premium. If the Company elects to purchase such a "tail" policy, the Surviving Corporation will (and Parent will cause the Surviving Corporation to) maintain such "tail" policy

(d) Successors and Assigns. If Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective successors or assigns will (i) consolidate with or merge into any other Person and not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity in such consolidation or merger; or (ii) transfer all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then proper provisions will be made so that the successors and assigns of Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective successors or assigns will assume all of the obligations of Parent and the Surviving Corporation set forth in this Section 6.10.

(e) *No Impairment*. The obligations set forth in this Section 6.10 may not be terminated, amended or otherwise modified in any manner that adversely affects any Indemnified Person (or any other person who is a beneficiary pursuant to the D&O Insurance or the "tail" policy referred to in Section 6.10(c) (and their heirs and representatives)) without the prior written consent of such affected Indemnified Person or other person. Each of the Indemnified Persons or other persons who are beneficiaries pursuant to the D&O Insurance or the "tail" policy referred to in Section 6.10(c) (and their heirs and representatives) are intended

to be third party beneficiaries of this Section 6.10, with full rights of enforcement as if such person were a Party. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.10, the rights of the Indemnified Persons (and other persons who are beneficiaries pursuant to the D&O Insurance or the "tail" policy referred to in Section 6.10(c) (and their heirs and representatives)) pursuant to this Section 6.10 will be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other rights that such persons may have pursuant to (i) the Charter and the Bylaws; (ii) the similar organizational documents of the Subsidiaries of the Company; (iii) any and all indemnification agreements entered into with the Company Group; or (iv) applicable law (whether at law or in equity).

(f) Joint and Several Obligations. The obligations of the Surviving Corporation, Parent and their respective Subsidiaries pursuant to this Section 6.10 will be joint and several.

(g) Other Claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, or will be construed to, release, waive or impair any rights to directors' and officers' insurance claims pursuant to any applicable insurance policy or indemnification agreement that is or has been in existence with respect to the Company Group for any of its directors, officers or other employees, it being understood and agreed that the indemnification provided for in this Section 6.10 is not prior to or in substitution for any such claims pursuant to such policies or agreements.

6.11 Employee Matters.

(a) *Existing Arrangements.* Notwithstanding anything in this Section 6.11 to the contrary, nothing in this Section 6.11 will prohibit the Surviving Corporation from in any way amending, modifying or terminating any Employee Plans in accordance with their terms.

(b) Employment; Benefits. As of the Closing, the Surviving Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries will continue to employ the employees of the Company Group as of the Effective Time. Not later than 30 days following the date hereof, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide Parent, with respect to each material Employee Plan, to the extent applicable, true, correct and complete copies of the following documents (collectively, the "**Plan Documents**"): (A) the most recent annual report on Form 5500 required to have been filed with the IRS for each Employee Plan, including all schedules thereto; (B) the plan and trust documents (and all amendments thereto) and the most recent summary plan descriptions (and all summaries of material modifications); and (C) any related trust agreements, insurance contracts, insurance policies or other Contracts of any funding arrangements. From and after the Effective Time until the first anniversary of the Effective Time (or, if earlier, the termination date of an applicable Continuing Employee) (the "**Continuation Period**"), the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries will (and Parent will cause the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to) provide employee benefits (other than defined benefit pension, nonqualified deferred compensation, post-employment or retiree health or welfare, change in control, retention or equity-based benefits) to each Continuing Employee that are substantially comparable in the aggregate to those provided to such Continuing Employees immediately prior to the Effective Time under the Employee Plans as in effect as of the Effective Time (assuming compliance with Section 5.2) and for which the Company provide to Parent the applicable Plan Documents to later than 30 days following the date hereof. In each case, during the Continuation Period, base compensation and target annual cash incentive compensation opportunities (other than equity or equity-based incentive arrangements) will not be decreased for any Continuing Employee.

foregoing, nothing in this Section 6.11 shall obligate the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to continue the employment of any Continuing Employee for any specific period.

(c) New Plans. To the extent that a benefit plan is made available to any Continuing Employee at or after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries will (and Parent will cause the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to) cause to be granted to such Continuing Employee credit for service with the Company Group prior to the Effective Time for purposes of eligibility to participate, vesting and for purposes of future vacation accrual and determining severance amounts. except that (i) such service need not be credited to the extent that it would result in duplication of coverage, benefits, or compensation, (ii) such service shall only be credited to the same extent and for the same purpose as such service was credited under an analogous Employee Plan, and (iii) no service shall be required to be credited under any plan that provides for equity or equity-based, defined benefit pension, deferred compensation or post-employment or retiree welfare benefits. In addition, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Surviving Corporation shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that: (i) each Continuing Employee will be immediately eligible to participate, without any waiting period, in any and all group welfare benefit plans sponsored by the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries to the extent that coverage pursuant to any such group welfare benefit plans (the "New Plan") replaces coverage previously provided under a comparable group welfare Employee Plan in which such Continuing Employee participated immediately before the Effective Time (such plans, the "Old Plans"); and (ii) during the plan year in which the Closing Date occurs, for purposes of each New Plan providing medical, dental, pharmaceutical or vision benefits to any Continuing Employee, (x) the Surviving Corporation will cause all waiting periods, preexisting condition exclusions, evidence of insurability requirements and actively-at-work or similar requirements of such New Plan to be waived for such Continuing Employee and his or her covered dependents, and (y) the Surviving Corporation will cause any eligible expenses incurred by such Continuing Employee and his or her covered dependents during the portion of the plan year ending on the Closing Date to be given full credit pursuant to such New Plan for purposes of satisfying all deductible. coinsurance, co-pay, offsets and maximum out-of-pocket requirements applicable to such Continuing Employee and his or her covered dependents for the applicable plan year as if such amounts had been paid in accordance with such New Plan.

(d) No Third Party Beneficiary Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, this Section 6.11 will not be deemed to (i) guarantee employment for any period of time for, or preclude the ability of Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries to terminate any Continuing Employee for any reason; (ii) require Parent, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective Subsidiaries to continue any Employee Plan or other compensation or benefit plan or arrangement, or prevent the establishment amendment, modification or termination of any Employee Plan by a Buyer Party at any time; (iii) create any third party beneficiary rights in any Person (other than the Parties under this Agreement); or (iv) establish, amend or modify any Employee Plan or any other benefit or compensation plan, program, policy, contract, agreement or arrangement.

6.12 Obligations of the Buyer Parties and the Company. Parent will take all action necessary to cause Merger Sub and the Surviving Corporation to perform their respective obligations pursuant to this Agreement and to consummate the Merger upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement. Each of the Buyer Parties will be jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Agreement by any Buyer Party (or, following the Closing, the Surviving Corporation) or any other failure by any Buyer Party (or, following the Closing, the Surviving Corporation) to perform and discharge any of its respective covenants, agreements and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

6.13 Notification of Certain Matters.

(a) Notification by the Company. At all times during the period commencing with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, the Company will give prompt notice to Parent upon becoming aware that any representation or warranty made by it in this Agreement has become untrue or inaccurate in any material respect, or of any failure by the Company to comply with or satisfy in any material respect any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it pursuant to this Agreement, in each case if and only to the extent that such untruth, inaccuracy, or failure would reasonably be expected to cause any of the conditions to the obligations of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Merger set forth in Section 7.2(a) or Section 7.2(b) to fail to be satisfied at the Closing, except that no such notification will affect or be deemed to modify any representation or warranty of the Company set forth in this Agreement or the conditions to the obligations of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Parties under this Agreement. The confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement apply to any information provided to Parent pursuant to this Section 6.13(a).

(b) Notification by Parent. At all times during the period commencing with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier to occur of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII and the Effective Time, Parent will give prompt notice to the Company upon becoming aware that any representation or warranty made by the Buyer Parties in this Agreement has become untrue or inaccurate in any material respect, or of any failure by the Buyer Parties to comply with or satisfy in any material respect any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it pursuant to this Agreement, in each case if and only to the extent that such untruth, inaccuracy or failure would reasonably be expected to cause any of the conditions to the obligations of the Company to consummate the Merger set forth in Section 7.3(a) or Section 7.3(b) to fail to be satisfied at the Closing, except that no such notification will affect or be deemed to modify any representation or warranty of the Buyer Parties set forth in this Agreement or the conditions to the obligations of the Company to consummate the Parties under this Agreement.

(c) Impact of Non-Compliance. The Company's or the Buyer Parties' failure to comply with this Section 6.13 will not be taken into account for purposes of determining whether any conditions set forth in Article VII to consummate the Merger have been satisfied or whether any termination rights set forth in Article VIII are available.

6.14 *Public Statements and Disclosure*. The initial press release concerning this Agreement and the Merger of the Company, on the one hand, and the Buyer Parties, on the other hand, will each be reasonably acceptable to the other Party. Thereafter, the Company (other than with respect to the portion of any communication relating to a Recommendation Change), on the one hand, and the Buyer Parties, on the other hand, will use their respective reasonable best efforts to consult with the other Parties before (a) participating in any media interviews; (b) engaging in any meetings or calls with analysts, institutional investors or other similar Persons; or (c) providing any statements that are public or are reasonably likely to become public, in any such case to the extent relating to the Merger or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except that (I) the Company will not be obligated to engage in such consultation with respect to communications that are (i) required by applicable law, regulation or stock exchange rule or listing agreement; (ii) principally directed to employees, suppliers, customers, partners or vendors so long as such communications are consistent with the previous press releases, public disclosures or public statements made jointly by the Parties (or individually if approved by the other Party); (iii) solely to the extent related to a Superior Proposal, Intervening Event or Recommendation Change; or (iv) with respect to any actual Legal Proceeding between

the Company or its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Buyer Parties and their Affiliates, on the other hand, and (II) Parent will not be obligated to engage in such consultation with respect to communications that are (i) required by applicable law, regulation or stock exchange rule or listing agreement; (ii) principally directed to any existing or prospective general or limited partners, equity holders, members and investors of Parent or its Affiliates, so long as such communications are consistent with prior communications previously agreed to by Parent and the Company and do not add additional material information not included in such previous communication; or (iii) with respect to any actual Legal Proceeding between the Company or its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Buyer Parties and their Affiliates, on the other hand.

6.15 *Transaction Litigation.* Prior to the Effective Time, the Company will provide Parent with prompt notice of all Transaction Litigation (including by providing copies of all pleadings with respect thereto) and keep Parent reasonably informed with respect to the status thereof. The Company will (a) give Parent the opportunity to review and propose comments with respect to all filings, pleadings and responses proposed to be filed or submitted by or on behalf of the Company prior to such filing or submission, and the Company shall consider such comments in good faith, (b) give Parent a reasonable opportunity to review in advance all materials proposed to be delivered by or on behalf of the Company in connection with any discovery or document production with respect to such Transaction Litigation, (c) give Parent the opportunity to participate in the defense, settlement or prosecution of any Transaction Litigation; and (d) consult with Parent with respect to the defense, settlement and prosecution of any Transaction Litigation (which consent will not be an arrangement regarding, or agree to compromise, settle or come to an arrangement regarding, or agree to compromise, settle or delayed). For purposes of this Section 6.15, "participate" means that Parent will be kept apprised of proposed strategy and other significant decisions with respect to the Transaction Litigation Litigation by the Company (to the extent that the attorney-client privilege between the Company and its coursel is not undermined), and Parent may offer comments or suggestions with respect to such Transaction Litigation except for the settlement or compromise compromise compromise power or other authority over such Transaction Litigation except for the settlement or compromise compromese compromise compromise compromese compromise compromise compromise compromise compromise compros

6.16 *Stock Exchange Delisting; Deregistration.* Prior to the Effective Time, the Company will cooperate with Parent and use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and do, or cause to be done, all things reasonably necessary, proper or advisable on its part pursuant to applicable law and the rules and regulations of the NYSE to cause (a) the delisting of the Company Common Stock from the NYSE as promptly as practicable after the Effective Time; and (b) the deregistration of the Company Common Stock pursuant to the Exchange Act as promptly as practicable after such delisting.

6.17 *Additional Agreements.* If at any time after the Effective Time any further action is necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Agreement or to vest the Surviving Corporation with full title to all properties, assets, rights, approvals, immunities and franchises of either of the Company or Merger Sub, then the proper officers and directors of each Party will use their reasonable best efforts to take such action.

6.18 *Parent Vote.* Immediately following the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Parent, in its capacity as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, will execute and deliver to Merger Sub and the Company a written consent approving the Merger in accordance with the DGCL.

6.19 No Control of the Other Party's Business. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the restrictions set forth in this Agreement are not intended to give the Buyer Parties, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the business or operations of the other at any time prior to the Effective Time. Prior to the Effective Time, each of the Buyer Parties and the

Company will exercise, consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its own business and operations.

6.20 *FIRPTA Affidavits*. At the Closing, the Company shall deliver a certificate, under penalty of perjury, stating that the Company is not and has not been during the relevant period specified in Section 897(c)(1)(ii) of the Code, a United States real property holding corporation, dated as of the Closing Date, together with a notice to the Internal Revenue Service, and in form and substance required under Treasury Regulation Section 1.897-2(h)); *provided, however*, that the sole remedy for failure to deliver such forms or certificate shall be that Payment Agent, Parent, the Company and the Surviving Corporation shall deduct and withhold from any cash amounts payable pursuant to this Agreement to any holder or former holder of shares of Company Common Stock such amounts as are required to be deducted or withheld therefrom pursuant to any Tax laws.

6.21 [Reserved.]

6.22 *Marketable Securities.* To the extent requested by Parent, the Company shall, and shall cause the Company Group to, use reasonable best efforts to sell or dispose of any marketable securities, any similar securities and any investments in money market funds owned by the Company Group reasonably proximate to the Closing Date so as to permit the net proceeds of such sale to be used by or at the direction of the Buyer Parties as a potential partial source for the payments contemplated by this Agreement, including the payment of expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

6.23 Special Committee. Prior to the Effective Time, without the prior written consent of the Special Committee, (i) the Company Board shall not dissolve, dismantle or otherwise dismantle the Special Committee, or revoke or diminish the authority of the Special Committee, and (ii) neither Parent, Merger Sub nor their respective Affiliates shall remove or cause the removal of any director of the Company Board that is a member of the Special Committee either as a member of the Company Board or such Special Committee other than for cause.

ARTICLE VII CONDITIONS TO THE MERGER

7.1 *Conditions to Each Party's Obligations to Effect the Merger.* The respective obligations of the Buyer Parties and the Company to consummate the Merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver (where permissible pursuant to applicable law and except with respect to Section 7.1(a), which will not be waivable) of each of the following conditions:

(a) Requisite Stockholder Approvals. The Company will have received the Requisite Stockholder Approvals at the Company Stockholder Meeting.

(b) Antitrust Laws. The waiting periods (and any extension thereof), if any, applicable to the Merger pursuant to the HSR Act and any agreement between a Party and a Governmental Authority entered into in accordance with Section 6.2(a) not to consummate the Merger, will have expired or otherwise been terminated, or all requisite consents, directions or orders required to consummate the Merger pursuant thereto will have been obtained.

(c) No Prohibitive Laws or Injunctions. No temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other judgment or order issued by any Governmental Authority of competent

jurisdiction preventing the consummation of the Merger will be in effect, nor will any action have been taken by any Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction, and no statute, rule, regulation or order will have been enacted, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the Merger that, in each case, prohibits, makes illegal, or enjoins the consummation of the Merger.

7.2 *Conditions to the Obligations of the Buyer Parties.* The obligations of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Merger will be subject to the satisfaction or waiver (where permissible pursuant to applicable law) of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived exclusively by Parent:

(a) Representations and Warranties.

(i) Other than the representations and warranties listed in Section 7.2(a)(ii), Section 7.2(a)(iii) and Section 7.2(a)(iv), the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in this Agreement will be true and correct (without giving effect to any materiality or Company Material Adverse Effect qualifications set forth therein) as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty will be true and correct as of such earlier date), except for such failures to be so true and correct that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(ii) The representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.1 (other than the second and third sentences thereof), Section 3.2, Section 3.3(d), the last two sentences of Section 3.7(b), Section 3.7(c) (other than the first and penultimate sentences thereof), Section 3.7(d), Section 3.12(a)(ii) and Section 3.25 that (A) are not qualified by Company Material Adverse Effect or other materiality qualifications will be true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representations will be true and correct in all respects (without disregarding such Company Material Adverse Effect or other materiality qualifications) as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation Adverse Effect or other materiality qualifications) as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representations are if made at and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty will be true and correct in all respects (without disregarding such Company Material Adverse Effect or other materiality qualifications) as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty will be true and correct in all respects as of such earlier date).

(iii) The representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.7(a), Section 3.7(b) (other than the last two sentences thereof), and the first and penultimate sentences of Section 3.7(c) will be true and correct in all respects as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of the Closing Date (in each case (A) without giving effect to any Company Material Adverse Effect or other materiality qualifications; and (B) except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty will be true and correct as of such earlier date), except for any inaccuracies that are *de minimis* in nature and amount.

(iv) The representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.7(e) will be true and correct in all respects as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of the Closing Date (in each case except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty will be true and correct as of such earlier date).

(b) *Performance of Obligations of the Company*. The Company will have performed and complied in all material respects with all covenants, obligations and conditions of this Agreement required to be performed and complied with by it at or prior to the Closing.

(c) *Officer's Certificate.* The Buyer Parties will have received a certificate of the Company, validly executed for and on behalf of the Company and in the name of the Company by a duly authorized executive officer thereof, certifying that the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(a), Section 7.2(b) and Section 7.2(d) have been satisfied.

(d) Company Material Adverse Effect. No Company Material Adverse Effect will have occurred after the date hereof.

7.3 Conditions to the Obligations of the Company to Effect the Merger. The obligations of the Company to consummate the Merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver (where permissible pursuant to applicable law) of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived exclusively by the Company:

(a) *Representations and Warranties*. The representations and warranties of the Buyer Parties set forth in this Agreement will be true and correct as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of the Closing Date with the same force and effect as if made on and as of such date, except for (i) any failure to be so true and correct that would not, individually or in the aggregate, prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement; and (ii) those representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date, which representations will have been true and correct as of such particular date, except for any failure to be so true and correct that would not, individually or in the aggregate, prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement; and (ii) those representations and warranties that address matters only as of a particular date, which representations will have been true and correct as of such particular date, except for any failure to be so true and correct that would not, individually or in the aggregate, prevent or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the ability of the Buyer Parties to fully perform their respective covenants and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) Performance of Obligations of the Buyer Parties. The Buyer Parties will have performed and complied in all material respects with all covenants, obligations and conditions of this Agreement required to be performed and complied with by the Buyer Parties at or prior to the Closing.

(c) *Officer's Certificate.* The Company will have received a certificate of the Buyer Parties, validly executed for and on behalf of the Buyer Parties and in the respective names of the Buyer Parties by a duly authorized officer thereof, certifying that the conditions set forth in Section 7.3(a) and Section 7.3(b) have been satisfied.

ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

8.1 *Termination*. This Agreement may be validly terminated only as follows (it being understood and agreed that this Agreement may not be terminated for any other reason or on any other basis):

(a) at any time prior to the Effective Time (whether prior to or after the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals) by mutual written agreement of Parent and the Company;

(b) by either Parent or the Company, at any time prior to the Effective Time (whether prior to or after the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals) if (i) any permanent injunction or other

judgment or order issued by a Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction or other legal or regulatory restraint or prohibition imposed by a Governmental Authority preventing the consummation of the Merger will be in effect, or any action has been taken by any Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction, that, in each case, prohibits, makes illegal or enjoins the consummation of the Merger and has become final and non-appealable; or (ii) any statute, rule, regulation or order will have been enacted, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the Merger that prohibits, makes illegal or enjoins the consummation of the Merger; except that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(b) will not be available to any Party whose failure to comply with its obligations under Section 6.2 resulted in the failure to resolve or lift, as applicable, such injunction, action, statute, rule, regulation or order;

(c) by either Parent or the Company, at any time prior to the Effective Time (whether prior to or after the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals) if the Closing has not occurred by 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, on August 15, 2024 (the "**Termination Date**"), it being understood that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(c) will not be available to any Party whose action or failure to act (which action or failure to act constitutes a breach by such Party of this Agreement) has been the primary cause of, or primarily resulted in, the failure of the Closing to have occurred prior to the Termination Date;

(d) by either Parent or the Company, at any time prior to the Effective Time if the Company fails to obtain the Requisite Stockholder Approvals at the Company Stockholder Meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof) at which a vote is taken on the adoption of this Agreement, except that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(d) will not be available to any Party whose action or failure to act (which action or failure to act constitutes a breach by such Party of this Agreement or the Support Agreements) has been the primary cause of, or primarily resulted in, the failure to obtain the Requisite Stockholder Approvals at the Company Stockholder Meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof);

(e) by Parent (whether prior to or after the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals), if the Company has breached or failed to perform or there is any inaccuracy of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform or inaccuracy would result in a failure of a condition set forth in Section 7.2(a) or Section 7.2(b), except that (i) if such breach or failure to perform is capable of being cured by the Termination Date, Parent will not be entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(e) prior to the delivery by Parent to the Company of written notice of such breach, delivered at least 45 days prior to such termination (or such shorter period of time as remains prior to the Termination Date), stating Parent's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(e) and the basis for such termination, it being understood that Parent will not be entitled to terminate this Agreement of a complexity of any provision of this Agreement or has failed to perform or comply with, or there is any inaccuracy of, any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement, which breach, failure to perform or inaccuracy would give rise to the failure of the conditions set forth in Section 7.3(b);

(f) by Parent, if at any time prior to the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, the Company Board (or a committee thereof, including the Special Committee) has effected a Recommendation Change;

(g) by the Company (whether prior to or after the receipt of the Requisite Stockholder Approvals), if the Buyer Parties have breached or failed to perform or there is any inaccuracy of any of its respective representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform or inaccuracy would result in a failure of a condition set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.3, except that (i) if such breach or failure to perform is capable of being cured by the Termination Date, the Company will not be entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(g) prior to the delivery by the Company to Parent of written notice of such breach, delivered at least 45 days prior to such termination (or such shorter period of time as remains prior to the Termination Date), stating the Company's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(g) and the basis for such termination and (ii) that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(g) will not be entitled to terminate the any provision of this Agreement or has failed to perform or comply with, or there is any inaccuracy of, any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement, which breach, failure to perform or comply with, or there is any inaccuracy of, any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement, which breach, failure to perform or inaccuracy would give rise to the failure of the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(b);

(h) by the Company, at any time prior to receiving the Requisite Stockholder Approvals if (i) the Company has received a Superior Proposal; (ii) the Company Board (or a committee thereof), upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, or the Special Committee has authorized the Company to enter into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement to consummate the Acquisition Transaction contemplated by such Superior Proposal; (iii) the Company has complied in all material respects with Section 5.3 with respect to such Superior Proposal; and (iv) concurrently with such termination the Company pays the Company Termination Fee due to Parent in accordance with Section 8.3(b); or

(i) by the Company if (i) all of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2 have been satisfied or waived (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Closing so long as such conditions would be satisfied if the Closing Date were the date the notice in clause (ii) of this Section 8.1(i) is received by Parent), (ii) the Company has confirmed by irrevocable and binding written notice to Parent that (A) all of the conditions set forth in Section 7.3 have been satisfied (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Closing so long as such conditions that (x) would be satisfied if the Closing Date were the date such notice is received by Parent) or that it is willing to waive any unsatisfied conditions in Section 7.3 and (y) are not satisfied by virtue of a breach of this Agreement by any Buyer Party(ies), (B) the Merger is required to be consummated pursuant to Section 2.3, and (C) the Company is ready, willing and able to consummate the Merger, and (iii) the Buyer Parties fail to consummate the Merger within three (3) Business Days after the later of (x) receipt by Parent of the notice referred to in clause (ii) of this Section 8.1(i) and (y) the date the Merger was required to be consummated pursuant to Section 2.3; *provided* that, notwithstanding anything in Section 8.1(c) to the contrary, no party shall be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(c) during such three Business Day period.

8.2 Manner and Notice of Termination; Effect of Termination.

(a) *Manner of Termination.* The Party terminating this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1 (other than pursuant to Section 8.1(a)) must deliver prompt written notice thereof to the other Parties setting forth in reasonable detail the provision of Section 8.1 pursuant to which this Agreement is being terminated and the facts and circumstances forming the basis for such termination pursuant to such provision.

(b) *Effect of Termination*. Any proper and valid termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1 will be effective immediately upon the delivery of written notice by the terminating Party to the other Parties. In the event of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1, this Agreement will be of no further force or effect without liability of any Party (or any partner, member, manager, stockholder, director, officer, employee, Affiliate, agent or other representative of such Party) to the other Parties, as applicable, except that Section 6.6(e), Section 6.6(f), the penultimate sentence of Section 6.8, Section 6.14, this Section 8.2, Section 8.3 and Article IX will each survive the termination of this Agreement in accordance with their respective terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing but subject to Section 8.3(f), nothing in this Agreement will relieve any Party from any liability for any Willful and Material Breach of this Agreement prior to or in connection with the termination of this Agreement, the Debt Financing Sources will have no liability to the Company, any of its Affiliates or any of its or their direct or indirect equityholders hereunder or otherwise relating to or arising out of the Transactions contemplated hereby or any Debt Financing (including for any Willful and Material Breach), *provided* that the foregoing shall not preclude any liability of the Debt Financing Sources to the Company and its Affiliates under any definitive agreement relating to any Debt Financing. In addition to the foregoing, no termination of this Agreement will affect the rights or obligations of any Party pursuant to the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement or the Guarantees, which rights and obligations and agreements will survive the termination of this Agreement in accordance with their respective terms.

8.3 Fees and Expenses.

(a) General. Except as set forth in this Section 8.3, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the Merger will be paid by the Party incurring such fees and expenses whether or not the Merger is consummated. For the avoidance of doubt, Parent or the Surviving Corporation will be responsible for all fees and expenses of the Payment Agent. Subject to Section 2.10(e), the Surviving Corporation will pay or cause to be paid all (i) transfer Taxes on the surrender or transfer to the Surviving Corporation of Certificates or Uncertificated Shares; and (ii) real property transfer and other similar Taxes or fees arising out of, or in connection with, entering into this Agreement and the consummation of the Merger.

(b) Company Payments.

(i) If (A) this Agreement is validly terminated pursuant to Section 8.1(c), Section 8.1(e); (B)(1) in the case of a termination pursuant to Section 8.1(c), at the time of such termination, the conditions set forth in Sections 7.1(b) and Section 7.1(c) (in each case, to the extent relating to any Antitrust Law) have been satisfied or are capable of being satisfied if the date of such termination was the Closing Date or (2) in the case of a termination pursuant to Section 8.1(d) or the date of termination pursuant to Section 8.1(d) or Section 8.1(d) or the date of termination pursuant to Section 8.1(d) or Section 8.1(d) or Section 8.1(d) or the date of termination (in the case of any such termination pursuant to Section 8.1(c) or Section 8.1(c); and (D) within one year following the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(d) or Secti

consummated or the Company enters into a definitive agreement providing for the consummation of an Acquisition Transaction, then the Company will, concurrently with the earlier of the consummation of such Acquisition Transaction and the entry into a definitive agreement with respect to such Acquisition Transaction, pay or cause to be paid to Parent (as directed by Parent) an amount equal to \$30,000,000 (the "**Company Termination Fee**"). For purposes of Section 8.3(b)(i)(D), all references to "15%" in the definition of "Acquisition Transaction" will be deemed to be references to "50%" and all references to "85%" in the definition of "Acquisition Transaction" will be deemed to be references to "50%".

(ii) If this Agreement is validly terminated pursuant to Section 8.1(f), then the Company must promptly (and in any event within two Business Days) following such termination pay or cause to be paid to Parent (as directed by Parent) the Company Termination Fee.

(iii) If this Agreement is validly terminated pursuant to Section 8.1(h), then the Company must prior to or concurrently with such termination pay or cause to be paid to Parent (as directed by Parent) the Company Termination Fee.

(c) *Parent Payments.* If this Agreement is validly terminated (i) by the Company pursuant to Section 8.1(g) or Section 8.1(i) or (ii) by Parent pursuant to Section 8.1(c) and, at the time of such termination under Section 8.1(c), the Company could have validly terminated this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(g) or Section 8.1(i), then Parent shall pay or cause to be paid to the Company (as directed by the Company) an amount equal to \$65,000,000 (the "**Parent Termination Fee**").

(d) *Single Payment Only*. The Parties acknowledge and agree that in no event will (i) the Company be required to pay more than one termination fee, collectively, or be required to pay the Company Termination Fee on more than one occasion, whether or not the Company Termination Fee may be payable pursuant to more than one provision of this Agreement at the same or at different times and upon the occurrence of different events and (ii) Parent be required to pay more than one termination fee, collectively, or be required to pay the Parent Termination Fee on more than one occasion, whether or not the Parent Termination Fee may be payable pursuant to more than one provision of this Agreement at the same or at different times and upon the occurrence of different events.

(e) *Payments; Default.* The Parties acknowledge that the agreements contained in this Section 8.3 are an integral part of the Merger, and that, without these agreements, the Parties would not enter into this Agreement. Each of the Parties further acknowledge and agree that the payment of the Parent Termination Fee by Parent or the Company Termination Fee by the Company, as applicable, pursuant to this Section 8.3 shall not constitute a penalty, but will be liquidated damages in a reasonable amount that will compensate the Company and the Buyer Parties, as applicable, in the circumstances in which such fee is payable, for any losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses or obligations, including the efforts and resources expended and opportunities foregone while negotiating this Agreement in reliance on this Agreement and on the expectation of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which amount would otherwise be impossible to calculate with precision. If the Company or Parent, as the case may be, fails to promptly pay any amount due pursuant to Section 8.3(c), as applicable, and, in order to obtain such payment, Parent or the Company, as the case may be, commences a Legal Proceeding that results in a final and non-appealable judgment against the Company or Parent, as the case may be, for the payment of the amount set forth in Section 8.3(c) or Section 8.3(c), as applicable, or any portion thereof, then the party ordered to make such payment shall pay or cause to be paid to the other party or parties, as applicable, its or their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees) in connection with such Legal Proceeding, together with interest on such amount or portion

thereof due pursuant to Section 8.3(b) at the annual rate of 5% plus the prime rate as published in *The Wall Street Journal* in effect on the date that such payment or portion thereof was required to be made through the date that such payment or portion thereof was actually received, or a lesser rate that is the maximum permitted by applicable law (the amounts described in this sentence, the "Enforcement Costs"); *provided* that no event shall the Enforcement Costs payable by the Company or Parent, as applicable, pursuant to this Section 8.3(e) exceed \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. All payments under this Section 8.3 shall be made by the Company to Parent (as directed by Parent) or Parent to the Company (as directed by the Company), as applicable, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account designated in writing by Parent or the Company (which account information may be updated by Parent or the Company by written notice to the other party from time to time), as applicable.

(f) Sole and Exclusive Remedy.

(i) If this Agreement is validly terminated pursuant to Section 8.1, the Company's receipt of the Parent Termination Fee and the Enforcement Costs to the extent due and payable (and timely and fully paid) pursuant to Section 8.3(c) will be the sole and exclusive remedy (whether at law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise) that (A) the Company Group and its Affiliates; and (B) the former, current and future holders of any equity, controlling persons, directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, Affiliates, members, managers, general or limited partners, stockholders and assignees of each member of the Company Group and its Affiliates (the Persons in clauses (A) and (B) collectively, but excluding the Company, the "Company Related Parties") may recover from (1) the Buyer Parties or the Guarantors; or (2) the former, current and future holders of any equity, controlling persons, directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, Debt Financing Sources, Affiliates, members, managers, general or limited partners, stockholders or assignees of the Buyer Parties or the Guarantors (the Persons in clauses (1) and (2) collectively, but excluding the Buyer Parties, the "Parent Related Parties") in respect of this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements and any other agreement executed in connection herewith and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the Merger or any claims or actions under applicable law arising out of any breach (including any Willful and Material Breach), termination or failure, and upon payment of the Parent Termination Fee (if the Parent Termination Fee is due and payable), (x) none of the Parent Related Parties will have any further liability or obligation to the Company Related Parties relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements or any other agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the Merger or any claims or actions under applicable law arising out of any breach (including any Willful and Material Breach), termination or failure (except that the Buyer Parties (or their Affiliates) will remain obligated with respect to Section 6.6(e), Section 6.6(f), Section 8.3(c) and Section 8.3(e), as applicable); and (2) none of the Company Related Parties or any other Person will be entitled to bring or maintain any claim, action or proceeding against any Buyer Party or any other Parent Related Party arising out of this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements or any other agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the Merger or any claims or actions under applicable law arising out of any breach (including any Willful and Material Breach), termination or failure (except that the Buyer Parties (or their Affiliates) will remain obligated with respect to Section 6.6(e), Section 6.6(f), Section 8.3(c) and Section 8.3(e), as applicable). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements or any other agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the maximum aggregate liability, whether in equity or at law, in Contract, in tort or otherwise, of the Parent Related Parties collectively (including monetary damages for fraud or breach, whether willful, intentional,

unintentional or otherwise (including any Willful and Material Breach), or monetary damages in lieu of specific performance) under this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements, the Company Stockholders Agreement and any other agreement executed in connection herewith and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, will not exceed under any circumstances an amount equal to (i) the Parent Termination Fee, if any, due and owing to the Company pursuant to 8.3(c), plus (ii) the Enforcement Costs, if any, due and owing to the Company pursuant to Section 8.3(e), plus (iii) the Reimbursement Obligations (or such lower amount, if applicable, as a court of competent jurisdiction may determine to be enforceable in accordance with applicable Law) (the "Parent Liability Limitation"). In no event will any of the Company Related Parties seek or obtain, nor will they permit any of their Representatives or any other Person acting on their behalf to seek or obtain, nor will any Person be entitled to seek or obtain, any monetary recovery or award in excess of the Parent Liability Limitation against any of the Parent Related Parties, and in no event will the Company Related Parties be entitled to seek or obtain any monetary damages of any kind, including consequential, special, indirect or punitive damages, in excess of the Parent Liability Limitation against the Parent Related Parties for, or with respect to, this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements or any agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the Merger or any claims or actions under applicable law arising out of any breach, termination or failure; provided that the foregoing shall not preclude any liability of the Debt Financing Sources to the Buyer Parties under the definitive agreements relating to the Debt Financing, nor limit the Buyer Parties from seeking to recover any such damages or obtain equitable relief from or with respect to any Debt Financing Source pursuant to the definitive agreements relating to the Debt Financing. Other than each Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantees, the applicable Sponsor Stockholders' obligations under the Company Stockholder Agreement and other than the Buyer Parties' obligations under this Agreement, in no event will any Parent Related Party or any other Person other than each Guarantor, such Sponsor Stockholder, and the Buyer Parties, as applicable, have any liability for monetary damages to the Company or any other Person relating to or arising out of this Agreement or the Merger and, in each case, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Guarantees, and the Company Stockholders Agreement, as applicable.

(ii) If this Agreement is validly terminated pursuant to Section 8.1 in a situation which the Company Termination Fee is payable pursuant to Section 8.3(b), Parent's receipt of the Company Termination Fee plus (i) the Enforcement Costs, if any, due and owing to the Company pursuant to Section 8.3(e), plus (ii) the Reimbursement Obligations to the extent due and payable (and timely and fully paid) pursuant to Section 8.3(b) will be the sole and exclusive remedy (whether at law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise) that the Buyer Parties and each of their respective Affiliates may recover from the Company Related Parties in respect of this Agreement, any agreement executed in connection herewith and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the Merger or any claims or actions under applicable law arising out of any such breach, termination or failure, and upon payment of the Company Termination Fee (if the Company Termination Fee is due and payable), (A) none of the Company Related Parties will have any further liability or obligation to the Buyer Parties relating to or arising out of this Agreement, any agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby or any matters forming the basis of such termination (except that the Parties (or their Affiliates) will remain obligated with respect to Section 8.3(b) and Section 8.3(e), as applicable); and (B) none of the Buyer Parties or any other Person will be entitled to bring or maintain any claim, action or proceeding against the Company or any Company Related Party arising out of this Agreement, any agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions 8.3(e), as applicable). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other agreement executed in connection herewith or the transactions 8.3(e), as applicable). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other agreement executed in connect

contemplated hereby and thereby, the maximum aggregate liability, whether in equity or at law, in Contract, in tort or otherwise, of the Company Related Parties collectively (including monetary damages for fraud or breach, whether willful, intentional, unintentional or otherwise (including any Willful and Material Breach), or monetary damages in lieu of specific performance) payable by the Company for breaches under this Agreement (taking into account the payment of the Company Termination Fee pursuant to this Agreement) will not exceed an amount equal to (i) \$60,000,000 in the aggregate for all such breaches plus (ii) any Enforcement Costs, if any, due and owing to Parent pursuant to Section 8.3(e) (or such lower amount, if applicable, as a court of competent jurisdiction may determine to be enforceable in accordance with applicable Law) (the "**Company Liability Limitation**"). In no event will any of the Parent Related Parties seek or obtain, nor will they permit any of their Representatives or any other Person acting on their behalf to seek or obtain, nor will any Person be entitled to seek or obtain any monetary damages of any kind, including consequential, special, indirect or punitive damages, in excess of the Company Liability Limitation against the Company Related Parties for, or with respect to, this Agreement or the Merger, the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the Merger or any claims or actions under applicable law arising out of any such breach, termination or failure.

(g) Acknowledgement Regarding Specific Performance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 8.3(f) or the existence of the Parent Liability Limitation, the Company Liability Limitation or the availability of monetary damages, it is agreed that the Buyer Parties and the Company will be entitled to an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief as provided in Section 9.8(b) (subject to the limitations set forth therein), except that, although the Buyer Parties and the Company, in their respective sole discretion, may determine their choice of remedies hereunder, including by pursuing specific performance in accordance with, but subject to the limitations of, Section 9.8(b) prior to the termination of this Agreement under Section 8.1, under no circumstances will the Buyer Parties or the Company be permitted or entitled to receive both specific performance that results in the occurrence of the Closing and any monetary damages, including, with respect to the Buyer Parties, the Company Termination Fee or, with respect to the Company, the Parent Termination Fee, as applicable.

(h) Non Recourse; Parent Party. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith, each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement may only be enforced against, and any claims that may be based upon, arise out of or relate to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Agreement, may only be made against, the parties to this Agreement, and no Parent Related Party or Company Related Party, in each case that is not a party to this Agreement, shall have any obligation hereunder or in connection herewith or any liability for any obligation of any of the parties to this Agreement or for any claim based upon, arising out of or relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, whether by enforcement of any judgment, fine or penalty, by any legal or equitable action, suit or proceeding, by virtue of any Applicable Law, by or through attempted piercing of the corporate, limited partnership or limited liability company veil or otherwise. The non-parties referenced in this Section 8.3(h) shall by express third-party beneficiaries of this Section 8.3(h). In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, in no event will the Company seek or obtain, nor will they permit any of their Representatives to seek or obtain, nor will any Person be entitled to seek or obtain, any monetary recovery or monetary award against any Guarantor Party (as defined in the Guarantees, which excludes, for the avoidance of doubt, the Guarantors and the Buyer Parties), with respect to this Agreement or the Guarantees or the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including any breach by the Guarantors or the Buyer Parties), the termination of this Agreement, the failure to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby or any claims or actions under applicable laws arising

out of any such breach, termination or failure, other than from the Buyer Parties to the extent expressly provided for in this Agreement or the Guarantors to the extent expressly provided for in the Guarantees, or the Company Stockholders Agreement.

8.4 *Amendment.* Subject to applicable law and subject to the other provisions of this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended by the Parties at any time by execution of an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the Buyer Parties and the Company (pursuant to authorized action by the Special Committee), except that in the event that the Company has received the Requisite Stockholder Approvals, no amendment may be made to this Agreement that requires the approval of the Company Stockholders pursuant to the DGCL without such approval. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the provisions relating to the Debt Financing Sources set forth in Section 6.6(a), Section 8.2, Section 8.3(f), Section 9.3, Section 9.6, Section 9.8, Section 9.9, Section 9.10, Section 9.11 and this Section 8.4 (and any provision of this Agreement to the extent a modification, waiver or termination of such provision would modify the substance of the provisions relating to the Debt Financing Sources set forth in Sections 6.6(a), Section 8.2, Section 8.3(f), Section 8.6, Section 9.3, Section 9.6, Section 9.8, Section 9.9, Section 9.10, Section 9.11 and this Section 8.4 (and any provision of this Agreement to the extent a modification, waiver or termination of such provision would modify the substance of the provisions relating to the Debt Financing Sources set forth in Sections 6.6(a), Section 8.2, Section 8.3(f), Section 8.6, Section 9.3, Section 9.8, Section 9.8, Section 9.9, Section 9.10, Section 9.11 or this Section 8.4) may not be amended, modified or altered without the prior written consent of the Debt Financing Sources.

8.5 *Extension; Waiver.* At any time and from time to time prior to the Effective Time, any Party may, to the extent legally allowed and except as otherwise set forth herein, (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other Parties, as applicable; (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties made to such Party contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant hereto; and (c) subject to the requirements of applicable law, waive compliance with any of the agreements or conditions for the benefit of such Party contained herein. Any agreement on the part of a Party to any such extension or waiver will be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed by such Party. Any delay in exercising any right pursuant to this Agreement will not constitute a waiver of such right.

8.6 No Liability of Debt Financing Sources. None of the Debt Financing Sources will have any liability to the Company or any of its Affiliates relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the Debt Financing or otherwise, whether at law or equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise, and none of the Company nor any of their Affiliates will have any rights or claims against any of the Debt Financing Sources hereunder or thereunder; *provided* that nothing in this Section 8.6 shall limit the rights of the Company and its Affiliates from and after the Effective Time under any debt commitment letter or the definitive debt documents executed in connection with the Debt Financing (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, under this Agreement) to the extent the Company and/or its Affiliates are party thereto.

8.7 Special Committee Approval. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Effective Time, no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement and no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the Company under or with respect to this Agreement (including, for the sake of clarity, any action or omission at the direction of the Company Board that would constitute a breach of any provision of this Agreement) without first obtaining the written approval of the Special Committee.

ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants. The representations, warranties and covenants of the Company and the Buyer Parties contained in this Agreement will terminate at the Closing,

except that any covenants that by their terms survive the Closing will survive the Closing in accordance with their respective terms.

9.2 *Notices.* All notices and other communications hereunder must be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly delivered and received hereunder (i) four Business Days after being sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (ii) one Business Day after being sent for next Business Day delivery, fees prepaid, via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service; or (iii) immediately upon delivery by hand or by email transmission, in each case to the intended recipient as set forth below:

(a) if to the Buyer Parties to:

 General Atlantic Service Company, L.P.

 55 East 52nd Street, 32nd Floor

 New York, New York 10055

 Attention:
 Gordon Cruess

 Email:
 gcruess@generalatlantic.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Attn: Matthew W. Abbott Cullen L. Sinclair Email: mabbott@paulweiss.com csinclair@paulweiss.com

and

Stone Point Capital LLC 20 Horseneck Lane Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 Attention: Stephen Levey Email: slevey@stonepoint.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attn: Elizabeth A. Cooper Mark C. Viera Email: ecooper@stblaw.com mark.viera@stblaw.com

(b) if to the Company (prior to the Effective Time) to:

HireRight Holdings Corporation 100 Centerview Drive, Suite 300 Nashville, Tennessee 37214 Attention: Brian Copple Email: brian.copple@hireright.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attention: John D. Amorosi H. Oliver Smith Email: john.amorosi@davispolk.com oliver.smith@davispolk.com

Any notice received by email at the addressee's email address or otherwise at the addressee's location on any Business Day after 5:00 p.m., addressee's local time, or on any day that is not a Business Day will be deemed to have been received at 9:00 a.m., addressee's local time, on the next Business Day. From time to time, any Party may provide notice to the other Parties of a change in its address or email address through a notice given in accordance with this Section 9.2, except that notice of any change to the address, email address or any of the other details specified in or pursuant to this Section 9.2 will not be deemed to have been received pursuant to this Section 9.2.

9.3 Assignment. No Party may assign either this Agreement or any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of the other Parties, except that the Buyer Parties will

have the right to assign all or any portion of their respective rights and obligations pursuant to this Agreement from and after the Effective Time (a) in connection with a merger or consolidation involving the Buyer Parties or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Buyer Parties or the Surviving Corporation; (b) to any of their respective Affiliates; or (c) to any Debt Financing Source pursuant to the terms of the Debt Financing for purposes of creating a security interest herein or otherwise assigning as collateral in respect of the Debt Financing, it being understood that, in each case, such assignment will not (i) affect the obligations of the Guarantors pursuant to the Guarantees, or the Company Stockholders Agreement; or (ii) impede or delay the consummation of the Merger or otherwise materially impede the rights of the holders of shares of Company Common Stock and Company Equity Awards pursuant to this Agreement. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. No assignment by any Party will relieve such Party of any of its obligations hereunder.

9.4 *Confidentiality*. The Buyer Parties and the Company hereby acknowledge and agree that (a) subject to the terms of the Support Agreements, the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement will continue in full force and effect in accordance with the terms of the Company Stockholders Agreement and (b) Parent and Merger Sub shall be permitted to disclose such information to any Person who is a potential source of, or may provide, equity, debt or any other type of financing for the transactions contemplated hereby; provided that the Buyer Parties shall be responsible for such Persons' compliance with, and liable for such Persons' breaches of, the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement. Each of the Buyer Parties and their respective Representatives will hold and treat all documents and information concerning the Company Group furnished or made available to the Buyer Parties or their respective Representatives in connection with the Merger in accordance with the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement. By executing this Agreement, each of the Buyer Parties agree to be bound by, and to cause their Representatives to be bound by, the terms and conditions of the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement as if they were parties thereto

9.5 *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement and the documents and instruments and other agreements among the Parties as contemplated by or referred to herein, including the Company Disclosure Letter, the Parent Disclosure Letter, the Guarantees, the Support Agreements, and the Company Stockholders Agreement, constitute the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the confidentiality obligations set forth in the Company Stockholders Agreement will (a) not be superseded; (b) survive any termination of this Agreement; and (c) continue in full force and effect until the earlier to occur of the Effective Time and the date on which the Company Stockholders Agreement is validly terminated by the parties thereto.

9.6 *Third Party Beneficiaries.* Except as set forth in Section 6.10 and this Section 9.6, the Parties agree that their respective representations, warranties and covenants set forth in this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the other Parties in accordance with and subject to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is not intended to, and will not, confer upon any other Person any rights or remedies hereunder, except (a) as set forth in or contemplated by Section 6.10 and (b) from and after the Closing, the rights of the holders of shares of Company Common Stock and Company Equity Awards to receive the consideration set forth in Article II. The provisions of Section 8.3(f)(i) will inure to the benefit of the Parent Related Parties and their successors and assigns, each of whom is intended to be a third party beneficiary thereof, and the provisions of Section 8.3(f)(ii) will inure to the benefit of the Company Related Parties and their successors and assigns,

each of whom is intended to be a third party beneficiary thereof. The provisions of Section 6.6(a), Section 8.2, Section 8.3(f), Section 8.4, Section 8.6, Section 9.3, Section 9.8, Section 9.9, Section 9.10, Section 9.11 and this Section 9.6 will inure to the benefit of the Debt Financing Sources and their successors and assigns, each of whom is intended to be a third party beneficiary thereof (it being understood and agreed that the provisions of such Sections will be enforceable by the Debt Financing Sources and their respective successors and assigns) and Section 8.3(h) will inure to the benefit of each non-party referenced therein and its successors and assigns and each Guarantor Party (as defined in the Guarantees) and its successors and assigns, each of whom is intended to be a third party beneficiary thereof (it being understood and agreed that the provisions of such Section 9.10, Section 9.3(h) will inure to the benefit of each non-party referenced therein and its successors and assigns and each Guarantor Party (as defined in the Guarantees) and its successors and assigns, each of whom is intended to be a third party beneficiary thereof (it being understood and agreed that the provisions of such Section will be enforceable by each such non-party and its successors and assigns). The provisions of Section 8.7 will inure to the benefit of the Special Committee which is an intended third party beneficiary thereof.

9.7 Severability. In the event that any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect, and the application of such provision to other Persons or circumstances will be interpreted so as reasonably to effect the intent of the Parties. The Parties further agree to replace such void or unenforceable provision of this Agreement with a valid and enforceable provision that will achieve, to the extent possible, the economic, business and other purposes of such void or unenforceable provision.

9.8 Remedies.

(a) *Remedies Cumulative*. Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all remedies herein expressly conferred upon a Party will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby or by law or equity upon such Party, and the exercise by a Party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy. Although the Company may pursue both a grant of specific performance and monetary damages, under no circumstances will the Company be permitted or entitled to receive both a grant of specific performance that results in the occurrence of the Closing and monetary damages (including any monetary damages in lieu of specific performance).

(b) Specific Performance.

(i) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Parties agree that irreparable damage for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy would occur in the event that the Parties do not perform the provisions of this Agreement (including any Party failing to take such actions as are required of it hereunder in order to consummate this Agreement) in accordance with its specified terms or otherwise breach such provisions. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, subject to Section 8.6 and the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, (A) the Parties will be entitled, in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity, to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief to prevent breaches (or threatened breaches) of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof; (B) the provisions of Section 8.3 are not intended to and do not adequately compensate the Company, on the one hand, or the Buyer Parties, on the other hand, for the harm that would result from a breach of this Agreement, and will not be construed to diminish or otherwise impair in any respect any Party's right to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief; and (C) the right of specific enforcement is an integral part of the Merger and without that right, neither the Company nor the Buyer Parties would have entered into this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is explicitly agreed that the right of the Company to seek an injunction, specific performance or other equitable remedies, in each case, in connection with enforcing the Buyer Parties' obligations to effect the

Closing shall be available if, and only if, each of the following conditions has been satisfied: (1) all of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2 have been satisfied or waived (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Closing and any such conditions that are not satisfied by virtue of Parent's or Merger Sub's breach hereof) at the time when the Closing would have been required to occur pursuant to Section 2.3, (2) the Debt Financing (or the Alternative Financing) has been funded in accordance with the terms thereof or will be funded in accordance with the terms thereof at the Closing, (3) there shall be no Event of Default that has occurred and is continuing under the Company Credit Agreement and the Company Credit Agreement shall be in full force and effect, (4) the Company has irrevocably confirmed in a binding, written notice delivered to Parent that if specific performance is granted and the Debt Financing (or the Alternative Financing) is funded, then the Company stands ready, willing and able to then consummate the transaction contemplated by this Agreement on such date and (5) for the avoidance of doubt, this Agreement has not been terminated. Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to the rights of the parties to the definitive agreements for any Debt Financing under the terms thereof, none of the Company and its Affiliates (other than Parent and Merger Sub) and their direct and indirect equityholders shall have any rights or claims (whether in contract or in tort or otherwise) against any Debt Financing Source, solely in their respective capacities as lenders or arrangers in connection with the Debt Financing, and in no event shall the Company, any of its Affiliates (other than Parent and Merger Sub) or its or their direct or indirect equityholders be entitled to directly seek the remedy of specific performance of this Agreement against any Debt Financing Source.

(ii) The Parties agree not to raise any objections to (A) the granting of an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief to prevent or restrain breaches or threatened breaches of this Agreement by the Company, on the one hand, or Parent, on the other hand; and (B) the specific performance of the terms and provisions of this Agreement to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of, or to enforce compliance with, the covenants, obligations and agreements of the Buyer Parties pursuant to this Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereto agrees that it will not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance or any other equitable relief on the basis that any other Party has an adequate remedy at law or that any award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or in equity. Any Party seeking an injunction or injunction sto prevent breaches of this Agreement, and each Party irrevocably waives any right that it may have to require the obtaining, furnishing or posting of any such bond or other security.

9.9 *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware. Any and all claims, controversies, and causes of action arising out of or relating to this Agreement, whether sounding in contract, tort, or statute, shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Delaware, including its statutes of limitations, without giving effect to any conflict-of-laws or other rules that would result in the application of the laws or statutes of limitations of a different jurisdiction; provided that, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Parties acknowledge and irrevocably agree that any and all claims, controversies, and causes of action involving the Debt Financing Sources arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Debt Financing, the Debt Commitment Letters, the Alternative Financing Documents, the definitive documentation relating to the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of New York, except as otherwise set forth in the Debt Commitment Letters, including with respect to (i) the interpretation of the definition of Company Material Adverse Effect (and whether or not a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred), (ii) the determination of the accuracy of any "specified acquisition agreement representation" (as

such term or similar term is defined in the Debt Commitment Letters) and whether as a result of any inaccuracy thereof the Parent or any of its Affiliates has the right to terminate its or their obligations hereunder pursuant to Section 8.1(e) or decline to consummate the Closing as a result thereof pursuant to Section 7.2(a) and (iii) the determination of whether the Closing has been consummated in all material respects in accordance with the terms hereof, which shall in each case be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any conflict-of-laws or other rules that would result in the application of the laws or statutes of limitations of a different jurisdiction.

9.10 Consent to Jurisdiction.

(a) *General Jurisdiction.* Each of the Parties (i) irrevocably consents to the service of the summons and complaint and any other process (whether inside or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts) in any Legal Proceeding relating to the Merger any Guarantee, for and on behalf of itself or any of its properties or assets, in accordance with Section 9.2 or in such other manner as may be permitted by applicable law, and nothing in this Section 9.10 will affect the right of any Party to serve legal process in any other manner permitted by applicable law; (ii) irrevocably and unconditionally consents and submits itself and its properties and assets in any Legal Proceeding to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the Court of the State of Delaware lacks or declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal court within the State of Delaware (and any appellate court therefrom) or, if any federal court within the State of Delaware lacks or declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any state court within the State of Delaware (and any appellate court therefrom)) (the "**Chosen Courts**") in the event that any dispute or controversy arises out of this Agreement, any Guarantee or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby; (iii) agrees that it will not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any such court; (iv) agrees that any Legal Proceeding arising in connection with this Agreement, any Guarantee or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will be brought, tried and determined only in the Chosen Courts; (v) waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such Legal Proceeding in the Chosen Courts or that such Legal Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same; and (vi) agrees that it will not bring any Legal Proceeding relating to this Agreement, any Guarantee or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby in any court other

(b) Jurisdiction for Debt Financing Sources. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Parties acknowledge and irrevocably agree (i) that any Legal Proceeding, whether in law or in equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise, involving the Debt Financing Sources arising out of, or relating to, the Merger, the Debt Financing or the performance of services thereunder or related thereto will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of any state or federal court sitting in the State of New York in the borough of Manhattan and any appellate court thereof, and each Party submits for itself and its property with respect to any such Legal Proceeding to the exclusive jurisdiction of such court; (ii) not to bring or permit any of their Affiliates to bring or support anyone else in bringing any such Legal Proceeding in any other court; (iii) that service of process, summons, notice or document by registered mail addressed to them at their respective addresses provided in any applicable debt commitment letter will be effective service of process against them for any such Legal Proceeding brought in any such court; (iv) to waive and hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection which any of them may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of, and the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of, any such Legal Proceeding in any

such court; and (v) any such Legal Proceeding will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

9.11 *WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.* EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT THAT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING (WHETHER FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORTIOUS CONDUCT OR OTHERWISE) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE MERGER, ANY GUARANTEE, OR THE DEBT FINANCING (INCLUDING ANY SUCH LEGAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING DEBT FINANCING SOURCES). EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT (i) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER; (ii) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER; (iii) IT MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY; AND (iv) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.11.

9.12 *Company Disclosure Letter References.* The Parties agree that the disclosure set forth in any particular section or subsection of the Company Disclosure Letter will be deemed to be an exception to (or, as applicable, a disclosure for purposes of) (a) the representations and warranties (or covenants, as applicable) of the Company that are set forth in the corresponding Section or subsection of this Agreement; and (b) any other representations and warranties (or covenants, as applicable) of the Company that are set forth in this Agreement, but in the case of this clause (b) only if the relevance of that disclosure as an exception to (or a disclosure for purposes of) such other representations and warranties (or covenants, as applicable) is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure.

9.13 *Counterparts.* This Agreement and any amendments hereto may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which will be considered one and the same agreement and will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed (including by electronic signature) by each of the Parties and delivered to the other Parties, it being understood that all Parties need not sign the same counterpart. Any such counterpart, to the extent delivered by fax or .pdf, .tif, .gif, .jpg or similar attachment to electronic mail (any such delivery, an "**Electronic Delivery**"), will be treated in all manner and respects as an original executed counterpart and will be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. No Party may raise the use of an Electronic Delivery to deliver a signature, or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of an Electronic Delivery, as a defense to the formation of a contract, and each Party forever waives any such defense, except to the extent such defense relates to lack of authenticity.

9.14 *Effect of Breach of Designated Persons.* Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent any actions or omissions of any of the Persons listed on Section 9.14 of the Company Disclosure Letter (each such Person, a "**Designated Person**") are taken or failed to be taken by the Designated Persons with the actual or constructive knowledge (which shall be deemed to include knowledge of facts that a Person acting reasonably should have known, based on reasonable due inquiry) that the taking of such act or failure to take such act would, or would reasonably be expected to, cause or constitute a breach by the Company of any covenant, representation, warranty, or other agreement set forth in this Agreement, such breach or inaccuracy shall be disregarded for all purposes of this Agreement (in each case, other than

any such action or omission taken at the written direction of the Special Committee). Without limiting the foregoing, Parent and Merger Sub shall not have any right to rely on any failure of the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(a) or Section 7.2(b) to be satisfied (or terminate this Agreement under Section 8.1(e) as a result thereof) or claim payment of the Company Termination Fee, any damage or seek any other remedy at law or in equity to the extent that such failure, damage or injury arises from any actions or omissions of the Company or its Subsidiaries taken by or at the direction of any Designated Person (other than any such action or omission taken at the written direction of the Special Committee) with the actual or constructive knowledge (which shall be deemed to include knowledge of facts that a Person acting reasonably should have known, based on reasonable due inquiry) that such actions or omissions would, or would reasonably be expected to, give rise to such failure, damages or injury.

9.15 *No Limitation.* It is the intention of the Parties that, to the extent possible, unless provisions are mutually exclusive and effect cannot be given to both or all such provisions, the representations, warranties, covenants and closing conditions in this Agreement will be construed to be cumulative and that each representation, warranty, covenant and closing condition in this Agreement will be given full, separate and independent effect and nothing set forth in any provision herein will in any way be deemed to limit the scope, applicability or effect of any other provision hereof.

[Signature page follows.]



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their respective duly authorized officers as of the date first written

HEARTS PARENT, LLC

By:

/s/ Rene Kern Name: Rene Kern Title: President

HEARTS MERGER SUB, INC.

By: /s/ Rene Kern

Name: Rene Kern Title: President

HIRERIGHT HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lisa L. Troe

 Name:
 Lisa L. Troe

 Title:
 Chair of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of

 HireRight Holdings Corporation, on behalf of HireRight Holdings

 Corporation

SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This Support Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of February 15, 2024, is entered into by and among (i) HireRight Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), (ii) General Atlantic Partners (Bermuda) HRG II, L.P., a Bermuda limited partnership, General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (collectively, the "<u>Stockholders</u>" and each, individually, a "<u>Stockholder</u>"), and (iii) Hearts Parent, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Parent</u>"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Merger Agreement (as defined below).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (i) the Company, (ii) Parent and (iii) Merger Sub, are entering into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as may be amended from time to time, the "Merger Agreement"), which provides for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the "Merger"), with the Company surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent;

WHEREAS, the Company, certain Stockholders, and other parties thereto have previously entered into a Tax Receivable Agreement dated as of October 28, 2021 (the "Tax Receivable Agreement");

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, each Stockholder is the record and/or "beneficial owner" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of the number of shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (as adjusted pursuant to Section 12, the "<u>Common Stock</u>") set forth opposite the Stockholder's name on <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto under the heading "Owned Shares", being all of the shares of Common Stock owned of record or beneficially by the Stockholder as of the date hereof (as adjusted pursuant to Section 12, collectively, the "<u>Owned Shares</u>");

WHEREAS, in connection with the Closing, the Stockholders will contribute and transfer all of the Owned Shares (the "<u>Sponsor Shares</u>") to an entity that indirectly owns 100% of the equity interests of Parent ("<u>Topco</u>") on the Closing Date and immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "<u>Exchange Time</u>"), in exchange for a number of newly issued equity interests of Topco (of the same class and series as the equity interests to be issued by Topco to Trident VII, L.P., Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., Trident VII Porfessionals Fund, L.P. (collectively, the "<u>Other Sponsor Stockholders</u>") in connection with the Closing (such equity interests, together with the equity interests issued to the Stockholders, collectively, the "<u>Sponsor Topco Shares</u>")), with an aggregate value (valued at the same per share price as the Sponsor Topco Shares issued to the Other Sponsor Stockholders) equal to the product of (x) the number of Sponsor Shares multiplied by (y) the Per Share Price (the "<u>Exchange Shares</u>");

WHEREAS, it is intended that for U.S. federal (and applicable state and local) tax purposes, the contribution of Sponsor Shares to Topco (which will be treated as a domestic corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes as of the Effective Time) in exchange for Exchange Shares, in conjunction with the Other Sponsor Stockholders' contributions of equity in exchange for the Sponsor Topco Shares (the "<u>Other Sponsor Stockholder Contributions</u>"), shall be treated for U.S. federal, and applicable state and local, income tax purposes as an exchange of property for stock under Section 351(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>Code</u>"); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the willingness of the Company and Parent to enter into the Merger Agreement and as an inducement and in consideration therefor, the Company and Parent have required that the Stockholders, and the Stockholders have agreed to, enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Stockholders, the Company and Parent hereby agree as follows:

Agreement to Vote the Covered Shares. Beginning on the date hereof until the Termination Date (as defined below), at every meeting of the Company Stockholders, including any postponement, recess or adjournment thereof, or in any other circumstance, however called, each Stockholder agrees to, and if applicable, to cause its controlled Affiliates to, affirmatively vote (including via proxy) or execute consents, with respect to (or cause to be voted (including via proxy) or consents to be executed with respect to), and not to withdraw or modify any such vote or consent with respect to, all of the Owned Shares and any additional shares of Common Stock or other voting securities of the Company acquired by such Stockholder or its respective controlled Affiliates after the date hereof and prior to the Termination Date (as adjusted pursuant to Section 12, collectively, and together with the Owned Shares, the "Covered Shares") as follows: (a) in favor of (i) the adoption of the Merger Agreement and the approval of the Merger, (ii) the approval of any proposal to adjourn or postpone any Company Stockholder Meeting to a later date if the Company or Parent proposes or requests such postponement or adjournment in accordance with Section 6.4(b) of the Merger Agreement, and (iii) the approval of any other proposal considered and voted upon by the Company Stockholders at any Company Stockholder Meeting necessary for consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, and (b) against (i) any proposal, action or agreement that would reasonably be expected to result in a breach of any covenant, representation or warranty or other obligation or agreement of the Company contained in the Merger Agreement or that would reasonably be expected to result in any condition set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Merger Agreement not being satisfied or not being fulfilled prior to the Termination Date, (ii) any Acquisition Proposal or any other proposal made in opposition to or in competition with, or which is inconsistent with, the Merger Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby, (iii) any recapitalization, reorganization, dissolution, liquidation, winding up or similar extraordinary transaction involving the Company (except as contemplated by the Merger Agreement) and (iv) any other action, agreement or proposal which would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or any of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement (clauses (a) and (b) collectively, the "Supported Matters"). Each Stockholder agrees to, and agrees to cause its applicable controlled Affiliates to,

be present, in person or by proxy, at every meeting of the Company Stockholders, including any postponement, recess or adjournment thereof, or in any other circumstance, however called, to vote on the Supported Matters (in the manner described in this Section 1) so that all of the Covered Shares will be counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at each such meeting, or otherwise cause the Covered Shares to be counted as present thereat for purposes of establishing a quorum at each such meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, except with respect to the Supported Matters, the Stockholders do not have any obligation to vote the Covered Shares in any particular manner and, with respect to matters other than the Supported Matters, the Stockholders shall be entitled to vote the Covered Shares in its sole discretion.

- 2. Sponsor Shares.
 - 2.1. Contribution and Exchange. On the terms set forth herein and subject to Section 2.2, Section 2.3, Section 2.4 and Section 2.5:

(a) Each Stockholder agrees and covenants to Parent that it will, at the Exchange Time, contribute, assign, transfer, convey and deliver (or cause to be contributed, assigned, transferred, conveyed and delivered) to Topco all of the Sponsor Shares, free and clear of any and all Liens (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of the Sponsor Shares), except as may exist by reason of this Agreement, the Merger Agreement and applicable securities laws, in exchange for the issuance by Topco to such Stockholder of, at the Exchange Time, the Exchange Shares (the "Exchange") or those certain Secured Promissory Notes and Pledge Agreements, dated as of July 12, 2018, entered into by each of GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P. and GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P., on the one hand, and RJC GIS Holdings LLC, on the other hand (the "Conrad Notes"). No Sponsor Topco Shares issued in connection with the Merger shall be issued at a lower price per share than the Sponsor Topco Shares issued in the Exchange.

(b) Each Stockholder acknowledges and agrees that, from and after the Exchange, except as set forth in Section 2.2, such Stockholder shall have no right, title or interest in or to the Sponsor Shares, other than the right to receive the Exchange Shares.

(c) Immediately after the Exchange, at the Effective Time, Topco hereby contributes, assigns, transfers, conveys and delivers to Parent all of the Sponsor Shares, free and clear of any and all liens (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of the Sponsor Shares), except as may exist by reason of this Agreement, the Merger Agreement and applicable securities laws or the Conrad Notes, in exchange for the issuance by Parent to Topco of equity interests in Parent.

2.2. <u>Conditions to Exchange</u>. The obligations of each Stockholder to consummate the Exchange at the Exchange Time are subject to the satisfaction (or waiver by such Stockholder in writing) of the following conditions:

(a) (i) The satisfaction, or written waiver (to the extent permitted) by Parent, of all conditions to the obligations of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Merger and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement that are to occur on the Closing Date as set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Merger Agreement (other than those conditions that by

their terms are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or written waiver by Parent (to the extent permitted thereunder) of such conditions), (ii) the contemporaneous funding of the Debt Financing, at the Closing and (iii) the contemporaneous consummation of the Merger at the Effective Time;

(b) The representations and warranties made by Parent in Section 8.1 through Section 8.5 of this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the Exchange Time as if made at and as of the Exchange Time, except for such failures to be true and correct as would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair or materially delay the consummation of the Exchange on the terms set forth herein; and

(c) No law enacted, entered, promulgated, enforced or issued by any Governmental Authority shall be in effect preventing the consummation of, or otherwise making illegal, the Exchange.

2.3. <u>Failure to Consummate the Merger</u>. In the event that after the Exchange the Merger fails to be consummated for any reason whatsoever and the Merger Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, the parties hereto agree that, concurrently with such termination of the Merger Agreement, automatically and without any further action of the parties hereto, Parent shall assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Topco and Topco shall assign, transfer, convey and deliver the Stockholders the Sponsor Shares and the Stockholders shall assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Topco the Exchange Shares issued to the Stockholders. In such event, each party hereto shall, as promptly as practicable, provide all such cooperation as the other parties hereto may reasonably request in order to ensure that such assignments, transfers, conveyances and deliveries have occurred and been made effective.

2.4. <u>Tax Treatment</u>. Topco shall be, or shall elect to be treated as, a domestic corporation for U.S. federal, and applicable state and local, income tax purposes. Topco, Parent and the Stockholders intend that, for U.S. federal (and applicable state and local) income tax purposes, the Exchange and the Other Sponsor Stockholder Contributions be treated as a transaction described in Section 351(a) of the Code, pursuant to which the Stockholders and the Other Sponsor Stockholders will receive equity interests of Topco consisting of "control" within the meaning of Section 368(c) of the Code (the "Intended Tax Treatment"). The Stockholders, the Company, Parent and Topco shall prepare and file (and shall cooperate in the preparation and filing of, as reasonably requested) all Tax Returns in a manner consistent with the Intended Tax Treatment and shall not take any position inconsistent with the Intended Tax Treatment in connection with any tax matters, in each case, unless otherwise required by a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code.

2.5. <u>Termination</u>. Parent shall not be permitted to terminate its obligations under this Section 2 without the written consent of the Stockholders (it being understood that this Section 2 shall also be terminated upon any termination of this Agreement, including pursuant to Section 3).

3. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate automatically and without further action of the parties hereto upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the valid termination of the Merger Agreement in accordance with its terms, (ii) the Effective Time, (iii) any modification, waiver or

amendment to any provision of the Merger Agreement that is effected without the Stockholders' prior written consent and that (x) reduces the Per Share Price or changes the form of consideration being offered to Company Stockholders under the Merger Agreement, imposes any non-immaterial conditions, requirements or restrictions on any Stockholder's right to receive the cash consideration payable to such Stockholder with respect to shares of Common Stock owned by such Stockholder (other than the Sponsor Shares) pursuant to the Merger Agreement or that materially delays the timing of any such payment, or (y) otherwise adversely affects the Sponsor Shares (or the Stockholders' solely in their capacity as the holders of Sponsor Shares) in any material respect (the earliest such date set forth in clauses (i) through (iv), the "Termination Date"); provided that the provisions set forth in Section 2.3 and Sections 15 through 25 hereof shall survive the termination of this Agreement; provided, further, that, subject to Section 8.3(f)(i) of the Merger Agreement, the termination of this Agreement that may have occurred on or before such termination. For the purpose hereof, "Willful and Material Breach" means, with respect to any covenant, representation, warranty or other agreement set forth in this Agreement, a material breach that is a consequence of an act or failure to act undertaken or omitted to be taken by the breaching party with the actual or constructive knowledge (which shall be deemed to include knowledge of facts that a Person acting reasonably should have known, based on reasonable due inquiry) that the taking of such act or failure to take such act would, or would reasonably be expected to, cause, or constitute a breach of the relevant covenant, representation, warranty or other agreement.

4. Certain Covenants.

4.1. <u>Transfers</u>. Beginning on the date hereof until the Termination Date, each Stockholder hereby covenants and agrees that, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, (a) such Stockholder shall not, and shall direct its Affiliates and their respective Representatives not to, directly or indirectly, (i) tender any Covered Shares into any tender or exchange offer, (ii) offer, sell, transfer, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate, hedge, gift, loan, encumber or otherwise dispose of (collectively, "<u>Transfer</u>") or enter into any Contract, option, agreement, understanding or other arrangement with respect to the Transfer of, any Covered Shares into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement with respect to any Covered Shares that is inconsistent with this Agreement, or (iv) commit or agree to take any of the foregoing actions. Any Transfer in violation of this Section 4.1 shall be void *ab initio*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Stockholder may Transfer any or all of the Covered Shares or Bother Stockholder's Affiliates or (B) to any custodian or nominee for the purpose of the Covered Shares for the account of such Stockholder's neglicable law, to (A) such Stockholder's Affiliates or (B) to any custodian or nominee for the purpose of the Covered Shares for the account of such Covered Shares is or may be transferred shall have executed and delivered to Parent a counterpart of this Agreement in a form reasonably acceptable to Parent pursuant to which such Affiliate shall be bound by all of the terms and provisions hereof in which case such Affiliate shall be deemed a Stockholder hereunder, and the transferor shall remain liable for all of its

obligations hereunder. From the date hereof until the Exchange Time, subject to the immediately preceding sentence, the Stockholders shall retain all of the Sponsor Shares.

4.2. Regulatory Matters

(a) Subject to Section 4.2(c), each Stockholder shall, and shall use reasonable best efforts to cause its Affiliates to, use their respective reasonable best efforts, consistent with the time frames set forth in Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the Merger Agreement, to supply and provide information that, to such Stockholder's knowledge, is complete and accurate in all material respects to any Governmental Authority requesting such information in connection with filings or notifications under, or relating to, applicable laws (collectively, the "<u>Regulatory Filings</u>") that are required or advisable as a result of, or pursuant to, the Merger Agreement and the related financings and transactions, including information required or requested to be provided to any antitrust, financial or national security regulatory authorities in connection with any approvals reasonably sought in connection with the consummation of the Merger (collectively, the "<u>Regulatory Disclosures</u>"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Stockholders may designate any Regulatory Disclosures that contain sensitive, legally privileged, or confidential information in respect of the Stockholders or any of their Affiliates as exclusive to the Stockholders and the Stockholders may provide that any such sensitive, legally privileged, or confidential information may only be provided on a counsel-only basis or directly to the applicable Governmental Authority requesting such information. No Stockholder shall make any filings, or notifications in connection with the Merger pursuant to any Antitrust Laws without Parent's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned). Parent or the Company will not file any Regulatory Filings that contain information with respect to the Stockholders or their Affiliates without first providing the Stockholders and their counsel a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and will give good faith consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested by t

(b) Each Stockholder represents, warrants and covenants to Parent and to the Company that, to such Stockholder's knowledge: (i) none of the information supplied in writing by such Stockholder specifically for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Regulatory Disclosures will contain a material misstatement of fact or a material omission of fact necessary to make the information provided not misleading and (ii) such Stockholder does not and will not permit any entity under the "control" (defined in Section 721 of the Defense Production Act, as amended, including all implanting regulations thereof) of a People's Republic of China national, or any entity under the "control" of a Russian Federation national, to obtain through any Affiliate, control with respect to the Company.

(c) The Stockholders shall (i) promptly notify the other parties of any material communication received by such Person from a Governmental Authority in connection with the Merger and permit the other parties to review and discuss in advance (and to consider in good faith any comments made by the other party in relation to) any proposed draft notifications, formal notifications (provided, however, that filings made under the HSR Act need not be shared), filing, submission or other written substantive communication made in connection with the Merger to a Governmental Authority; and (ii) not independently participate in any meeting (whether in person, by telephone or videoconference) with or before any Governmental Authority in respect of the Merger without giving the other party reasonable prior notice of such

meeting and, unless prohibited by such Governmental Authority, the opportunity to attend or participate. However, the Stockholders may designate any non-public information provided to any Governmental Authority as restricted to "outside counsel" only and any such information shall not be shared with employees, officers or directors or their equivalents of the other party without approval of the party providing the non-public information; provided, however, that the Stockholders may redact any valuation and related information, or information that is protected by legal privilege, before sharing any information provided to any Governmental Authority with the other parties on an "outside counsel" only basis.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in this Agreement, none of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as requiring the Stockholders to (i) make available to Parent or any other Person any of its internal investment committee materials or analyses or, other than Regulatory Disclosures, any information which the Stockholders consider to be commercially sensitive information or which is otherwise held subject to an obligation of confidentiality; and (ii) with respect to any Regulatory Disclosures, provide, or cause to be provided or agree or commit to provide information where the sharing of such information as contemplated would be prohibited by laws applicable to the Stockholders or their Affiliates or any judgment or order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other legal or regulatory restraint or prohibition applicable to or imposed upon it or its Affiliates.

4.3. <u>Tax Receivable Agreement</u>. General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., in its capacity as the TRA Party Representative (as such term is defined in the Tax Receivable Agreement), hereby waives acceleration of the Company's obligations under Section 4.1(c) of the Tax Receivable Agreement, if any, arising from any "Change of Control" (as such term is defined in the Tax Receivable Agreement) occurring solely by virtue of the consummation of transactions contemplated in the Merger Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, except to the extent expressly waived in this Section 4.3, all rights and obligations under the Tax Receivable Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Proxy Statement; Schedule 13e-3 and Schedules 13D and 13G.

(a) Promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the execution of the Merger Agreement, the Company will prepare (with Parent's reasonable cooperation) and file with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement to be sent to the stockholders in connection with the Company Stockholder Meeting (the proxy statement, including any amendments or supplements thereto, the "Proxy Statement"). The Company, Parent and the Stockholders shall cooperate to, concurrently with the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement, jointly prepare and file with the SEC a Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13e-3 (such transaction statement, including any amendment or supplement thereto, the "Schedule 13e-3") relating to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. The Stockholders shall promptly provide information reasonably requested by the Company or Parent in connection with the preparation of the Schedule 13e-3. To the knowledge of the Stockholders, the information supplied by the Stockholders for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 or any Other Required Parent Filings will not, at the time that such information is provided, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. Promptly after

the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Parent and the Stockholders shall cooperate to prepare and file with the SEC any required disclosure statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G or any amendments or supplements thereto, as applicable (such disclosure statements, including any amendments or supplements thereto, the "<u>Schedule 13D/G Filings</u>") relating to the Merger Agreement, this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger). The Company will not file the Proxy Statement with the SEC without first providing the Stockholders and their counsel a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and the Company will give good faith consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions, modifications or changes suggested by the Stockholders or their counsel. The Company and Parent shall (i) provide the Stockholders and their counsel a reasonable opportunity to review drafts of the Schedule 13e-3 prior to filing the Schedule 13e-3 with the SEC and (ii) consider in good faith all comments thereto reasonable opportunity to review drafts of all Schedule 13D/G Filings prior to filing any Schedule 13D/G Filing with respect to the Company with the SEC and (ii) consider in good faith all comments thereto reasonable opportunity to review drafts of all Schedule 13D/G Filings prior to filing any Schedule 13D/G Filing with respect to the Company with the SEC and (ii) consider in good faith all comments thereto reasonable opportunity to review or to incorporate any comments shall not in any way limit or preclude Parent or the Stockholders, as applicable, from amending any such Schedule 13D/G Filings.

(b) <u>Assistance</u>. The Company, Parent and the Stockholders will use their respective reasonable best efforts to furnish all information concerning such party and its controlled Affiliates to the other parties that is reasonably necessary for the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 and all Schedule 13D/G Filings, and provide such other party assistance, as may be reasonably requested by such other party to be included therein and will otherwise reasonably assist and cooperate with the other party in the preparation, filing and distribution of the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 and all Schedule 13D/G Filings and the resolution of any comments to either received from the SEC.

6. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Stockholders</u>. Each Stockholder hereby represents and warrants to Parent and the Company as follows:

6.1. <u>Due Authority</u>. Such Stockholder is a legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation. Such Stockholder has all requisite corporate or other similar power and authority and has taken all corporate or other similar action necessary (including approval by the board of directors or applicable corporate bodies) to execute, deliver, comply with and perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other action on the part of or vote of holders of any equity securities of such Stockholder is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance by such Stockholder of this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such Stockholder and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by all of the other parties hereto, constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of such Stockholder enforceable against such Stockholder in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency,

reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally.

6.2. No Conflict. The execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance of this Agreement by such Stockholder do not and will not (i) conflict with or result in any violation or breach of any provision of the certificate of formation or operating agreement or similar organizational documents of such Stockholder, (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any applicable law, (iii) require any consent by any Person under, constitute a default, or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit the termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit to which such Stockholder is entitled, under any Contract binding upon such Stockholder, or to which any of its properties, rights or other assets are subject or (iv) result in the creation of a lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the properties or assets (including intangible assets) of such Stockholder, except in the case of clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, any such violation, breach, conflict, default, termination, cancellation or loss that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to restrict in any material respect, prohibit or impair in any material respect the consummation of the Merger or the performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.3. <u>Consents</u>. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person, is required by or with respect to such Stockholder in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation by such Stockholder of the transactions contemplated hereby, except (a) as required by the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act, the Securities Act, or state securities, takeover and "blue sky" laws, (b) compliance with any applicable requirements of the HSR Act, (c) the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC or any applicable stock exchange or (d) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to restrict in any material respect, prohibit, impair in any material respect or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.4. <u>Ownership of the Owned Shares</u>. Such Stockholder is, as of the date hereof, the record and beneficial owner of the Owned Shares, all of which are free and clear of any and all liens, other than those (i) created by the Conrad Notes, (ii) created by this Agreement or (iii) arising under applicable securities laws. Such Stockholder has the full legal right, power and authority to deliver the Sponsor Shares to Parent pursuant to Section 2. Such Stockholder does not own, of record or beneficially, any shares of capital stock of the Company, or other rights to acquire shares of capital stock of the Company, in each case other than the Owned Shares. Such Stockholder has the sole right to dispose of the Owned Shares, and none of the Owned Shares is subject to any pledge, disposition, transfer or other agreement, arrangement or restriction, except as contemplated by this Agreement. As of the date hereof, except as contemplated by this Agreement, such Stockholder has not entered into any agreement to Transfer any Owned Shares and no person has a right to acquire any of the Owned Shares held by such Stockholder.

6.5. <u>Absence of Litigation</u>. As of the date hereof, there is no legal action pending against, or, to the knowledge of such Stockholder, threatened against or affecting such

Stockholder or any of its Affiliates (other than the Company and its Subsidiaries) that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of such Stockholder to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

6.6. <u>Investment</u>. The Exchange Shares to be acquired by such Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement will be acquired for such Stockholder's own account and not with a view to, or intention of, distribution thereof in violation of any applicable state securities laws. Such Stockholder is an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D of the SEC. Such Stockholder is sophisticated in financial matters and is able to evaluate the risks and benefits of the investment in the Exchange Shares. Such Stockholder is able to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Exchange Shares for an indefinite period of time because the Exchange Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, cannot be sold unless subsequently registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from such registration is available. Such Stockholder has had an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers concerning the terms and conditions of the offering of the Exchange Shares and has had access to such other information concerning Parent as such Stockholder has requested.

6.7. <u>Finders Fees</u>. No broker, investment bank, financial advisor or other person is entitled to any broker's, financial adviser's or similar fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of such Stockholder.

7. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company hereby represents and warrants to the Stockholders and Parent as follows:

7.1. Due Authority. The Company is a legal entity duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation. The Company has all requisite corporate power and authority and has taken all corporate action necessary (including approval by the Company Board (acting on the recommendation of the Special Committee) and the Special Committee) to execute, deliver, comply with and perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other corporate action by the Company or vote of holders of any class of the capital stock of the Company is necessary to approve and adopt this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by all of the other parties hereto, constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally.

7.2. <u>No Conflict</u>. The execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance by the Company of this Agreement do not and will not, other than as provided in the Merger Agreement with respect to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, (i) conflict with or result in any violation or breach of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or the similar organizational documents of any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any applicable law, (iii) require any consent by any Person under, constitute a default, or an event that, with or without notice or

lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit the termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit to which the Company and any of its Subsidiaries are entitled, under any Contract binding upon the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or to which any of their respective properties, rights or other assets are subject or (iv) result in the creation of a lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the properties or assets (including intangible assets) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except in the case of clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, any such violation, breach, conflict, default, termination, acceleration, cancellation or loss that would not reasonably be expected to restrict, prohibit or impair the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement.

8. <u>Representations and Warranties of Parent</u>. Parent hereby represents and warrants to the Stockholders and (other than in the case of Section 8.5) the Company as follows:

8.1. Due Authority. Parent is a legal entity duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation. Parent has all requisite corporate power and authority and has taken all corporate action necessary (including approval by the board of directors or applicable corporate bodies) to execute, deliver, comply with and perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other corporate action by Parent or vote of holders of any class of the capital stock of Parent is necessary to approve and adopt this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Parent and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by all of the other parties hereto, constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of Parent enforceable against Parent in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally.

8.2. No Conflict. The execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance by Parent of this Agreement do not and will not, other than as provided in the Merger Agreement with respect to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, (i) conflict with or result in any violation or breach of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of Parent or the similar organizational documents of any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any applicable law, (iii) require any consent by any Person under, constitute a default, or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit the termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit to which Parent and any of its Subsidiaries are entitled, under any Contract binding upon Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or to which any of their respective properties, rights or other assets are subject or (iv) result in the creation of a lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the properties or assets (including intangible assets) of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, except in the case of clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, any such violation, breach, conflict, default, termination, acceleration, cancellation or loss that would not reasonably be expected to restrict, prohibit or impair the performance by Parent of its obligations under this Agreement.

8.3. <u>Consents</u>. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration or, (except as required by the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act, the Securities Act, or state securities, takeover and "blue sky" laws) filing with, any

Governmental Authority or any other Person, is required by or with respect to Parent in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation by Parent of the transactions contemplated hereby, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to restrict, prohibit, impair or delay the consummation of the Merger or the performance by Parent of its obligations under this Agreement.

8.4. <u>Absence of Litigation</u> As of the date hereof, there is no legal action pending against, or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened against or affecting Parent that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

8.5. Capitalization of Topco and Parent; Exchange Shares.

(a) Except as otherwise consented to in writing by the Stockholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), at and immediately after the Exchange Time, (x) the Exchange Shares issued pursuant to Section 2.1(a) and (y) the equity interests of Topco to be issued to the Other Sponsor Stockholders' Support Agreement shall be all of the equity interests of Topco outstanding at and immediately after the Exchange Time.

(b) Except as contemplated by the Merger Agreement, this Agreement, the Other Sponsor Stockholders' Support Agreement or otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto, at and immediately after the Exchange Time, there shall be no (i) options, warrants, or other rights to acquire share capital of Topco or Parent, (ii) no outstanding securities exchangeable for or convertible into share capital of Topco or Parent and (iii) no outstanding rights to acquire or obligations to issue any such options, warrants, rights or securities.

- (c) Merger Sub is directly wholly owned by Parent.
- (d) Parent is directly wholly owned by Topco.

(e) At the Exchange Time, the Exchange Shares to be issued under this Agreement shall have been duly and validly authorized and when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms hereof, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of all liens, other than restrictions arising under applicable securities laws or the organizational documents of Topco.

(f) None of Topco, Parent or Merger Sub has engaged in any business activities or has incurred any liabilities or obligations other than with respect to their formation, their capitalization (including with respect to the potential incurrence of debt financing) or as contemplated by the Guarantees, this Agreement, the Merger Agreement and the other documents and transactions contemplated thereby.

9. <u>Stockholder Capacity</u>. This Agreement is being entered into by each Stockholder solely in its capacity as a record and/or beneficial owner of the Owned Shares, and nothing in this Agreement shall restrict or limit the ability of any Stockholder or any of its Affiliates or Representatives who is a director or officer of the Company or any of the Company's

subsidiaries to take, or refrain from taking, any action in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Company or any of its affiliates, including the exercise of fiduciary duties to the Company or its stockholders, and any such action taken in such capacity or any such inaction shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

10. <u>Non-Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants</u>. Other than the covenants and agreements in Section 11, which shall survive the Effective Time in accordance with their terms, the representations, warranties and covenants contained herein shall not survive the Effective Time.

11. Waiver of Appraisal and Dissenter Rights and Certain Other Actions. Each Stockholder hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent of applicable law, and agrees to cause to be waived and not to assert any appraisal rights, any dissenter's rights and any similar rights under Section 262 of the DGCL or otherwise with respect to the Covered Shares with respect to the Merger and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Without limiting any rights or remedies of the Stockholders, their Affiliates or Representatives under the Merger Agreement, this Agreement, the Guarantees or the Company Stockholders Agreement, each Stockholder, its Affiliates and their respective Representatives agree not to commence or participate in, and to take all actions necessary to opt out of any class in any class action with respect to, any claim, derivative or other Legal Proceeding, against Parent, Merger Sub, the Company or any of their respective successors relating to the negotiation, execution or delivery of this Agreement or the Merger Agreement or the consummation of the Merger, including any Legal Proceeding (x) challenging the validity of, or seeking to enjoin the operation of, any provision of this Agreement or (y) alleging a breach of any fiduciary duty of the Company Board or the Special Committee in connection with the Merger Agreement for purposes of Section 5 of the Stockholders Agreement, dated October 28, 2021, among the Company, the Stockholders and the Other Sponsor Stockholders, the Existing Stockholders Agreement is hereby terminated (other than with respect to any provisions thereof that purport to survive such termination, including any such provisions with respect to indemnification, which shall survive such termination) effective as of the Effective Time.

12. <u>Certain Adjustments</u>. In the event of a stock split, stock dividend or distribution, or any change in the Common Stock by reason of any split-up, reverse stock split, recapitalization, combination, reclassification, exchange of shares or the like, the terms "Common Stock", "Covered Shares", "Sponsor Shares" and "Owned Shares" shall be deemed to refer to and include such shares as well as all such stock dividends and distributions and any securities into which or for which any or all of such shares may be changed or exchanged or which are received in such transaction.

13. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each Stockholder shall, from time to time, execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, such additional or further consents, documents and other instruments as Parent or the Company may reasonably request to the extent necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

14. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly delivered and received using one or a combination of the following methods: (i) four (4) Business Days after being sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (ii) one (1) Business Day after being sent for next Business Day delivery, fees prepaid, via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service; (iii) immediately upon delivery by hand; or (iv) on the date sent by email. In each case, the intended recipient is set forth below:

(a) if to the Buyer Parties to:

 General Atlantic Service Company, L.P.

 55 East 52nd Street, 32nd Floor

 New York, New York 10055

 Attention:
 Gordon Cruess

 Email:
 gcruess@generalatlantic.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Attn: Matthew W. Abbott Cullen L. Sinclair Email: mabbott@paulweiss.com csinclair@paulweiss.com

Stone Point Capital LLC 20 Horseneck Lane Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 Attention: Stephen Levey Email: slevey@stonepoint.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attn: Elizabeth A. Cooper Mark C. Viera Email: ecooper@stblaw.com mark.viera@stblaw.com

(b) if to the Company (prior to the Effective Time) to:

HireRight Holdings Corporation 100 Centerview Drive, Suite 300 Nashville, Tennessee 37214 Attention: Brian Copple Email: brian.copple@hireright.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attention: John D. Amorosi H. Oliver Smith Email: john.amorosi@davispolk.com oliver.smith@davispolk.com

15. Interpretation. Where a reference in this Agreement is made to a section or exhibit, such reference shall be to a section of or exhibit to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. If a term is defined as one part of speech (such as a noun), it shall have a corresponding meaning when used as another part of speech (such as a verb). Unless the context of this Agreement clearly requires otherwise, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neutral genders and vice versa, and the definitions of terms contained in this Agreement are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms. The words "including" shall mean "including without limitation," the words "hereof," "hereby," "herein," "hereunder" and similar terms in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not any particular section or article in which such words appear, the word "extent" in the phrase "to the extent" shall mean the degree to which a subject or other

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thing extends and such phrase shall not mean simply "if," any reference to a law shall include any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and any reference to any law in this Agreement shall mean such law as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented. Each reference to a "wholly owned Subsidiary" or "wholly owned Subsidiaries" of a Person shall be deemed to include any Subsidiary of such Person where all of the equity interests of such Subsidiary are directly or indirectly owned by such Person (other than directors qualifying shares, nominee shares or other equity interests that are required by law or regulation to be held by a director or nominee). For purposes of this Agreement, no portfolio company (as such term is commonly understood in the private equity industry) or investment of GA or of any investment funds or investment vehicles affiliated with, or managed or advised by, GA, in each case, other than the GA Controlled Portfolio Companies (collectively, the "Excluded Affiliates"), shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of the Stockholders; provided that the Excluded Affiliates shall be deemed to be Affiliates of the Stockholders solely for purposes of the definition of "Non-Recourse Party".

16. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement (along with the documents referenced herein and any other agreement entered into in connection herewith by any of the parties hereto) and the Merger Agreement collectively constitute the entire agreement, and supersede all other prior agreements, understandings, representations and warranties both written and oral, among the parties hereto, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

17. <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

18. <u>Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause or permit the application of laws of any jurisdictions other than those of the State of Delaware. Each of the parties (i) irrevocably consents to the service of the summons and complaint and any other process (whether inside or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts) in any Legal Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, for and on behalf of itself or any of its properties or assets, in accordance with Section 14 or in such other manner as may be permitted by applicable law, but nothing in this Section 18 will affect the right of any party to serve legal process in any other manner permitted by applicable law; (ii) irrevocably and unconditionally consents and submits itself and its properties and assets in any Legal Proceeding to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts in the event that any dispute or controversy arises out of or relates to this Agreement; (iii) irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that it will not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any Chosen Court; (iv) agrees that any Legal Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be brought, tried and determined only in the Chosen Courts; (v) waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such Legal Proceeding in the Chosen Courts or that such Legal Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same; and (vi) agrees that it will not bring any Legal Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement

in any court other than the Chosen Courts. Each of the parties agrees that a final judgment in any Legal Proceeding in the Chosen Courts will be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by applicable law. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY RIGHT THAT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING (WHETHER FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORTIOUS CONDUCT OR OTHERWISE) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND AGREES THAT (a) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER; (b) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER; (c) IT MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY; AND (d) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 18.

19. <u>Assignment; Successors</u>. Other than as provided herein, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement (including those set forth in Section 2.1(a)) may be assigned or delegated, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise, by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto, and any such assignment without such prior written consent shall be null and void. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

20. Enforcement. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy would occur in the event that the parties hereto do not perform the provisions of this Agreement (including any party hereto failing to take such actions that are required of it hereunder in order to consummate this Agreement) in accordance with its specified terms or otherwise breach such provisions. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (a) the parties hereto will be entitled, in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity, to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief to prevent breaches (or threatened breaches) of this Agreement or to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof and without bond or other security being required, (b) if any party hereto is seeking injunctive relief, specific performance or other equitable relief pursuant hereto, the other parties hereto will not assert that a remedy of monetary damages would provide an adequate remedy for such breach and (c) the right of specific enforcement is an integral part of the transactions contemplated hereby and without that right, none of the Company, Parent or the Stockholders would have entered into this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall in any way limit a party's right to pursue a claim for monetary damages arising out of a breach of this Agreement.

21. <u>Non-Recourse</u>. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any Legal Proceeding based upon, arising out of, or related to this Agreement, or the negotiation, execution

or performance of this Agreement, may only be brought against the entities that are expressly named as parties hereto and then only with respect to the specific obligations set forth herein with respect to such party. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, manager, member, general or limited partner, stockholder, equityholder, controlling person, Affiliate, agent, attorney or other Representative of any party hereto or any of their successors or permitted assigns or any direct or indirect director, officer, employee, incorporator, manager, member, general or limited partner, stockholder, equityholder, controlling person, Affiliate, agent, attorney, Representative, successor or permitted assign of any of the foregoing (each, a "<u>Non-Recourse Party</u>"), shall have any liability to any Stockholder, Parent or the Company for any obligations or liabilities of any party under this Agreement or for any Legal Proceeding (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) based on, in respect of or by reason of the transactions contemplated hereby or in respect of any written or oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith.

22. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect and the application of such provision to other Persons or circumstances will be interpreted so as reasonably to effect the intent of the parties hereto. The parties hereto further agree to replace such void or unenforceable provision of this Agreement with a valid and enforceable provision that will achieve, to the extent possible, the economic, business and other purposes of such void or unenforceable provision.

23. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement and any amendments hereto may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which will be considered one and the same agreement and will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties hereto and delivered to the other parties hereto, it being understood that all parties hereto need not sign the same counterpart. Any such counterpart, to the extent delivered by electronic delivery, will be treated in all manners and respects as an original executed counterpart and will be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. No party hereto may raise the use of an electronic delivery to deliver a signature, or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of an electronic delivery, as a defense to the formation of a contract, and each party hereto forever waives any such defense, except to the extent such defense relates to lack of authenticity.

24. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto, and the terms and conditions hereof may be waived, only by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto, or, in the case of a waiver, by an instrument signed on behalf of the party waiving compliance. No failure or delay on the part of a party in the exercise of any right or remedy hereunder shall impair such right or power or be construed to be a waiver of, or acquiescence in, any breach of any representation, warranty or agreement herein, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or of any other right or power.

25. <u>No Presumption Against Drafting Party</u>. The Company, Parent and the Stockholders acknowledge that each party to this Agreement has been represented by counsel in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Accordingly, any rule of law or any legal decision that would require interpretation of any claimed ambiguities in this Agreement against the drafting party has no application and is expressly waived.

26. <u>Special Committee Approval</u>. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be made by the Company or the Company Board without first obtaining the approval of the Special Committee. The Special Committee shall direct enforcement by the Company of any provisions of this Agreement against the Stockholders.

27. <u>No Agreement until Executed</u>. This Agreement shall not be effective unless and until (i) the Special Committee has recommended to the Company Board for approval, and the Company Board has approved, for purposes of any applicable anti-takeover laws and regulations, and any applicable provision of the DGCL, the Charter, the Bylaws or any similar organization document of the Company (including Article NINE of the Charter), the Merger Agreement, the Support Agreements and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, including the Merger, (ii) the Merger Agreement is executed by all parties thereto and (iii) this Agreement is executed and delivered by all parties hereto.

28. <u>No Ownership Interest</u>. Except as expressly provided in Section 2 with respect to the Sponsor Shares, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to vest in Parent any direct or indirect ownership or incidence of ownership of or with respect to any Covered Shares. All ownership and economic benefits of and relating to the Covered Shares shall remain vested in and belong to the applicable Stockholder.

[Signature pages follow]

GENERAL ATLANTIC PARTNERS (BERMUDA) HRG II, L.P.

By: General Atlantic (SPV) (Bermuda) GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Kelly Pettit

Name: Kelly Pettit Title: Managing Director

Address: c/o General Atlantic Service Company, L.P., 55 East 52nd Street, 33rd Floor New York, New York 10055

GENERAL ATLANTIC (HRG) COLLECTIONS, L.P.

By: General Atlantic (SPV) GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Kelly Pettit Name: Kelly Pettit Title: Managing Director

Address: c/o General Atlantic Service Company, L.P., 55 East 52nd Street, 33rd Floor New York, New York 10055

GAPCO AIV INTERHOLDCO (GS), L.P.

By: General Atlantic (SPV) GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Kelly Pettit

Name: Kelly Pettit Title: Managing Director

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By: General Atlantic (SPV) GP, LLC, its general partner

By: <u>/s/ Kelly Pettit</u> Name: Kelly Pettit Title: Managing Director

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By: /s/ Kelly Pettit

Name: Kelly Pettit Title: Managing Director

Address: c/o General Atlantic Service Company, L.P., 55 East 52nd Street, 33rd Floor New York, New York 10055

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered on the date and year first above written.

HEARTS PARENT, LLC

By: /s/ Rene Kern

Name: Rene Kern Title: President

HIRERIGHT HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lisa L. Troe

 Name:
 Lisa L. Troe

 Title:
 Chair of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of HireRight Holdings Corporation, on behalf of HireRight Holdings Corporation

Exhibit A

Owned Shares

Stockholder	Owned Shares
General Atlantic Partners (Bermuda) HRG II, L.P.	2,390,000
General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P.	20,438,147
GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P.	857,318
GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P.	4,885,582
GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P.	3,538,851

SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This Support Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of February 15, 2024, is entered into by and among (i) HireRight Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), (ii) Trident VII, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, the "<u>Stockholders</u>" and each, individually, a "<u>Stockholder</u>"), and (iii) Hearts Parent, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Parent</u>"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Merger Agreement (as defined below).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, (i) the Company, (ii) Parent and (iii) Merger Sub, are entering into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as may be amended from time to time, the "Merger Agreement"), which provides for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the "Merger"), with the Company surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent;

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, each Stockholder is the record and/or "beneficial owner" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of the number of shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (as adjusted pursuant to Section 12, the "<u>Common Stock</u>") set forth opposite the Stockholder's name on <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto under the heading "Owned Shares", being all of the shares of Common Stock owned of record or beneficially by the Stockholder as of the date hereof (as adjusted pursuant to Section 12, collectively, the "<u>Owned Shares</u>");

WHEREAS, in connection with the Closing, the Stockholders will contribute and transfer all of the Owned Shares (the "<u>Sponsor Shares</u>") to an entity that indirectly owns 100% of the equity interests of Parent ("<u>Topco</u>") on the Closing Date and immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "<u>Exchange Time</u>"), in exchange for a number of newly issued equity interests of Topco (of the same class and series as the equity interests to be issued by General Atlantic Partners (Bermuda) HRG II, L.P., General Atlantic (HRG) Collections, L.P., GAPCO AIV Interholdco (GS), L.P., GA AIV-1 B Interholdco (GS), L.P. and GA AIV-1 A Interholdco (GS), L.P. (collectively, the "<u>Other Sponsor Topco Shares</u>")), with an aggregate value (valued at the same per share price as the Sponsor Topco Shares issued to the Other Sponsor Stockholders) equal to the product of (x) the number of Sponsor Shares multiplied by (y) the Per Share Price (the "<u>Exchange Shares</u>");

WHEREAS, it is intended that for U.S. federal (and applicable state and local) tax purposes, the contribution of Sponsor Shares to Topco (which will be treated as a domestic corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes as of the Effective Time) in exchange for Exchange Shares, in conjunction with the Other Sponsor Stockholders' contributions of equity in exchange for the Sponsor Topco Shares (the "<u>Other Sponsor Stockholder Contributions</u>"), shall be treated for U.S. federal, and applicable state and local, income tax purposes as an exchange of

property for stock under Section 351(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the willingness of the Company and Parent to enter into the Merger Agreement and as an inducement and in consideration therefor, the Company and Parent have required that the Stockholders, and the Stockholders have agreed to, enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Stockholders, the Company and Parent hereby agree as follows:

Agreement to Vote the Covered Shares. Beginning on the date hereof until the Termination Date (as defined below), at every meeting of the Company Stockholders, including any postponement, recess or adjournment thereof, or in any other circumstance, however called, each Stockholder agrees to, and if applicable, to cause its controlled Affiliates to, affirmatively vote (including via proxy) or execute consents, with respect to (or cause to be voted (including via proxy) or consents to be executed with respect to), and not to withdraw or modify any such vote or consent with respect to, all of the Owned Shares and any additional shares of Common Stock or other voting securities of the Company acquired by such Stockholder or its respective controlled Affiliates after the date hereof and prior to the Termination Date (as adjusted pursuant to Section 12, collectively, and together with the Owned Shares, the "Covered Shares") as follows: (a) in favor of (i) the adoption of the Merger Agreement and the approval of the Merger, (ii) the approval of any proposal to adjourn or postpone any Company Stockholder Meeting to a later date if the Company or Parent proposes or requests such postponement or adjournment in accordance with Section 6.4(b) of the Merger Agreement, and (iii) the approval of any other proposal considered and voted upon by the Company Stockholders at any Company Stockholder Meeting necessary for consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, and (b) against (i) any proposal, action or agreement that would reasonably be expected to result in a breach of any covenant, representation or warranty or other obligation or agreement of the Company contained in the Merger Agreement or that would reasonably be expected to result in any condition set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Merger Agreement not being satisfied or not being fulfilled prior to the Termination Date, (ii) any Acquisition Proposal or any other proposal made in opposition to or in competition with, or which is inconsistent with, the Merger Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby, (iii) any recapitalization, reorganization, dissolution, liquidation, winding up or similar extraordinary transaction involving the Company (except as contemplated by the Merger Agreement) and (iv) any other action, agreement or proposal which would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or any of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement (clauses (a) and (b) collectively, the "Supported Matters"). Each Stockholder agrees to, and agrees to cause its applicable controlled Affiliates to, be present, in person or by proxy, at every meeting of the Company Stockholders, including any postponement, recess or adjournment thereof, or in any other circumstance, however called, to vote on the Supported Matters (in the manner described in this Section 1) so that all of the Covered Shares will be counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at each such meeting, or otherwise cause the Covered Shares to be counted as present thereat for purposes of establishing a quorum at each such meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, except with

respect to the Supported Matters, the Stockholders do not have any obligation to vote the Covered Shares in any particular manner and, with respect to matters other than the Supported Matters, the Stockholders shall be entitled to vote the Covered Shares in its sole discretion.

2. Sponsor Shares.

2.1. Contribution and Exchange. On the terms set forth herein and subject to Section 2.2, Section 2.3, Section 2.4 and Section 2.5:

(a) Each Stockholder agrees and covenants to Parent that it will, at the Exchange Time, contribute, assign, transfer, convey and deliver (or cause to be contributed, assigned, transferred, conveyed and delivered) to Topco all of the Sponsor Shares, free and clear of any and all Liens (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of the Sponsor Shares), except as may exist by reason of this Agreement, the Merger Agreement and applicable securities laws, in exchange for the issuance by Topco to such Stockholder of, at the Exchange Time, the Exchange Shares (the "Exchange"). No Sponsor Topco Shares issued in connection with the Merger shall be issued at a lower price per share than the Sponsor Topco Shares issued in the Exchange.

Each Stockholder acknowledges and agrees that, from and after the Exchange, except as set forth in Section 2.2, such Stockholder shall have no right, title or interest in or to the Sponsor Shares, other than the right to receive the Exchange Shares.

(b) Immediately after the Exchange, at the Effective Time, Topco hereby contributes, assigns, transfers, conveys and delivers to Parent all of the Sponsor Shares, free and clear of any and all liens (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of the Sponsor Shares), except as may exist by reason of this Agreement, the Merger Agreement and applicable securities laws, in exchange for the issuance by Parent to Topco of equity interests in Parent.

2.2. <u>Conditions to Exchange</u>. The obligations of each Stockholder to consummate the Exchange at the Exchange Time are subject to the satisfaction (or waiver by such Stockholder in writing) of the following conditions:

(a) (i) The satisfaction, or written waiver (to the extent permitted) by Parent, of all conditions to the obligations of the Buyer Parties to consummate the Merger and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement that are to occur on the Closing Date as set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Merger Agreement (other than those conditions that by their terms are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or written waiver by Parent (to the extent permitted thereunder) of such conditions), (ii) the contemporaneous funding of the Debt Financing, at the Closing and (iii) the contemporaneous consummation of the Merger at the Effective Time;

The representations and warranties made by Parent in Section 8.1 through Section 8.5 of this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the Exchange Time as if made at and as of the Exchange Time, except for such failures to be true and correct as would not reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair or materially delay the consummation of the Exchange on the terms set forth herein; and

(b) No law enacted, entered, promulgated, enforced or issued by any Governmental Authority shall be in effect preventing the consummation of, or otherwise making illegal, the Exchange.

2.3. <u>Failure to Consummate the Merger</u>. In the event that after the Exchange the Merger fails to be consummated for any reason whatsoever and the Merger Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, the parties hereto agree that, concurrently with such termination of the Merger Agreement, automatically and without any further action of the parties hereto, Parent shall assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Topco and Topco shall assign, transfer, convey and deliver the Stockholders the Sponsor Shares and the Stockholders shall assign, transfer, convey and deliver to Topco the Exchange Shares issued to the Stockholders. In such event, each party hereto shall, as promptly as practicable, provide all such cooperation as the other parties hereto may reasonably request in order to ensure that such assignments, transfers, conveyances and deliveries have occurred and been made effective.

2.4. <u>Tax Treatment</u>. Topco shall be, or shall elect to be treated as, a domestic corporation for U.S. federal, and applicable state and local, income tax purposes. Topco, Parent and the Stockholders intend that, for U.S. federal (and applicable state and local) income tax purposes, the Exchange and the Other Sponsor Stockholder Contributions be treated as a transaction described in Section 351(a) of the Code, pursuant to which the Stockholders and the Other Sponsor Stockholders will receive equity interests of Topco consisting of "control" within the meaning of Section 368(c) of the Code (the "Intended Tax Treatment"). The Stockholders, the Company, Parent and Topco shall prepare and file (and shall cooperate in the preparation and filing of, as reasonably requested) all Tax Returns in a manner consistent with the Intended Tax Treatment and shall not take any position inconsistent with the Intended Tax Treatment in connection with any tax matters, in each case, unless otherwise required by a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code.

2.5. <u>Termination</u>. Parent shall not be permitted to terminate its obligations under this Section 2 without the written consent of the Stockholders (it being understood that this Section 2 shall also be terminated upon any termination of this Agreement, including pursuant to Section 3).

3. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate automatically and without further action of the parties hereto upon the earliest to occur of: (i) the valid termination of the Merger Agreement in accordance with its terms, (ii) the Effective Time, (iii) any modification, waiver or amendment to any provision of the Merger Agreement that is effected without the Stockholders' prior written consent and that (x) reduces the Per Share Price or changes the form of consideration being offered to Company Stockholders under the Merger Agreement, imposes any non-immaterial conditions, requirements or restrictions on any Stockholder's right to receive the cash consideration payable to such Stockholder with respect to shares of Common Stock owned by such Stockholder (other than the Sponsor Shares) pursuant to the Merger Agreement or that materially delays the timing of any such payment, or (y) otherwise adversely affects the Sponsor Shares (or the Stockholders solely in their capacity as the holders of Sponsor Shares) in any material respect (the earliest such date set forth in clauses (i) through (iv), the "Termination Date"); provided that the provisions set forth in Section 2.3 and Sections 15 through 25 hereof shall survive the termination of this Agreement; provided, further, that, subject to Section

8.3(f)(i) of the Merger Agreement, the termination of this Agreement shall not prevent any party hereto from seeking any remedies (at law or in equity) against any other party hereto for that party's Willful and Material Breach of this Agreement that may have occurred on or before such termination. For the purpose hereof, "Willful and Material Breach" means, with respect to any covenant, representation, warranty or other agreement set forth in this Agreement, a material breach that is a consequence of an act or failure to act undertaken or omitted to be taken by the breaching party with the actual or constructive knowledge (which shall be deemed to include knowledge of facts that a Person acting reasonably should have known, based on reasonable due inquiry) that the taking of such act or failure to take such act would, or would reasonably be expected to, cause, or constitute a breach of the relevant covenant, representation, warranty or other agreement.

4. Certain Covenants.

4.1. <u>Transfers</u>. Beginning on the date hereof until the Termination Date, each Stockholder hereby covenants and agrees that, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, (a) such Stockholder shall not, and shall direct its Affiliates and their respective Representatives not to, directly or indirectly, (i) tender any Covered Shares into any tender or exchange offer, (ii) offer, sell, transfer, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate, hedge, gift, loan, encumber or otherwise dispose of (collectively, "<u>Transfer</u>") or enter into any Contract, option, agreement, understanding or other arrangement with respect to the Transfer of, any Covered Shares or beneficial ownership, voting power or any other interest thereof or therein (including by operation of law), (iii) grant any proxies or powers of attorney, deposit any Covered Shares into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement with respect to any Covered Shares that is inconsistent with this Agreement, or (iv) commit or agree to take any of the foregoing actions. Any Transfer in violation of this Section 4.1 shall be void *ab initio*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Stockholder may Transfer any or all of the Covered Shares, in accordance with applicable law, to (A) such Stockholder's Affiliates or (B) to any custodian or nominee for the purpose of the Covered Shares for the account of such Stockholder; <u>provided</u>, that, prior to and as a condition to the effectiveness of such Transfer contemplated by the foregoing clause (A), each Person to whom any of such Covered Shares is or may be transferred shall have executed and delivered to Parent a counterpart of this Agreement in a form reasonably acceptable to Parent pursuant to which such Affiliate shall be bound by all of the terms and provisions hereof in which case such Affiliate shall be deemed a Stockholder shall remain liable for all of its obligations hereunder. From the date hereof until the Exchange Time, subject to the immediately preceding sentence, the Stockholders

4.2. Regulatory Matters

(a) Subject to Section 4.2(c), each Stockholder shall, and shall use reasonable best efforts to cause its Affiliates to, use their respective reasonable best efforts, consistent with the time frames set forth in Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the Merger Agreement, to supply and provide information that, to such Stockholder's knowledge, is complete and accurate in all material respects to any Governmental Authority requesting such information in connection with filings or notifications under, or relating to, applicable laws (collectively, the "Regulatory Filings") that are required or advisable as a result of, or pursuant to, the Merger Agreement and

the related financings and transactions, including information required or requested to be provided to any antitrust, financial or national security regulatory authorities in connection with any approvals reasonably sought in connection with the consummation of the Merger (collectively, the "<u>Regulatory Disclosures</u>"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Stockholders may designate any Regulatory Disclosures that contain sensitive, legally privileged, or confidential information in respect of the Stockholders or any of their Affiliates as exclusive to the Stockholders and the Stockholders may provide that any such sensitive, legally privileged, or confidential information may only be provided on a counsel-only basis or directly to the applicable Governmental Authority requesting such information. No Stockholder shall make any filings, or notifications in connection with the Merger pursuant to any Antitrust Laws without Parent's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned). Parent or the Company will not file any Regulatory Filings that contain information with respect to the Stockholders or their Affiliates without first providing the Stockholders and their counsel a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and will give good faith consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested by the Stockholders and their counsel.

(b) Each Stockholder represents, warrants and covenants to Parent and to the Company that, to such Stockholder's knowledge: (i) none of the information supplied in writing by such Stockholder specifically for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Regulatory Disclosures will contain a material misstatement of fact or a material omission of fact necessary to make the information provided not misleading and (ii) such Stockholder does not and will not permit any entity under the "control" (defined in Section 721 of the Defense Production Act, as amended, including all implanting regulations thereof) of a People's Republic of China national, or any entity under the "control" of a Russian Federation national, to obtain through any Affiliate, control with respect to the Company.

The Stockholders shall (i) promptly notify the other parties of any material communication received by such Person from a Governmental Authority in connection with the Merger and permit the other parties to review and discuss in advance (and to consider in good faith any comments made by the other party in relation to) any proposed draft notifications, formal notifications (provided, however, that filings made under the HSR Act need not be shared), filing, submission or other written substantive communication made in connection with the Merger to a Governmental Authority; and (ii) not independently participate in any meeting (whether in person, by telephone or videoconference) with or before any Governmental Authority in respect of the Merger without giving the other party reasonable prior notice of such meeting and, unless prohibited by such Governmental Authority, the opportunity to attend or participate. However, the Stockholders may designate any non-public information provided to any Governmental Authority as restricted to "outside counsel" only and any such information shall not be shared with employees, officers or directors or their equivalents of the other party without approval of the party providing the non-public information; provided, however, that the Stockholders may redact any valuation and related information, or information that is protected by legal privilege, before sharing any information provided to any Governmental Authority with the other parties on an "outside counsel" only basis.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in this Agreement, none of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as requiring the Stockholders to (i) make available to Parent or any other Person any of its internal investment

committee materials or analyses or, other than Regulatory Disclosures, any information which the Stockholders consider to be commercially sensitive information or which is otherwise held subject to an obligation of confidentiality; and (ii) with respect to any Regulatory Disclosures, provide, or cause to be provided or agree or commit to provide information where the sharing of such information as contemplated would be prohibited by laws applicable to the Stockholders or their Affiliates or any judgment or order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other legal or regulatory restraint or prohibition applicable to or imposed upon it or its Affiliates.

5. Proxy Statement; Schedule 13e-3 and Schedules 13D and 13G.

Promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the execution of the Merger Agreement, the Company will prepare (with Parent's reasonable (a) cooperation) and file with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement to be sent to the stockholders in connection with the Company Stockholder Meeting (the proxy statement, including any amendments or supplements thereto, the "Proxy Statement"). The Company, Parent and the Stockholders shall cooperate to, concurrently with the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement, jointly prepare and file with the SEC a Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13e-3 (such transaction statement, including any amendment or supplement thereto, the "Schedule 13e-3") relating to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. The Stockholders shall promptly provide information reasonably requested by the Company or Parent in connection with the preparation of the Schedule 13e-3. To the knowledge of the Stockholders, the information supplied by the Stockholders for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 or any Other Required Parent Filings will not, at the time that such information is provided, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. Promptly after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Parent and the Stockholders shall cooperate to prepare and file with the SEC any required disclosure statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G or any amendments or supplements thereto, as applicable (such disclosure statements, including any amendments or supplements thereto, the "Schedule 13D/G Filings") relating to the Merger Agreement, this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger). The Company will not file the Proxy Statement with the SEC without first providing the Stockholders and their counsel a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, and the Company will give good faith consideration to all reasonable additions, deletions, modifications or changes suggested by the Stockholders or their counsel. The Company and Parent shall (i) provide the Stockholders and their counsel a reasonable opportunity to review drafts of the Schedule 13e-3 prior to filing the Schedule 13e-3 with the SEC and (ii) consider in good faith all comments thereto reasonably proposed by the Stockholders, their counsel and its other Representatives. Parent and the Stockholders shall (i) provide each other, the Company and their respective counsels a reasonable opportunity to review drafts of all Schedule 13D/G Filings prior to filing any Schedule 13D/G Filing with respect to the Company with the SEC and (ii) consider in good faith all comments thereto reasonably proposed by the other parties, the Company, their respective counsels and their respective Representatives, it being understood that failure to provide such prior review or to incorporate any comments shall not in any way limit or preclude Parent or the Stockholders, as applicable, from amending any such Schedule 13D/G Filings.

(b) <u>Assistance</u>. The Company, Parent and the Stockholders will use their respective reasonable best efforts to furnish all information concerning such party and its controlled Affiliates to the other parties that is reasonably necessary for the preparation and filing of the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 and all Schedule 13D/G Filings, and provide such other party assistance, as may be reasonably requested by such other party to be included therein and will otherwise reasonably assist and cooperate with the other party in the preparation, filing and distribution of the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13e-3 and all Schedule 13D/G Filings and the resolution of any comments to either received from the SEC.

6. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Stockholders</u>. Each Stockholder hereby represents and warrants to Parent and the Company as follows:

6.1. Due Authority. Such Stockholder is a legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation. Such Stockholder has all requisite corporate or other similar power and authority and has taken all corporate or other similar action necessary (including approval by the board of directors or applicable corporate bodies) to execute, deliver, comply with and perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other action on the part of or vote of holders of any equity securities of such Stockholder is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance by such Stockholder of this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such Stockholder and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by all of the other parties hereto, constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of such Stockholder enforceable against such Stockholder in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally.

6.2. <u>No Conflict</u>. The execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance of this Agreement by such Stockholder do not and will not (i) conflict with or result in any violation or breach of any provision of the certificate of formation or operating agreement or similar organizational documents of such Stockholder, (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any applicable law, (iii) require any consent by any Person under, constitute a default, or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit the termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit to which such Stockholder is entitled, under any Contract binding upon such Stockholder, or to which any of its properties, rights or other assets are subject or (iv) result in the creation of a lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the properties or assets (including intangible assets) of such Stockholder, except in the case of clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, any such violation, breach, conflict, default, termination, cancellation or loss that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to restrict in any material respect, prohibit or impair in any material respect the consummation of the Merger or the performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.3. <u>Consents</u>. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person, is required by or with respect to such Stockholder in connection with the execution and delivery of this

Agreement or the consummation by such Stockholder of the transactions contemplated hereby, except (a) as required by the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act, the Securities Act, or state securities, takeover and "blue sky" laws, (b) compliance with any applicable requirements of the HSR Act, (c) the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC or any applicable stock exchange or (d) as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to restrict in any material respect, prohibit, impair in any material respect or materially delay the consummation of the Merger or the performance by such Stockholder of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.4. <u>Ownership of the Owned Shares</u>. Such Stockholder is, as of the date hereof, the record and beneficial owner of the Owned Shares, all of which are free and clear of any and all liens, other than those (i) created by this Agreement or (ii) arising under applicable securities laws. Such Stockholder has the full legal right, power and authority to deliver the Sponsor Shares to Parent pursuant to Section 2. Such Stockholder does not own, of record or beneficially, any shares of capital stock of the Company, or other rights to acquire shares of capital stock of the Company, in each case other than the Owned Shares. Such Stockholder has the sole right to dispose of the Owned Shares, and none of the Owned Shares is subject to any pledge, disposition, transfer or other agreement, arrangement or restriction, except as contemplated by this Agreement. As of the date hereof, except as contemplated by this Agreement, such Stockholder has not entered into any agreement to Transfer any Owned Shares and no person has a right to acquire any of the Owned Shares held by such Stockholder.

6.5. <u>Absence of Litigation</u>. As of the date hereof, there is no legal action pending against, or, to the knowledge of such Stockholder, threatened against or affecting such Stockholder or any of its Affiliates (other than the Company and its Subsidiaries) that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of such Stockholder to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

6.6. <u>Investment</u>. The Exchange Shares to be acquired by such Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement will be acquired for such Stockholder's own account and not with a view to, or intention of, distribution thereof in violation of any applicable state securities laws. Such Stockholder is an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D of the SEC. Such Stockholder is sophisticated in financial matters and is able to evaluate the risks and benefits of the investment in the Exchange Shares. Such Stockholder is able to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Exchange Shares for an indefinite period of time because the Exchange Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, cannot be sold unless subsequently registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from such registration is available. Such Stockholder has had an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers concerning the terms and conditions of the offering of the Exchange Shares and has had access to such other information concerning Parent as such Stockholder has requested.

6.7. <u>Finders Fees</u>. No broker, investment bank, financial advisor or other person is entitled to any broker's, financial adviser's or similar fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of such Stockholder.

7. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company hereby represents and warrants to the Stockholders and Parent as follows:

7.1. Due Authority. The Company is a legal entity duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation. The Company has all requisite corporate power and authority and has taken all corporate action necessary (including approval by the Company Board (acting on the recommendation of the Special Committee) and the Special Committee) to execute, deliver, comply with and perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other corporate action by the Company or vote of holders of any class of the capital stock of the Company is necessary to approve and adopt this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by all of the other parties hereto, constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally.

7.2. No Conflict. The execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance by the Company of this Agreement do not and will not, other than as provided in the Merger Agreement with respect to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, (i) conflict with or result in any violation or breach of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or the similar organizational documents of any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any applicable law, (iii) require any consent by any Person under, constitute a default, or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit the termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit to which the Company and any of its Subsidiaries are entitled, under any Contract binding upon the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or to which any of their respective properties, rights or other assets are subject or (iv) result in the creation of a lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the properties or assets (including intangible assets) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except in the case of clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, any such violation, breach, conflict, default, termination, cancellation or loss that would not reasonably be expected to restrict, prohibit or impair the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement.

8. <u>Representations and Warranties of Parent</u>. Parent hereby represents and warrants to the Stockholders and (other than in the case of Section 8.5) the Company as follows:

8.1. <u>Due Authority</u>. Parent is a legal entity duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of formation. Parent has all requisite corporate power and authority and has taken all corporate action necessary (including approval by the board of directors or applicable corporate bodies) to execute, deliver, comply with and perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, and no other corporate action by Parent or vote of holders of any class of the capital stock of Parent is necessary to approve and adopt this Agreement. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Parent and, assuming the due execution and delivery of this Agreement by all of the other parties hereto, constitutes a

legal, valid and binding agreement of Parent enforceable against Parent in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to creditors' rights generally.

8.2. No Conflict. The execution and delivery of, compliance with and performance by Parent of this Agreement do not and will not, other than as provided in the Merger Agreement with respect to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, (i) conflict with or result in any violation or breach of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of Parent or the similar organizational documents of any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any applicable law, (iii) require any consent by any Person under, constitute a default, or an event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, or cause or permit the termination, cancellation or acceleration of any right or obligation or the loss of any benefit to which Parent and any of its Subsidiaries are entitled, under any Contract binding upon Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or to which any of their respective properties, rights or other assets are subject or (iv) result in the creation of a lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the properties or assets (including intangible assets) of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, except in the case of clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, any such violation, breach, conflict, default, termination, acceleration, cancellation or loss that would not reasonably be expected to restrict, prohibit or impair the performance by Parent of its obligations under this Agreement.

8.3. <u>Consents</u>. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, declaration or, (except as required by the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act, the Securities Act, or state securities, takeover and "blue sky" laws) filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person, is required by or with respect to Parent in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation by Parent of the transactions contemplated hereby, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to restrict, prohibit, impair or delay the consummation of the Merger or the performance by Parent of its obligations under this Agreement.

8.4. <u>Absence of Litigation</u> As of the date hereof, there is no legal action pending against, or, to the knowledge of Parent, threatened against or affecting Parent that would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of Parent to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

8.5. Capitalization of Topco and Parent; Exchange Shares.

(a) Except as otherwise consented to in writing by the Stockholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), at and immediately after the Exchange Time, (x) the Exchange Shares issued pursuant to Section 2.1(a) and (y) the equity interests of Topco to be issued to the Other Sponsor Stockholders' Support Agreement shall be all of the equity interests of Topco outstanding at and immediately after the Exchange Time.

Except as contemplated by the Merger Agreement, this Agreement, the Other Sponsor Stockholders' Support Agreement or otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto,

at and immediately after the Exchange Time, there shall be no (i) options, warrants, or other rights to acquire share capital of Topco or Parent, (ii) no outstanding securities exchangeable for or convertible into share capital of Topco or Parent and (iii) no outstanding rights to acquire or obligations to issue any such options, warrants, rights or securities.

(b) Merger Sub is directly wholly owned by Parent.

Parent is directly wholly owned by Topco.

(c) At the Exchange Time, the Exchange Shares to be issued under this Agreement shall have been duly and validly authorized and when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms hereof, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of all liens, other than restrictions arising under applicable securities laws or the organizational documents of Topco.

None of Topco, Parent or Merger Sub has engaged in any business activities or has incurred any liabilities or obligations other than with respect to their formation, their capitalization (including with respect to the potential incurrence of debt financing) or as contemplated by the Guarantees, this Agreement, the Merger Agreement and the other documents and transactions contemplated thereby.

9. <u>Stockholder Capacity</u>. This Agreement is being entered into by each Stockholder solely in its capacity as a record and/or beneficial owner of the Owned Shares, and nothing in this Agreement shall restrict or limit the ability of any Stockholder or any of its Affiliates or Representatives who is a director or officer of the Company or any of the Company's subsidiaries to take, or refrain from taking, any action in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Company or any of its affiliates, including the exercise of fiduciary duties to the Company or its stockholders, and any such action taken in such capacity or any such inaction shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

10. <u>Non-Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants</u>. Other than the covenants and agreements in Section 11, which shall survive the Effective Time in accordance with their terms, the representations, warranties and covenants contained herein shall not survive the Effective Time.

11. <u>Waiver of Appraisal and Dissenter Rights and Certain Other Actions.</u> Each Stockholder hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent of applicable law, and agrees to cause to be waived and not to assert any appraisal rights, any dissenter's rights and any similar rights under Section 262 of the DGCL or otherwise with respect to the Covered Shares with respect to the Merger and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Without limiting any rights or remedies of the Stockholders, their Affiliates or Representatives under the Merger Agreement, this Agreement, the Guarantees or the Company Stockholders Agreement, each Stockholder, its Affiliates and their respective Representatives agree not to commence or participate in, and to take all actions necessary to opt out of any class in any class action with respect to, any claim, derivative or other Legal Proceeding, against Parent, Merger Sub, the Company or any of their respective successors relating to the negotiation, execution or delivery of this Agreement or the Merger Agreement or the Company of the Merger,

including any Legal Proceeding (x) challenging the validity of, or seeking to enjoin the operation of, any provision of this Agreement or (y) alleging a breach of any fiduciary duty of the Company Board or the Special Committee in connection with the Merger Agreement, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated thereby. Each Stockholder hereby irrevocably consents to the Merger and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement for purposes of Section 5 of the Stockholders Agreement, dated October 28, 2021, among the Company, the Stockholders and the Other Sponsor Stockholders (as amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the "Existing Stockholders Agreement"). The Stockholders and the Company agree that, with respect to the Stockholders, the Existing Stockholders Agreement is hereby terminated (other than with respect to any provisions thereof that purport to survive such termination, including any such provisions with respect to indemnification, which shall survive such termination) effective as of the Effective Time.

12. <u>Certain Adjustments</u>. In the event of a stock split, stock dividend or distribution, or any change in the Common Stock by reason of any split-up, reverse stock split, recapitalization, combination, reclassification, exchange of shares or the like, the terms "Common Stock", "Covered Shares", "Sponsor Shares" and "Owned Shares" shall be deemed to refer to and include such shares as well as all such stock dividends and distributions and any securities into which or for which any or all of such shares may be changed or exchanged or which are received in such transaction.

13. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each Stockholder shall, from time to time, execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, such additional or further consents, documents and other instruments as Parent or the Company may reasonably request to the extent necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

14. Notices. All notices and other communications under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly delivered and received using one or a combination of the following methods: (i) four (4) Business Days after being sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (ii) one (1) Business Day after being sent for next Business Day delivery, fees prepaid, via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service; (iii) immediately upon delivery by hand; or (iv) on the date sent by email. In each case, the intended recipient is set forth below:

(a) if to the Buyer Parties to:

General Atlantic Service Company, L.P. 55 East 52nd Street, 32nd Floor New York, New York 10055 Attention: Gordon Cruess Email: gcruess@generalatlantic.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019 Attn: Matthew W. Abbott Cullen L. Sinclair Email: mabbott@paulweiss.com csinclair@paulweiss.com

and

Stone Point Capital LLC 20 Horseneck Lane Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 Attention: Stephen Levey Email: slevey@stonepoint.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attn: Elizabeth A. Cooper Mark C. Viera Email: ecooper@stblaw.com mark.viera@stblaw.com

(b) if to the Company (prior to the Effective Time) to:

HireRight Holdings Corporation 100 Centerview Drive, Suite 300 Nashville, Tennessee 37214 Attention: Brian Copple Email: brian.copple@hireright.com

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attention: John D. Amorosi H. Oliver Smith Email: john.amorosi@davispolk.com oliver.smith@davispolk.com

15. Interpretation. Where a reference in this Agreement is made to a section or exhibit, such reference shall be to a section of or exhibit to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. If a term is defined as one part of speech (such as a noun), it shall have a

corresponding meaning when used as another part of speech (such as a verb). Unless the context of this Agreement clearly requires otherwise, words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neutral genders and vice versa, and the definitions of terms contained in this Agreement are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms. The words "includes" or "including" shall mean "including without limitation," the words "hereof," "hereby," "herein," "hereunder" and similar terms in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not any particular section or article in which such words appear, the word "extent" in the phrase "to the extent" shall mean the degree to which a subject or other thing extends and such phrase shall not mean simply "if," any reference to a law shall include any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and any reference to any law in this Agreement shall mean such law as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented. Each reference to a "wholly owned Subsidiary" or "wholly owned Subsidiaries" of a Person shall be deemed to include any Subsidiary of such Person where all of the equity interests of such Subsidiary are directly or indirectly owned by such Person (other than directors qualifying shares, nominee shares or other equity interests that are required by law or regulation to be held by a director or nomine). For purposes of this Agreement, no portfolio company (as such term is commonly understood in the private equity industry) or investment of Stone Point or of any investment funds or investment vehicles affiliated with, or managed or advised by, Stone Point, in each case, other than the Stone Point Controlled Portfolio Companies (collectively, the "<u>Excluded Affiliates</u>"), shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of the Stockholders; <u>provided</u> that the Excluded Affiliates shall be deemed to be a Affiliates of the Stockholders solely for purposes of the definition of "Non-Recourse Party".

16. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement (along with the documents referenced herein and any other agreement entered into in connection herewith by any of the parties hereto) and the Merger Agreement collectively constitute the entire agreement, and supersede all other prior agreements, understandings, representations and warranties both written and oral, among the parties hereto, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

17. <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

18. <u>Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause or permit the application of laws of any jurisdictions other than those of the State of Delaware. Each of the parties (i) irrevocably consents to the service of the summons and complaint and any other process (whether inside or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts) in any Legal Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, for and on behalf of itself or any of its properties or assets, in accordance with Section 14 or in such other manner as may be permitted by applicable law, but nothing in this Section 18 will affect the right of any party to serve legal process in any other manner permitted by applicable law; (ii) irrevocably and unconditionally consents and submits itself and its properties and assets in any Legal Proceeding to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the Chosen

Courts in the event that any dispute or controversy arises out of or relates to this Agreement; (iii) irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that it will not attempt to deny or defeat such personal jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any Chosen Court; (iv) agrees that any Legal Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be brought, tried and determined only in the Chosen Courts; (v) waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such Legal Proceeding in the Chosen Courts or that such Legal Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same; and (vi) agrees that it will not bring any Legal Proceeding in the Chosen Courts or that such Legal Proceeding to this Agreement in any court other than the Chosen Courts. Each of the parties agrees that a final judgment in any Legal Proceeding in the Chosen Courts will be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by applicable law. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY RIGHT THAT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING (WHETHER FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORTIOUS CONDUCT OR OTHERWISE) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND AGREES THAT (a) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER; (b) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER; (c) IT MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY; AND (d) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATI

19. <u>Assignment; Successors</u>. Other than as provided herein, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement (including those set forth in Section 2.1(a)) may be assigned or delegated, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise, by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto, and any such assignment without such prior written consent shall be null and void. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

20. Enforcement. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy would occur in the event that the parties hereto do not perform the provisions of this Agreement (including any party hereto failing to take such actions that are required of it hereunder in order to consummate this Agreement) in accordance with its specified terms or otherwise breach such provisions. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (a) the parties hereto will be entitled, in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity, to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief to prevent breaches (or threatened breaches) of this Agreement or to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof and without bond or other security being required, (b) if any party hereto is seeking injunctive relief, specific performance or other equitable relief pursuant hereto, the other parties hereto will not assert that a remedy of

monetary damages would provide an adequate remedy for such breach and (c) the right of specific enforcement is an integral part of the transactions contemplated hereby and without that right, none of the Company, Parent or the Stockholders would have entered into this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall in any way limit a party's right to pursue a claim for monetary damages arising out of a breach of this Agreement.

21. <u>Non-Recourse</u>. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any Legal Proceeding based upon, arising out of, or related to this Agreement, or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Agreement, may only be brought against the entities that are expressly named as parties hereto and then only with respect to the specific obligations set forth herein with respect to such party. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, manager, member, general or limited partner, stockholder, equityholder, controlling person, Affiliate, agent, attorney or other Representative of any party hereto or any of their successors or permitted assigns or any direct or indirect director, officer, employee, incorporator, manager, member, general or limited partner, stockholder, equityholder, controlling person, Affiliate, agent, attorney, general or limited partner, stockholder, equityholder, controlling person, Affiliate, agent, attorney, general or limited partner, stockholder, equityholder, controlling person, Affiliate, agent, attorney, representative, successor or permitted assign of any of the foregoing (each, a "Non-Recourse Party"), shall have any liability to any Stockholder, Parent or the Company for any obligations or liabilities of any party under this Agreement or for any Legal Proceeding (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) based on, in respect of or by reason of the transactions contemplated hereby or in respect of any written or oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith.

22. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect and the application of such provision to other Persons or circumstances will be interpreted so as reasonably to effect the intent of the parties hereto. The parties hereto further agree to replace such void or unenforceable provision of this Agreement with a valid and enforceable provision that will achieve, to the extent possible, the economic, business and other purposes of such void or unenforceable provision.

23. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement and any amendments hereto may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which will be considered one and the same agreement and will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties hereto and delivered to the other parties hereto, it being understood that all parties hereto need not sign the same counterpart. Any such counterpart, to the extent delivered by electronic delivery, will be treated in all manners and respects as an original executed counterpart and will be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. No party hereto may raise the use of an electronic delivery to deliver a signature, or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of an electronic delivery, as a defense to the formation of a contract, and each party hereto forever waives any such defense, except to the extent such defense relates to lack of authenticity.

24. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto, and the terms and conditions hereof may be waived, only by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto, or, in the case of a waiver, by an instrument signed on behalf of the party waiving compliance. No failure or delay on the part of a party in the exercise of any

right or remedy hereunder shall impair such right or power or be construed to be a waiver of, or acquiescence in, any breach of any representation, warranty or agreement herein, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or of any other right or power.

25. <u>No Presumption Against Drafting Party</u>. The Company, Parent and the Stockholders acknowledge that each party to this Agreement has been represented by counsel in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Accordingly, any rule of law or any legal decision that would require interpretation of any claimed ambiguities in this Agreement against the drafting party has no application and is expressly waived.

26. <u>Special Committee Approval</u>. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be made by the Company or the Company Board without first obtaining the approval of the Special Committee. The Special Committee shall direct enforcement by the Company of any provisions of this Agreement against the Stockholders.

27. <u>No Agreement until Executed</u>. This Agreement shall not be effective unless and until (i) the Special Committee has recommended to the Company Board for approval, and the Company Board has approved, for purposes of any applicable anti-takeover laws and regulations, and any applicable provision of the DGCL, the Charter, the Bylaws or any similar organization document of the Company (including Article NINE of the Charter), the Merger Agreement, the Support Agreements and the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, including the Merger, (ii) the Merger Agreement is executed by all parties thereto and (iii) this Agreement is executed and delivered by all parties hereto.

28. <u>No Ownership Interest</u>. Except as expressly provided in Section 2 with respect to the Sponsor Shares, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to vest in Parent any direct or indirect ownership or incidence of ownership of or with respect to any Covered Shares. All ownership and economic benefits of and relating to the Covered Shares shall remain vested in and belong to the applicable Stockholder.

[Signature pages follow]

TRIDENT VII, L.P. By: Trident Capital VII, L.P., its general partner By: DW Trident GP, LLC, a general partner

By: /s/ Stephen Levey Name: Stephen Levey Title: Vice President

Address: c/o Stone Point Capital LLC 20 Horseneck Lane, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 Attention: Stephen Levey Email: slevey@stonepoint.com

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered on the date and year first above written.

HEARTS PARENT, LLC

By:

/s/ Rene Kern Name: Rene Kern Title: President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered on the date and year first above written.

HIRERIGHT HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Lisa L. Troe Name: Lisa L. Troe Chair of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of HireRight Holdings Corporation, on behalf of HireRight Holdings Title: Corporation

Exhibit A

Owned Shares

Stockholder	Owned Shares
Trident VII, L.P.	11,959,030
Trident VII Parallel Fund, L.P.	5,814,235
Trident VII DE Parallel Fund, L.P.	100,067
Trident VII Professionals Fund, L.P.	590,065

HireRight to be Acquired by General Atlantic and Stone Point Capital

Stockholders to Receive \$14.35 Per Share in Cash

NASHVILLE, Tenn. February 16, 2024 – HireRight Holdings Corporation (NYSE: HRT) ("HireRight" or the "Company"), a leading provider of global background screening services and workforce solutions, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by investment funds affiliated with General Atlantic, L.P. ("General Atlantic") and Stone Point Capital LLC ("Stone Point" and together with General Atlantic, the "Sponsors"). The Sponsors are currently the beneficial owners of approximately 75% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. Under the terms of the agreement, the Sponsors will acquire all of the outstanding shares they do not already own for \$14.35 per share in cash, which implies a total enterprise value of approximately \$1.65 billion.

The purchase price represents a premium of approximately 47% over HireRight's 30-day volume weighted average price per share as of November 17, 2023, the last trading day prior to when the Sponsors indicated that they had agreed to work together regarding a potential strategic transaction involving the Company, and an approximate 43% premium to the Company's closing stock price on the same date.

As previously announced, HireRight's Board of Directors formed a Special Committee (the "Special Committee"), comprised solely of independent directors and advised by its own independent legal and financial advisors, to evaluate the proposal from the Sponsors as well as other alternative proposals or other strategic alternatives. The Special Committee determined that this transaction is advisable, fair to and in the best interests of HireRight and its stockholders that are not affiliated with the Sponsors. The Special Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve the transaction, and acting upon the recommendation of the Special Committee, the Board approved the transaction.

Guy Abramo, President and Chief Executive Officer of HireRight, said, "We are pleased to have reached this agreement with General Atlantic and Stone Point, which delivers a significant and immediate cash premium to HireRight's unaffiliated stockholders."

The transaction is expected to close in mid-2024, subject to approval by stockholders of a majority of the shares not owned by the Sponsors, receipt of regulatory approvals, including receipt of clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, and other customary closing conditions.

Advisors

Centerview Partners LLC is serving as financial advisor to the Special Committee and Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP is serving as the Special Committee's outside legal advisor.

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC are serving as financial advisors to the Sponsors. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP is serving as legal counsel to the Sponsors and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP is serving as legal counsel to Stone Point.

About HireRight

HireRight is a leading global provider of technology-driven workforce risk management and compliance solutions. We provide comprehensive background screening, verification, identification, monitoring, and drug and health screening services for approximately 37,000 customers across the globe. We offer our services via a unified global software and data platform that tightly integrates into our customers' human capital management systems enabling highly effective and efficient workflows for workforce hiring, onboarding, and monitoring. In 2022, we screened over 24 million job applicants, employees and contractors for our customers and processed over 107 million screens. For more information, visit www.HireRight.com.

About General Atlantic

General Atlantic is a leading global growth investor with more than four decades of experience providing capital and strategic support for over 500 growth companies throughout its history. Established in 1980 to partner with visionary entrepreneurs and deliver lasting impact, the firm combines a collaborative global approach, sector specific expertise, a long-term investment horizon and a deep understanding of growth drivers to partner with great entrepreneurs and management teams to scale innovative businesses around the world. General Atlantic has approximately \$83 billion in assets under management inclusive of all products as of December 31, 2023, and more than 280 investment professionals based in New York, Amsterdam, Beijing, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Mexico City, Miami, Mumbai, Munich, San Francisco, São Paulo, Shanghai, Singapore, Stamford and Tel Aviv. For more information on General Atlantic, please visit: www.generalatlantic.com.

About Stone Point

Stone Point is an alternative investment firm based in Greenwich, CT, with more than \$50 billion of assets under management. Stone Point targets investments in companies in the global financial services industry and related sectors. The firm invests in alternative asset classes, including private equity through its flagship Trident Funds and credit through commingled funds and separately managed accounts. In addition, Stone Point Capital Markets supports our firm, portfolio companies and other clients by providing dedicated financing solutions. For more information on Stone Point, please visit: www.stonepoint.com.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains "forward-looking statements" within the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these statements and other forward-looking statements in this document by words such as "may," "will," "should," "can," "could," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "predict," "project," "future," "potential," "intend," "plan," "assume," "believe," "forecast," "look," "build," "focus," "create," "work," "continue," "target," "poised," "advance," "drive," "aim," "forecast," "approach," "seek," "schedule," "position," "pursue," "progress," "budget," "outlook," "trend," "guidance," "commit," "on track," "objective," "goal," "strategy," "opportunity," "ambitions," "aspire" and similar expressions, and variations or negative of such terms or other variations thereof. Words and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future plans, actions, or events identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, such statements regarding the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger among the Company, Hearts Parent, LLC, and Hearts Merger Sub, Inc. (the "Transaction"), including the expected time period to consummate the Transaction, the anticipated benefits (including synergies) of the Transaction and integration and transition plans, opportunities, anticipated future performance, expected share buyback programs and expected dividends. All such forward-looking statements are based upon current plans. estimates, expectations and ambitions that are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. Key factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the expected timing and likelihood of completion of the Transaction, including the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the Transaction; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the definitive agreement; the possibility that the Company's stockholders may not approve the Transaction; the risk that the anticipated tax treatment of the Transaction is not obtained; the risk that the parties may not be able to satisfy the conditions to the Transaction in a timely manner or at all; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the Transaction; the risk that any announcements relating to the Transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of the Company's common stock; the risk that the Transaction and its announcement could have an adverse effect on the parties' business relationships and business generally, including the ability of the Company to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with their suppliers and customers, and on their operating results and businesses generally; the risk of unforeseen or unknown liabilities; customer, shareholder, regulatory and other stakeholder approvals and support; the risk of unexpected future capital expenditures; the risk of potential litigation relating to the Transaction that could be instituted against the Company or its directors and/or officers; the risk associated with third party contracts containing material consent, anti-assignment, transfer or other provisions that may be related to the Transaction which are not waived or otherwise satisfactorily resolved; the risk of rating agency actions and the Company's ability to access short- and long-term debt markets on a timely and affordable basis; the risk of various events that could disrupt operations, including severe weather, such as droughts, floods, avalanches and earthquakes, cybersecurity attacks, security threats and governmental response to them, and technological changes; the risks of labor disputes, changes in labor costs and labor difficulties; and the risks resulting from other effects of industry, market, economic, legal or legislative, political or regulatory conditions outside of the Company's control. All such factors are difficult to predict and are beyond our control, including those detailed in the Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K that are available on the Company's website at https://www.hireright.com and on the website of the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC") at http://www.sec.gov. The Company's forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that the Company's believes to be reasonable but that may not prove to be accurate. Other unpredictable or factors not discussed in this communication could also have material adverse effects on forward-looking statements. The Company does not assume an obligation to update any forward-looking statements. except as required by applicable law. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the Transaction, the Company will file with the SEC a proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "**Proxy Statement**"). The definitive version of the Proxy Statement will be sent to the stockholders of the Company seeking their approval of the Transaction and other related matters. The Company and affiliates of the Company intend to jointly file a transaction statement on Schedule 13E-3 (the "**Schedule 13E-3**"). The Company may also file other documents with the SEC regarding the Transaction.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THE SCHEDULE 13E-3 WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPANY, THE TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS.

Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents, including the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13E-3 and other documents filed with the SEC by the Company through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by the Company will be made available free of charge by accessing the Company's website at https://www.hireright.com or by contacting the Company by submitting a message at investor.relations@hireright.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of the Company in connection with the Transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information about the interests of the directors and executive officers of the Company and other persons who may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of stockholders of the Company in connection with the Transaction and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be included in the Proxy Statement related to the Transaction, which will be filed with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company and their ownership of the Company common stock is also set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as filed with the SEC on April 14, 2023 (and which is available at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1859285/000114036123018387/ny20007594x1_def14a.htm. Information about the directors and executive officers and Corporate Governance," "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters," and "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence" included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2023 (and which is available at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1859285/000185928523000034/hrt-20221231.htm), and in the sections entitled "*Executive Officers*" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" included in the Company's definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2023 Annual Meeting of Sockholder Matters and "Security Officers" and "Security Ownershi

Stockholders, as filed with the SEC on April 14, 2023 (and which is available at <u>https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1859285/000114036123018387/ny20007594x1_def14a.htm</u>. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the Transaction will be included in the Proxy Statement, the Schedule 13E-3 and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available These documents can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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