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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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ULTRAPETROL (BAHAMAS) LIMITED
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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holders, and, if discussing a material event, has already been the subject of a Form 6-K submission or other
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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the investment agreement dated November 13, 2012 (without exhibits or schedules) entered into by and among Ultrapetrol (Bahamas) Limited (the "Company"), Sparrow Capital Investments Ltd., Southern Cross Latin America Private Equity Fund III L.P. and Southern Cross Latin America Private Equity Fund IV L.P.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

ULTRAPETROL (BAHAMAS) LIMITED
(registrant)

By: /s/ Leonard J. Hoskinson
Name: Leonard J. Hoskinson
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 14, 2012

Exhibit 1

Execution Version

INVESTMENT AGREEMENT

by and among

ULTRAPETROL (BAHAMAS) LIMITED

(the "Company"),

SPARROW CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LTD.

(the "Purchaser"),

SOUTHERN CROSS LATIN AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND III, L.P., solely for the purposes of Section
10.17

and

SOUTHERN CROSS LATIN AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND IV, L.P., solely for the purposes of Section
10.17

Dated as of November 13, 2012

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This INVESTMENT AGREEMENT, dated as of November 13, 2012 (this "Agreement"), is entered into by and among Ultrapetrol (Bahamas) Limited, a company organized under the laws of the Bahamas (the "Company"), Sparrow Capital Investments Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the Bahamas (the "Purchaser"), and, solely for the purposes of Section 10.17, Southern Cross Latin America Private Equity Fund III, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada (the "Fund III Guarantor") and Southern Cross Latin America Private Equity Fund IV, L.P., a limited partnership organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada (the "Fund IV Guarantor", and together with the Fund III Guarantor, the "Guarantors").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Company desires to issue and sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser desires to purchase from the Company, 110,000,000 shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), with the Shares to constitute 78.38% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company (the "Purchaser Interest Percentage") and representing 58.94% of the voting power of the Company, in each case after giving effect to the issuance of the Shares, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein (the "Investment");

WHEREAS, the Company and its Subsidiaries comprise an industrial shipping company serving the marine transportation needs of its clients, including through its river business, offshore supply business and ocean business (the businesses of the Company are collectively referred to herein as the "Business");

WHEREAS, in connection with the Investment, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and as a condition and inducement to the Purchaser's willingness to enter into this Agreement, the Purchaser and certain existing stockholders of the Company are entering into a shareholders agreement, dated as of the date of this Agreement and effective as of the Closing (the "Shareholders Agreement"), setting forth certain terms and conditions regarding the ownership of the Shares and providing for, among other things, corporate governance rights, consent rights, director designation rights, restrictions on transfers of stock held by them and an agreement to vote their shares together on certain matters, all on the terms and conditions contained in the Shareholders Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the each of the Guarantors wishes to severally guarantee the purchase price obligations of the Purchaser under this Agreement in favor of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements and covenants hereinafter set forth, and intending to be legally bound, the Company, the Purchaser and, solely for the purposes of Section 10.17, the Guarantors, hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01 Certain Defined Terms. For purposes of this Agreement:

"Action" means any claim, action, suit, arbitration, audit, inquiry, proceeding or investigation by or before any Governmental Authority.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified Person and, with respect to the Purchaser, includes the Company from and after the Closing (and provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that no existing shareholder of the Company shall be considered an Affiliate of the Purchaser for purposes of this Agreement).

"Balance Sheet" means the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the Balance Sheet Date.

"Balance Sheet Date" means June 30, 2012.

"Blue Water Vessels" means the oceangoing Vessels of the Company and its Subsidiaries listed on Section 3.27(a) of the Disclosure Schedule.

"Bridge Facility Amount" means \$40,000,000.

"Brown Water Vessels" means all Vessels of the Company and its Subsidiaries that are not Blue Water Vessels, including, but not limited to, barges, tugs and pushboats.

"Builders" means the builders of the NewBuild Vessels.

"Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banks are required or authorized by Law to be closed in New York City, New York or in Nassau, Bahamas.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (4) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Claims" means any and all administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, petitions, appeals, claims, liens, proceedings, consent orders or consent agreements.

"Company Intellectual Property" means all Intellectual Property owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is material to the operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted.

"Contract" means any written note, bond, mortgage, deed of trust, indenture, guarantee, lease, sublease, charter, subcharter, license, franchise, permit, agreement, contract, commitment, or other written and legally binding understanding, arrangement, instrument or obligation.

"control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), with respect to the relationship between or among two or more Persons, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by Contract or otherwise.

"Conveyance Taxes" means with respect to the Company and its Subsidiaries any sales, use, transfer, conveyance, value-added, ad valorem, stamp, stamp duty, recording or other similar tax, fee or charge imposed by any Governmental Authority upon the direct or indirect sale, transfer or assignment of the Shares, real, personal, tangible or intangible property or any other transaction that occurs pursuant to this Agreement or any interest therein, or upon the recording of any such sale, transfer or assignment, together with any interest, additions or penalties in respect thereof.

"Disclosure Schedule" means the Disclosure Schedule, dated as of the date of this Agreement, delivered by the Company to the Purchaser in connection with the execution and delivery of, and forming a part of, this Agreement.

"Employee Benefit Plan" means all employee benefit plans and all bonus, stock option, stock purchase, restricted stock, incentive, deferred compensation, retiree medical or life insurance, supplemental retirement, severance or other benefit plans, programs or arrangements and all employment, termination, severance or other Contracts or agreements other than statutory benefits, to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party, with respect to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has any material obligation or which are maintained, contributed to or sponsored by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for the benefit of any current or former employee, officer or director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and each employee benefit plan or arrangement for which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries could otherwise incur liability; provided, however, that contributions by the Company or its Subsidiaries to social security, retirement or other plans which are required by a Governmental Authority or mandatory by Law and which were not created or established by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall not be considered an Employee Benefit Plan for purposes of this Agreement.

"Encumbrance" means any security interest, pledge, share or dividend stripping, hypothecation, mortgage, charter, lease, deed of trust, right of first refusal or similar restriction (including with respect to the Shares, any restriction on voting, transfer or exercise of any other attribute of ownership), lien or encumbrance (including environmental and tax liens).

"Environmental Claims" means any Claim relating to a violation or alleged violation of any Environmental Law or any Environmental Permit, including (a) any and all Claims by Governmental Authorities requiring cleanup, removal, response, remedial or other corrective actions or damages pursuant to any applicable Environmental Law and (b) any and all Claims by any Person seeking damages, contribution, indemnification, cost recovery, compensation or injunctive relief resulting from the Release of Hazardous Materials.

"Environmental Law" means any Law, now or hereafter in effect and as amended, and any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent decree or judgment, that relates to (a) pollution or the protection of the environment, health, safety or natural resources, or (b) human exposure to, transportation, treatment, storage, handling, disposal or the Release of Hazardous Materials.

"Environmental Permit" means any and all federal, national, supranational, state, provincial, municipal, local or administrative permit, approval, identification number or license which is required pursuant to any Environmental Law to be obtained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to conduct the Business.

"Equity Interests" means capital stock (whether common or preferred), partnership, limited liability company, membership interests or units (whether general or limited), and any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distribution of assets of, the issuing Person.

"GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect on the date of this Agreement, consistently applied.

"Governmental Authority" means any federal, national, supranational, state, provincial, municipal, local or other government, governmental, regulatory or administrative authority, agency or commission or any court, tribunal, or judicial body of competent jurisdiction.

"Governmental Order" means any order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, ruling, entered by or with any Governmental Authority.

"Guaranteed Percentage" means in the case of the Fund III Guarantor, 11.54%, and in the case of the Fund IV Guarantor, 88.46%.

"Hazardous Material" means (a) radioactive materials, asbestos-containing materials and polychlorinated biphenyls and (b) any other chemicals, materials or substances defined or regulated as "corrosive", "explosive", "flammable", "infectious", "toxic" or "hazardous" or as a "contaminant" under any applicable Environmental Law or the presence of which could result in an obligation to conduct Remedial Actions.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person (without duplication), (a) all obligations which in accordance with GAAP would be considered of a financial nature of such Person, whether or not entered into with financial institutions, whether or not contingent, for borrowed money (including all obligations for principal, interest, premiums, penalties, fees, make-whole payments, expenses, indemnities, breakage costs and bank overdrafts thereunder), (b) all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property (including Vessels) or services (except for trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices), (c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures, commercial papers, leases, mortgages or other similar instruments, (d) all obligations under derivative financial instruments including the negative or positive, as the case may be, fair value of the derivative financial instruments at Closing, (e) the attributable portion of all obligations from factoring and lease agreements, which by application of GAAP would be considered financial or capital leases, (f) all obligations for the acquisition of the NewBuild Vessels, (g) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person under acceptance, letter of credit or similar facilities (excluding any such obligations issued in support of commercial operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business), (h) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise acquire for value any capital stock of such Person or any warrants, rights or options to acquire such capital stock, and (i) any indebtedness of such Person pursuant to a guarantee to a creditor of another Person.

"Indemnified Party" means a Purchaser Indemnified Party or a Company Indemnified Party, as the case may be.

"Indemnifying Party" means the Company pursuant to Section 8.02 and the Purchaser pursuant to Section 8.03, as the case may be.

"Installment" means any installment of the contract price payable by the Company or its Subsidiaries to the Builders under the Newbuilding Contracts and, in the plural, means all of such installments.

"Intellectual Property" means (a) patents and patent applications, (b) trademarks, service marks, trade names, trade dress and Internet domain names, together with the goodwill associated exclusively therewith, (c) copyrights, including copyrights in computer software, (d) registrations and applications for registration of any of the foregoing in (a)-(c), and (e) trade secrets.

"ISM Code" means the International Safety Management Code (including the guidelines on its implementation), adopted by the International Maritime Organization Assembly as Resolutions A.741(18) and A.788 (19), as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time (and the terms "safety management system", "Safety Management Certificate" and "Document of Compliance" have the same meanings as are given to them in the ISM Code).

"ISPS Code" means the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization as the same may have been or may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.

"Knowledge" or similar terms used in this Agreement means:

(i) in the case of a representation or warranty, statement or certification made regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries, the knowledge of the individuals set forth below the Company's name listed on Schedule 1.01(a), as of the time the applicable representation or warranty, statement or certification is made or deemed to be made hereunder, if (a) any of such individuals is actually aware of such fact or matter, and (b) any of such individuals would reasonably be aware, after making such due inquiry as a prudent business person (taking into account such individual's role) would to those employees who directly report to that individual, of such fact or other matter;

(ii) in the case of a representation or warranty, statement or certification made regarding the Purchaser, the knowledge of the individual(s) set forth opposite Purchaser's name listed on Schedule 1.01(a), as of the time the applicable representation or warranty, statement or certification is made or deemed to be made hereunder, if (a) any of such individual(s) is actually aware of such fact or matter, and (b) any of such individual(s) would reasonably be aware, after making such due inquiry as a prudent business person (taking into account such individual's role) would to those employees who directly report to that individual, of such fact or other matter.

"Law" means any statute, law, ordinance, regulation, rule or code (including common law) of any Governmental Authority.

"Lease" means any and all leases, ground leases, subleases, licenses, rights to occupy or use, and other Contracts with respect to, real property, including, in each case, all amendments, modifications and supplements thereto and waivers and consents thereunder.

"Liabilities" means any and all Indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of any nature, whether known or unknown, whether accrued or fixed, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, due or to become due, including those arising under any Law, Action or Governmental Order and those arising under any Contract or any tort based on negligence, strict liability or otherwise.

"Material Adverse Effect" means any event, occurrence, circumstance, fact, development, condition or change that is, or could be reasonably expected to become, individually or in the aggregate, materially adverse to (a) the business, results of operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (b) the ability of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby on a timely basis, excluding any fact or state of facts, circumstance, change, effect, occurrence or event resulting from or arising in connection with: (i) changes in the global financial, currency or securities markets or general economic or political conditions, (ii) changes or conditions generally affecting the Relevant Industry, (iii) acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or natural disaster, (iv) any actions taken by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is required pursuant to this Agreement, or (v) the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, provided, however, that with respect to paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) such matter does not have a materially disproportionate effect on the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole relative to comparable entities operating in the Relevant Industry; and references in certain sections of this Agreement to dollar amounts are not intended to be, and shall not be deemed to be, illustrative or interpretative for purposes of determining whether a "Material Adverse Effect" has occurred.

"NASDAQ" means the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

"Newbuilding Contracts" means the Contracts with Persons which are not Subsidiaries of the Company for the building of the NewBuild Vessels.

"NewBuild Vessels" means the Vessels currently being built for the Company or its Subsidiaries by Persons which are not Subsidiaries of the Company pursuant to the Newbuilding Contracts set forth on Section 3.27(a) of the Disclosure Schedule.

"Organizational Documents" means, (i) with respect to any corporation, its memorandum and articles of association, articles or certificate of incorporation and bylaws or other documents of similar substance; (ii) with respect to any limited liability company, its articles or certificate of organization or formation and its operating agreement or limited liability company agreement or other documents of similar substance; (iii) with respect to any limited partnership, its certificate of limited partnership and partnership agreement or other documents of similar substance; and (iv) with respect to any other entity, documents of similar substance to any of the foregoing.

"Party" shall mean each of the Company and the Purchaser and, solely for the purposes of Section 10.17, each of the Guarantors, and "Parties" shall mean all of them (including the Guarantors for purposes of Section 10.02, Section 10.09, Section 10.11, Section 10.12, Section 10.14 and Section 10.17).

"Permitted Encumbrances" means (a) statutory liens for current Taxes not yet due or delinquent (or which may be paid without interest or penalties) or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; (b) mechanics', carriers', workers', repairers' and other similar liens arising or incurred in the ordinary course of business relating to obligations as to which there is no default on the part of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; (c) liens on leases of real property arising from the provisions of such leases, including, in relation to Leased Real Property, any agreements and/or conditions imposed on the issuance of already issued land use permits, zoning, business licenses, use permits or other entitlements of various types issued by any Governmental Authority, necessary or beneficial to the continued use and occupancy of such Leased Real Property or the continuation of the business conducted by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and that do not materially and adversely affect, impair or interfere, individually or in the aggregate, with the use of any property affected thereby; (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and prevailing industry standards; (e) zoning regulations and restrictive covenants and easements of record that do not detract in any material respect from the value of the Leased Real Property and do not materially and adversely affect, impair or interfere, individually or in the aggregate, with the use of any property affected thereby; (f) any Encumbrances securing Indebtedness disclosed

in Section 3.15(a) of the Disclosure Schedule; (g) Encumbrances for crews' wages (including the wages of a master and the wages of stevedores employed directly by a Vessel) and pledges or deposits under worker's compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws or similar legislation, or good faith deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than for the payment of Indebtedness) or leases to which such Person is a party, or deposits to secure public or statutory obligations of such Person or deposits of cash or United States government bonds to secure surety or appeal bonds to which such Person is a party, or deposits as security for contested taxes or import duties or for the payment of rent, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business; (h) Encumbrances imposed by law or that arise by operation of law, for sums that are not yet due, are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or are fully insured (other than customary deductibles) or other Encumbrances arising out of judgments or awards against such Person with respect to which such Person shall then be proceeding with an appeal or other proceedings for review; (i) Encumbrances in favor of issuers of surety bonds or letters of credit issued pursuant to the request of and for the account of such Person in the ordinary course of its business; (j) Encumbrances securing such Person's reimbursement obligations in connection with letters of credit issued for the account of such Person in connection with the establishment of the financial responsibility thereof under Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Part 138; (k) minor survey exceptions, minor encumbrances, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-of-way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real property or Encumbrances incidental to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not incurred in connection with Indebtedness and which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person; (l) Liens securing hedging obligations so long as such hedging obligations relate to Indebtedness that is secured by an Encumbrance on the same property securing such hedging obligations; (m) any Encumbrance which arises in favor of an unpaid seller in respect of goods, plant or equipment sold and delivered to the Company or its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business until payment of the purchase price for such goods or plant or equipment or any other goods, plant or equipment previously sold and delivered by that seller (except to the extent that such Encumbrance secures Indebtedness or arises otherwise than due to deferment of payment of purchase price); (n) any Encumbrance or pledge created or subsisting in the ordinary course of business over documents of title, insurance policies or sale contracts in relation to commercial goods to secure the purchase price thereof; (o) Encumbrances to secure any refinancing (or successive refinancings) or replacement as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by any Encumbrances referred to in the foregoing clause (f); provided, however, that (x) such new Encumbrance shall be limited to all or part of the same property that secured the original Encumbrance (plus improvements to or on such property), (y) the Indebtedness secured by such Encumbrance at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (A) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, the committed amount of the Indebtedness described under clause (f) at the time the original Encumbrance became a Permitted Encumbrance and (B) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such refinancing and (z) such Encumbrance need not be incurred at the same time the original Encumbrance is released; (p) charters, leases or subleases granted to others in the ordinary course of business that do not materially interfere with the ordinary course of business of such Person and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; (q) Encumbrances in favor of the Company or any Subsidiary; (r) Encumbrances in favor of customers and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of custom duties in connection with the importation of goods; (s) Encumbrances for salvage and general average; and (t) the liens, encumbrances and restrictions listed on Schedule 1.01(b). For purposes of this definition, the term "Indebtedness" shall be deemed to include interest on such Indebtedness.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, joint venture, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, labor union, governmental agency or other entity.

"Purchase Price Bank Account" means the bank account to be designated by the Company in a written notice to the Purchaser at least five (5) Business Days before the Closing.

"Purchaser Total Amount" means the sum of the Purchase Price plus the Bridge Facility Amount.

"Purchaser's Expenses" means, for purposes of Section 10.01(b), all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses to third parties (including all fees and expenses of counsel, accountants, financial advisors and investment bankers), incurred by the Purchaser or on its behalf in connection with or related to the authorization, preparation, negotiation, execution and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, complying with the terms of this Agreement and otherwise effectuating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

"Receivables" means any and all accounts receivable, notes and other amounts receivable from third parties, including customers and employees, arising from any conduct related to the Business before the Closing, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, together with any unpaid financing charges accrued thereon; provided, however, that for current assets it shall mean exclusively all trade receivables net of any allowance for doubtful accounts, discounts, recalls and returned inventory and other accounts receivable determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Refund Guarantees" means the refund guarantees issued on behalf of the Builders pursuant to the Newbuilding Contracts.

"Registered" means, when used in connection with Intellectual Property matters, issued by, registered or filed with, renewed by or the subject of a pending application before any Governmental Authority or Internet domain name registrar.

"Registration Rights Agreement" means the registration rights agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto (the "Registration Rights Agreement") pursuant to which the Company shall agree to register under federal and applicable state securities laws the Shares issuable to the Purchaser under this Agreement.

"Release" means disposing, discharging, injecting, spilling, leaking, leaching, dumping, emitting, escaping, emptying and seeping into or upon any land or water or air or otherwise entering into the environment, whether sudden or non-sudden and whether accidental or non-accidental.

"Relevant Industry" means the industry in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate the Business.

"Remedial Action" means any action required to eliminate or reduce Hazardous Materials or contaminants to a level which is safe for health, the environment or required to avoid its dispersion pursuant to any applicable Environmental Law, including any required site investigations, feasibility studies, corrective actions, closures and post-remedial or post-closure studies, investigations, operations, maintenance or monitoring.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any other entity in which such Person, directly or indirectly, owns greater than 50% of the equity interests thereof or has the power to elect or direct the election of greater than 50% of the members of the governing body of such entity, or otherwise has control over such entity and is or should be treated as a consolidated subsidiary under GAAP.

"Tax" or "Taxes" means all taxes, assessments, charges, duties, fees, levies or other governmental charges including all state, local, foreign and other income, franchise, profits, gross receipts, capital gains, capital stock, transfer, sales, use, value-added, occupation, property, excise, severance, windfall profits, stamp, license, payroll, social security, withholding and other taxes, assessments, charges, duties, fees, levies, estimated taxes, deficiency assessments, additions to tax, adjustments for inflation, penalties and interest or other governmental charges of any kind whatsoever imposed by any Governmental Authority (whether payable directly or by withholding and whether or not requiring the filing of a Tax Return).

"Tax Returns" means any and all returns, statements, notices, reports, claims for return and forms (including elections, declarations, amendments, schedules, estimates, information returns) required to be filed with a Governmental Authority with respect to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, including any returns that are required to be filed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries when the same hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in a corporate entity deemed transparent for Tax purposes.

"Transaction Documents" means the collective reference to this Agreement, the Shareholders Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement, the Confidentiality Agreement and the other agreements entered into in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

SECTION 1.02 Definitions. In addition to the terms defined in Section 1.01, the following defined terms have the meanings set forth in the locations identified below:

Defined Term	Location
"Acquisition Proposal"	5.08(b)
"Affiliate Contract"	3.19
"Agreement"	Preamble
"Bankruptcy and Equity Exception"	3.01(b)
"Board of Directors"	3.01(b)

Defined Term	Location
"Business"	Recitals
"Cap"	8.04(b)
"Claim Notice"	8.05(b)
"Closing"	2.03
"Closing Date"	2.03
"Company"	Preamble
"Company Indemnified Party"	8.03
"Company Real Property Leases"	3.10(b)
"Company Reports"	3.04(b)
"Company Shares"	3.02(a)
"Confidentiality Agreement"	5.03
"Convertible Notes"	7.02(o)
"Deductible"	8.04(a)
"Disinterested Directors"	3.35
"Exchange Act"	3.04(b)
"Expiration Date"	10.17(c)
"Fairness Opinion"	3.35
"Financial Statements"	3.04(a)
"Fundamental Representations"	8.01
"Fund III Guarantor"	Preamble
"Fund IV Guarantor"	Preamble
"Guaranteed Obligation"	10.17(a)
"Guarantors"	Preamble
"Guaranty"	10.17(a)
"Investment"	Recitals
"Leased Real Property"	3.10(b)
"Loss" or "Losses"	8.02
"Material Contracts"	3.16(a)
"Non-Material Subsidiaries"	7.01(b)
"Notice Period"	5.08(d)(ii)
"Owned Real Property"	3.10(a)
"Permit"	3.08(b)
"Per Share Purchase Price"	2.02
"Purchase Price"	2.02
"Purchaser"	Preamble
"Purchaser Indemnified Party"	8.02
"Purchaser Interest Percentage"	Recitals
"Regulatory Agreement"	3.07(b)
"SEC"	3.04(a)
"Securities Act"	3.04(b)
"Shareholders Agreement"	Recitals
"Shares"	Recitals
"Subsidiary Shares"	3.02(b)
"Superior Proposal"	5.08(d)(iii)

Defined Term	Location
"Termination Date"	9.01(a)
"Termination Fee"	10.01(b)
"Third Party Claim"	8.05(b)
"Threshold"	8.04(a)
"Vessels"	3.27(a)

SECTION 1.03 Interpretation and Rules of Construction. (a) In this Agreement, except to the extent otherwise provided or that the context otherwise requires:

- (i) when a reference is made in this Agreement to an Article, Section, Annex, Schedule or Exhibit, such reference is to an Article or Section of, or an Annex, Schedule or Exhibit to, this Agreement;
- (ii) the table of contents and headings for this Agreement are for reference purposes only and do not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement;
- (iii) whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they are deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation";
- (iv) the words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import, when used in this Agreement, refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement;
- (v) all terms defined in this Agreement have the defined meanings when used in any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto, unless otherwise defined therein;
- (vi) the definitions contained in this Agreement are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms;
- (vii) each gender-specific term used in this Agreement has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form;
- (viii) references to a Person are also to its successors and permitted assigns;
- (ix) all references to the Purchaser, the Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective Affiliates shall include each of their respective successors;
- (x) if the date on which any action is required to be taken is not a Business Day, such action shall be required to be taken on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day in such place;

(xi) any reference in this Agreement to a Law means such Laws as amended, modified, codified, replaced or reenacted, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

(xii) unless otherwise stated, all accounting terms used and not defined in this Agreement have the respective meanings, if any, given to them under GAAP.

(b) The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement with sophisticated legal counsel. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any provisions of this Agreement.

(c) The disclosures contained in any Section of the Disclosure Schedule shall be deemed to be disclosed and incorporated by reference in each other Section of the Disclosure Schedule to which the relevance and applicability of such disclosures are readily apparent on the face of such disclosures, upon a reading of such disclosures without any independent knowledge or further inquiry on the part of the reader regarding the matter disclosed (it being understood that the reader of such disclosures will not be deemed to know information about the disclosed matter beyond what is disclosed on the face of such disclosures). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties understand and agree that none of the disclosures in any Section of the Disclosure Schedule will be deemed disclosed as an exception to any of the Company's representations and warranties relating to (i) tax or labor matters in respect of any executive employment agreement or consulting agreement or (ii) the interpretation of the application of tax treaties. No reference to or disclosure of any item or other matter in any Section of this Agreement, including any Section of the Disclosure Schedule, shall be construed as an admission or indication that such item or other matter is material or that such item or other matter is required to be referred to or disclosed in this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, no such reference to or disclosure of a possible breach or violation of any Contract, Law or Governmental Order shall be construed as an admission or indication that a breach or violation exists or has actually occurred.

ARTICLE II

PURCHASE AND SALE

SECTION 2.01 Purchase and Sale of the Shares. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Closing, the Company shall issue and sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser shall purchase from the Company, the Shares.

SECTION 2.02 Purchase Price. The aggregate purchase price for the Shares shall be \$220,000,000 (the "Purchase Price") with a purchase price per share equal to \$2.00 (the "Per Share Purchase Price").

SECTION 2.03 Closing. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the sale and purchase of the Shares contemplated by this Agreement shall take place at a closing (the "Closing") to be held at the offices of Chadbourne & Parke LLP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, at 10:00 a.m. New York time on (a) December 12, 2012 provided that all closing conditions set forth in Article VII (other than conditions that by their nature are to

be satisfied at Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions) have been satisfied or waived on such date, or (b) if the Closing does not occur on December 12, 2012, then thereafter on the third (3rd) Business Day following the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the obligations of the Parties set forth in Article VII (other than conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions); or at such other place or at such other time or on such other date as the Purchaser and the Company may mutually agree upon in writing (the day on which the Closing takes place being the "Closing Date").

SECTION 2.04 Closing Deliveries by the Company. At or prior to the Closing, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser:

- (a) stock certificates representing the Shares, duly issued in the name of the Purchaser or its designee and any other documents that are necessary to grant to the Purchaser or such designee good and marketable title to the Shares (subject to restrictions under applicable securities Laws) free and clear of any Encumbrances;
- (b) a receipt for the amount received by the Company pursuant to Section 2.05(b);
- (c) the certificate referenced in Section 7.02(a)(iv);
- (d) evidence that the Affiliate Contracts listed on Schedule 5.07(a) have been terminated;
- (e) the legal opinion referenced in Section 7.02(g);
- (f) the Registration Rights Agreement, executed by the Company; and
- (g) all other documentation required to be delivered by the Company pursuant to this Agreement.

SECTION 2.05 Closing Deliveries by the Purchaser. At the Closing, the Purchaser shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Company:

- (a) the certificate referenced in Section 7.01(a)(iv);
- (b) an amount equal to the Purchase Price by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the Purchase Price Bank Account;
- (c) the Registration Rights Agreement, executed by the Purchaser; and
- (d) all other documentation required to be delivered by the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

The Company hereby represents and warrants to the Purchaser, subject to information contained in the Company's most recent annual and quarterly reports filed with the SEC prior to the date of this Agreement and publicly available (excluding any risk factor disclosures contained in such documents under the heading "Risk Factors" and any disclosure of risks included in any "forward-looking statements" disclaimer or other statements that are similarly non-specific or are predictive or forward-looking in nature) and such exceptions as may be disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule, to the extent referring to a particular representation and warranty, as follows:

SECTION 3.01 Organization, Qualification and Authority.

(a) The Company and each of its Subsidiaries is a corporation, limited liability company or other legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of its respective jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, has all requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to carry on its business as now being conducted, and is duly qualified to do business as foreign corporation, partnership or limited liability company in good standing to conduct business in each jurisdiction in which the business it is conducting, or the operation, ownership or leasing of its properties, makes such qualification necessary except where the failure to be qualified would not have a Material Adverse Effect. A true, correct and complete copy of the Organizational Documents of the Company and its Subsidiaries has been furnished or made available to the Purchaser, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any of the provisions of its Organizational Documents. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries, their respective jurisdictions of incorporation or organization and their respective jurisdictions where they are qualified to do business are set forth on Section 3.01 of the Disclosure Schedule.

(b) The Company has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and thereunder and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by the board of directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors"). This Agreement has been, and upon the execution of each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party shall have been, duly executed and delivered by the Company, and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the other Parties) this Agreement constitutes, and upon the execution of each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party shall constitute, the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar Laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) (the "Bankruptcy and Equity Exception"). No other corporate proceedings are necessary for the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement, the performance by it of its obligations hereunder or the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 3.02 Capitalization.

(a) Section 3.02(a) of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth the authorized capital stock of the Company, the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock (or other Equity Interests) of the Company (the "Company Shares"). All of the issued and outstanding Company Shares have been duly authorized and validly issued and acquired and are fully paid and non-assessable and were not issued or acquired in violation of any right of first refusal, purchase option, call option, subscription right, preemptive right or any similar right. Except as set forth in Section 3.02(a) of the Disclosure Schedule, there are no options, rights of first refusal, warrants, convertible securities, shareholder agreements, voting agreements, buy-sell agreements or other rights, agreements, arrangements or commitments by the Company or its Subsidiaries or, to the actual knowledge of the Company, any other Person holding 5% or more of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company, relating to the Company Shares or obligating the Company to issue or sell any shares of capital stock of, or any other Equity Interests in the Company. Except as set forth in Section 3.02(a) of the Disclosure Schedule, no shares of capital stock or other Equity Interests of the Company are reserved for issuance under other securities issued by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Upon consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Purchaser shall own 78.38% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company and 58.94% of the issued and outstanding voting interests of the Company.

(b) Section 3.02(b) of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth, with respect to each of the Subsidiaries of the Company, its authorized capital stock, its issued and outstanding shares of capital stock (or other Equity Interests) (the "Subsidiary Shares") and the current beneficial ownership of such Subsidiary Shares, and all of the other Equity Interests in any other Person held by the Company or any Subsidiary. All of the issued and outstanding Subsidiary Shares and other Equity Interests in any other Person held by the Company or any Subsidiary (i) are owned of record or beneficially, directly or indirectly, as set forth in Section 3.02(b) of the Disclosure Schedule and, to the extent owned by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries, are free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances set forth on Section 3.02(b) of the Disclosure Schedule and (ii) have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable and were not issued in violation of any right of first refusal, purchase option, call option, subscription right, preemptive right or any similar right under (w) applicable Law, (x) any Organizational Documents of the Company or any Subsidiary, (y) any agreement, arrangement or commitment by the Company or any Subsidiary, or, (z) to the Knowledge of the Company, under any other agreements, arrangements or commitments. There are no options, rights of first refusal, warrants, convertible securities or other rights, agreements, arrangements or commitments relating to the Subsidiary Shares or other Equity Interests in any other Person held by the Company or any Subsidiary. No shares of capital stock or other Equity Interests of any Subsidiary are reserved for issuance under other securities issued by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(c) Except as set forth in Section 3.02(c) of the Disclosure Schedule, the Company does not have outstanding shareholder purchase rights or "poison pill" or any similar arrangement in effect giving any Person the right to purchase any equity interest in the Company upon the occurrence of certain events.

SECTION 3.03 **No Conflicts; Consents.** The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Company and each of the other Transaction Documents to which the Company is a party, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, do not and will not (a) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of, the Organizational Documents of the Company or its Subsidiaries, (b) conflict with or result in a violation or breach of any provision of any Law or Governmental Order applicable to the Company or its Subsidiaries, or (c) except as set forth in Section 3.03 of the Disclosure Schedule, require the consent, notice or other action by any Person under, conflict with, result in a violation or breach of, constitute a default or event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, result in the acceleration of or create in any party the right to accelerate, terminate, suspend, revoke, modify or cancel, any Contract to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is otherwise bound, except, in the case of clause (c), as would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as set forth in Section 3.03 of the Disclosure Schedule, no consent, approval, Permit, Governmental Order, declaration or filing with, or notice to, any Governmental Authority is required by or with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and each other agreement to be executed and delivered by the Company in connection herewith and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

SECTION 3.04 **Financial Information; Reports.**

(a) Each of the consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in equity and cash flows, together with the notes thereto (including (i) the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in equity and cash flow as of and for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2011 and (ii) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in equity and cash flow as of and for the six month period ending June 30, 2012) (collectively, the "Financial Statements") included in any Company Report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") prior to the date of this Agreement, (i) have been prepared from, and are in accordance in all material respects with, the books and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries, (ii) complied as to form, as of their respective date of filing with the SEC, in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and with the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, (iii) have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis during the period involved and (iv) present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the dates set forth therein and the consolidated results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the periods stated therein, subject, in the case of any unaudited financial statements, to normal recurring year-end audit adjustments and, consistent with GAAP for interim periods, do not contain any notes.

(b) Since December 31, 2009, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries has timely filed all material reports, registrations, documents, filings, statements and submissions, together with any required amendments thereto, that it was required to file with the SEC (the foregoing, collectively, the "Company Reports") and has paid all fees and assessments due and payable to the SEC in connection therewith. As of their respective dates, the Company Reports complied in all material respects with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act as the case may be. There are no outstanding comments from the SEC with respect to any Company Report. No Company Report, as of its date or if amended prior to the date of this Agreement, as of the date of such amendment, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements made in it, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and each Company Report complied as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). No executive officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has failed in any respect to make the certifications required of him or her under Section 302 or 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(c) The records, systems, controls, data and information of the Company and its Subsidiaries are recorded, stored, maintained and operated under means (including any electronic, mechanical or photographic process, whether computerized or not) that are under the direct control of the Company or its Subsidiaries or their accountants (including all means of access thereto and therefrom). The Company (i) has implemented and maintains such disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as required by Law to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including the consolidated Subsidiaries of the Company, is made known to the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of the Company by others within those entities, and (ii) has disclosed, based on its most recent evaluation prior to the date hereof, to the Company's outside auditors and the audit committee of the Board of Directors (A) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and (B) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting. Since December 31, 2009, (x) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, employee, auditor, accountant or representative of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim, whether written or oral, regarding the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls, including any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in questionable accounting or auditing practices, and (y) no attorney representing the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, whether or not employed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has reported evidence of a material violation of securities laws, breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by the Company or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents to the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or to any director or executive officer of the Company.

(d) The Company is in material compliance with all provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 which are applicable to it. The Company has not received any complaints made under any whistleblower policy of the Company (including any such policy required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) and has no Knowledge of any such complaints being made to the Audit Committee of the Company.

SECTION 3.05 Undisclosed Liabilities. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any material Liabilities required to be reflected or reserved against on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP, other than, (a) Liabilities reflected or reserved against in the Financial Statements, (b) Liabilities incurred since the Balance Sheet Date in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and that are not, and would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, other than may arise out of the Actions and threatened Actions disclosed on Section 3.07 of the Disclosure Schedule, and (c) Liabilities set forth in Section 3.05 of the Disclosure Schedule.

SECTION 3.06 Conduct in the Ordinary Course. Since the Balance Sheet Date, (i) the Company and its Subsidiaries have operated their respective businesses only in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (ii) neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries have suffered any Material Adverse Effect, and (iii) except as set forth in Section 3.06 of the Disclosure Schedule, neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries have:

(a) declared, set aside or paid any dividends on or made any other distribution in respect of any of its capital stock, decreed or made any capital reductions, capital amortizations, or stock redemptions other than intercompany dividends and distribution between or among the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries;

(b) split, combined or reclassified any of its capital stock or issued or authorized or proposed the issuance of any securities in respect of, in lieu of, or in substitution for shares of its capital stock, or repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any shares of its capital stock;

(c) issued, delivered, pledged, encumbered, sold or transferred, or proposed the issuance, delivery, pledge, encumbrance, sale or transfer of, any shares of its capital stock or securities convertible into, or rights, warrants or options to acquire, any such shares of capital stock or other convertible securities or proposed any change in its equity capitalization other than Permitted Encumbrances set forth on Section 3.06 of the Disclosure Schedule;

(d) sold, transferred, leased, licensed, pledged, encumbered, mortgaged or otherwise disposed of tangible or intangible assets (other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, including, but not limited to, for the avoidance of doubt, the sales of barges constructed by the Company or its Subsidiaries and the financing, refinancing or replacement of Indebtedness and other than Permitted Encumbrances) with an aggregate fair market value in one transaction or a series of transactions in excess of \$2,000,000 in the aggregate;

- (e) acquired or agreed to acquire by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing any material portion of the capital stock or assets of, or by any other manner, any business or any corporation, partnership, association or other business organization or division thereof other than mergers, consolidations or amalgamations of Subsidiaries with other Subsidiaries;
- (f) made any capital expenditure or commitment for any capital expenditure in excess of \$2,000,000 in the aggregate;
- (g) incurred, assumed or created any Indebtedness in excess of \$1,000,000;
- (h) made any loan to, guaranteed any Indebtedness of, or otherwise assumed or incurred any Indebtedness in excess of \$1,000,000 on behalf of, or made any investment in, any Person, or prepaid any Indebtedness (other than any interest payments made thereunder in the ordinary course of business in amounts consistent with past practice);
- (i) made any material customer advances;
- (j) (i) granted any material increase, or announced any material increase, in the wages, salaries, compensation, bonuses, incentives, pension or other benefits payable by either the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any of its employees, including any increase or change pursuant to any Employee Benefit Plan or (ii) established or increased or promised to increase any benefits under any Employee Benefit Plan, in either case except (A) as required by Law or any collective bargaining agreement and/or (B) involving increases in wages or salaries for employees other than the four highest paid individuals (including the Chief Executive Officer) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices of the Company and its Subsidiaries and/or (C) as disclosed in employment agreements previously made available to the Purchaser;
- (k) (i) other than as disclosed on Section 3.06 of the Disclosure Schedule, entered into any agreement, arrangement or transaction with any of its directors, officers, stockholders or four highest paid individuals (or with any relative, beneficiary, spouse or Affiliate of such Persons), including any change of control or severance agreement or (ii) other than in the ordinary course of business, entered into any agreement, arrangement or transaction with any of its other employees (or with any relative, beneficiary, spouse or Affiliate of such Persons), including any change of control or severance agreement;
- (l) made any contribution to any Employee Benefit Plan or change in the manner of any contribution made to any Employee Benefit Plan, other than for required contributions in accordance with the terms of such Employee Benefit Plan;
- (m) adopted or materially amended any Employee Benefit Plan;
- (n) written down or written up (or failed to write down or write up in accordance with GAAP) the value of any Receivables or revalued any of the assets other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices and in accordance with GAAP;

- (o) made any change in any method of accounting or accounting practice or policy used by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, other than such changes required by GAAP;
- (p) except as set forth on Section 3.06(p) of the Disclosure Schedule, made any Tax election or settled and/or compromised any Tax liability; prepared any Tax Returns in a manner which is inconsistent with the past practices of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, with respect to the treatment of items on such Tax Returns; incurred any material liability for Taxes other than in the ordinary course of business, or filed an amended Tax Return or a claim for refund of Taxes with respect to the income, operations or property of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (q) amended the Organizational Documents of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries other than as required or contemplated by this Agreement and except for amendments previously provided to the Purchaser;
- (r) taken any action to reorganize, liquidate or dissolve the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that own vessels or any other material assets;
- (s) settled, released or forgiven any material Action involving amounts in excess of \$2,000,000 in the aggregate or waived any material right with respect thereto;
- (t) entered into, amended, renegotiated, terminated (other than by completion thereof) or waived any material right under, any Material Contract involving amounts in excess of \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;
- (u) other than as required or contemplated hereby entered into any agreement or understanding or arrangement with respect to the voting or registration of the securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; or
- (v) agreed or otherwise committed to take any of the foregoing actions.

SECTION 3.07 Litigation.

- (a) Except as set forth on Section 3.07 of the Disclosure Schedule, there is no Action by or against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened, by or against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries before any Governmental Authority that has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) The Company has not been a recipient of any written communication from, nor has it adopted any resolutions at the request of, any Governmental Authority that restricts in any material respect the conduct of the Business or that in any material manner relates to their ability to operate the Business (each, a "Regulatory Agreement"), nor have any of its Subsidiaries been advised by any Governmental Authority that it is considering issuing or requesting any such Regulatory Agreement that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.08 Compliance with Laws; Permits.

(a) The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has conducted and continues to conduct its respective business in all material respects in accordance with all Laws and Governmental Orders to which it is subject and, to the Company's Knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in material violation in any respect of any such Law or Governmental Order.

(b) Except as set forth on Section 3.08(b) of the Disclosure Schedule, the Company and each of its Subsidiaries is in possession of all material and relevant licenses, permits, waivers, franchises, orders, concessions, registrations, authorizations and approvals issued by any Governmental Authority (each, a "Permit") which are currently necessary in any material respect for it to conduct the Business as now or as previously conducted or for the ownership and use of its assets. Each such Permit is valid, current, unextended and in full force and effect and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default of any such Permit. None of such Permits will be materially adversely affected by the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(c) The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has timely filed all material reports, registrations and statements, together with any amendments required to be made under applicable Law and has paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith. Except as set forth on Section 3.08(c) of the Disclosure Schedule and except for normal examinations conducted by any Governmental Authority in the regular course of business of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries, to the Company's Knowledge, no Governmental Authority has initiated any proceeding or investigation into their business or operations that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the Company's Knowledge, except as set forth on Section 3.08(c) of the Disclosure Schedule, there is no unresolved violation of any Law or Governmental Order, or exception by any Governmental Authority with respect to any report or statement relating to any examinations of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 3.09 Intellectual Property.

(a) Section 3.09 of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth a true and complete list of all Registered Company Intellectual Property.

(b) To the Knowledge of the Company, the use of the Company Intellectual Property by the Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted does not infringe in any material respect any valid, enforceable and unexpired Intellectual Property of any other Person and there is no Action initiated by any other Person pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened, against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries concerning the foregoing.

(c) With respect to each item of Registered Company Intellectual Property, the Company or one of its Subsidiaries is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to each item of such Registered Company Intellectual Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances), and to the Company's Knowledge, no Person is engaging in any activity that infringes any Company Intellectual Property.

SECTION 3.10 Real Property.

(a) Section 3.10(a) of the Disclosure Schedule lists each parcel of real property owned by the Company or its Subsidiaries (the "Owned Real Property"). The Company or Subsidiaries has good and marketable title to each parcel of Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances, except Permitted Encumbrances.

(b) Section 3.10(b) of the Disclosure Schedule lists the street address of each parcel of real property leased from a third party by the Company or its Subsidiaries (the "Leased Real Property") pursuant to a Lease ("Company Real Property Leases"). The Company has made available to the Purchaser true and complete copies of the Company Real Property Leases.

SECTION 3.11 Condition and Sufficiency of Properties. All property and assets (other than Vessels, which are covered solely by the representations and warranties contained in Section 3.27) owned or utilized by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (i) are in good operating condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted, (ii) have been maintained consistent with the standards generally followed in the industry and are sufficient to carry on the Business in the manner currently and historically conducted by the Company and its Subsidiaries, and (iii) are sufficient for the Company and its Subsidiaries to continue to conduct the Business after the Closing in substantially the same manner as conducted prior to the Closing and constitute all of the rights, property and assets necessary to conduct the Business as currently conducted.

SECTION 3.12 Employees; Employee Benefit Matters.

(a) Section 3.12(a) of the Disclosure Schedule lists each Employee Benefit Plan. The Company has furnished to the Purchaser a complete and accurate copy of (i) the applicable documentation for each such Employee Benefit Plan, including any trust or other funding arrangements, and (ii) the most recently prepared financial statement, if applicable, in connection with each such Employee Benefit Plan. Except as provided in applicable Laws, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any commitment (A) to create, incur liability with respect to or cause to exist, any other employee benefit plan, program or arrangement, (B) to enter into any Contract or agreement to provide compensation or benefits to any individual, or (C) to modify, change or terminate any Employee Benefit Plan, other than with respect to a modification, change or termination required by applicable Law.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 3.12(b) of the Disclosure Schedule, the Company and its Subsidiaries have performed in all material respects all of their respective obligations under all Employee Benefit Plans. The Company and its Subsidiaries have made appropriate entries as required under GAAP in their financial records and statements for all obligations and liabilities under such Employee Benefit Plans that have accrued but are not due.

(c) No Action, an adverse determination of which could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan (other than claims for benefits in the ordinary course). All contributions, premiums or payments required to be made by the Company or its Subsidiaries with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan have been made on or before their due dates.

(d) Except as set forth on Section 3.12(d) of the Disclosure Schedule, none of the execution, delivery or performance of any Transaction Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby will result in any obligation to pay any Person any severance pay, or termination, retention or other benefits or accelerate the time of payment or result in any material payment or funding of benefits under, or materially increase the amount payable or result in any other obligation pursuant to, any Employee Benefit Plan.

SECTION 3.13 Labor Matters. Except as set forth on Section 3.13 of the Disclosure Schedule, there are no collective bargaining or similar agreements to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or which are otherwise applicable to Persons employed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. As of the date hereof, except as set forth on Section 3.13 of the Disclosure Schedule, there are no controversies, strikes, slowdowns or work stoppages pending between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any of their respective employees that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is currently in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws relating to the employment of labor, including those related to social security, wages, hours, collective bargaining, consultation notifications and the payment and withholding of Taxes.

SECTION 3.14 Taxes. Except as provided in Section 3.14 of the Disclosure Schedule:

(a) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has timely filed with the appropriate Governmental Authority all Tax Returns required to be filed by it on or prior to the date hereof. Such Tax Returns are complete, true and correct in all material respects.

(b) All Taxes due and payable by or with respect to the income, assets or operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been timely paid in full. All Taxes not yet due and payable by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or any other corporation merged into or consolidated with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) have been properly accrued and adequately disclosed and fully provided for on the books and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP.

(c) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has waived any statute of limitations affecting any Tax liability or agreed to any extension of time during which a Tax assessment or deficiency assessment may be made, which waiver or extension is still in effect, nor has been subject to any statutory extension or suspension of the statute of limitations.

(d) To the Knowledge of the Company, there are no pending Actions, Tax audits or examinations of the Taxes of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and no such audit is pending. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notices of Tax audits or examinations of Taxes, statements of deficiencies or proposed deficiencies (or similar notices) from any taxing authority which could reasonably be expected to affect the Tax liability of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

(e) There are no Encumbrances on any of the Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' properties or assets with respect to any unpaid Taxes, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of assessment by any Tax authority in connection with any Tax Returns and there are no pending Tax examinations of or Tax claims asserted against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except for Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been set aside on the applicable Company or Subsidiary books in accordance with GAAP.

(f) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has ever been included in any "consolidated", "unitary" or "combined" Tax Return.

(g) All Taxes that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are (or were) required by Law to withhold or collect in connection with the amounts paid or distributed to any employee, independent contractor, creditor, shareholder, member or other third party have been duly withheld or collected, and have been timely paid over in full to the proper Governmental Authority whether or not the same are shown to be payable on any Tax Return; provided that, where tax regulations permit it, certain withholdings may have been made by one Subsidiary of the Company on behalf of another Subsidiary of the Company.

(h) No claims have ever been made in writing by any Governmental Authority in a jurisdiction where the Company or any of its Subsidiaries do not file Tax Returns that any of them is or may be subject to the taxing jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority, and to the Knowledge of the Company, no such claim is pending or contemplated.

(i) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in any activities that may trigger a permanent establishment in any taxing jurisdiction, nor has any income become subject to any foreign controlled corporation rules under any applicable Law.

(j) There are no tax sharing, allocation, indemnification or similar agreements in effect as between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any predecessor or Affiliate thereof and any other Person under which the Purchaser, the Company or any of the Company's Subsidiaries could be liable for any Taxes or claims of any party.

(k) There are no tax rulings, requests for rulings or closing agreements to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their Affiliates is a party that could affect the Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' liability for Taxes for any period after the Closing Date. Unless permitted by law and properly accounted for under GAAP, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has taken any action that would have the effect of deferring any material Tax liability for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries from any taxable period (or a portion thereof) ending on or before the Closing Date to any taxable period (or a portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date.

(l) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries retains all tax, accounting and corporate records as required by Law to support any tax or accounting position, filing or claim that has been made by the Company and its Subsidiaries with respect to Taxes imposed as per applicable Law.

(m) Section 3.14 of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth, as of the date of this Agreement, the most recent examination of the Tax Returns for the Company and each of its Subsidiaries filed during the three (3) years preceding the date of this Agreement relating to federal, state, municipal, local and foreign income Taxes by any Governmental Authority.

(n) The Company has made available to the Purchaser true and correct copies of all Tax Returns of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries for the three (3) years immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

(o) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has fully complied with Sections 481(a) or 482 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and applicable regulations promulgated there under, or any similar provision of foreign, state or local applicable Law.

(p) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries have filed an entity classification election pursuant to U.S. Treasury Regulation § 301.7701-3 (a so-called "check the box" election) for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 3.15 Indebtedness; Guarantees.

(a) Section 3.15(a) of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth a list of all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$1,000,000. No material default exists with respect to any such Indebtedness.

(b) Except as disclosed in Section 3.15(b) of the Disclosure Schedule, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a guarantor, surety, joint obligor or responsible in any capacity for any Indebtedness, liability or obligation (including debt) of any other Person, except to the extent that such guaranty, surety, joint obligations or responsibility is for the benefit of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; nor is any third party a guarantor, surety, joint obligor or responsible in any capacity for any Indebtedness, liability or obligation (including debt) of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 3.16 Material Contracts.

(a) Section 3.16(a) of the Disclosure Schedule lists each of the following executory Contracts to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or its assets are otherwise bound (such Contracts being "Material Contracts"):

(i) any Contract that provides for the payment or receipt by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of money, services or property with an annual value in excess of \$5,000,000;

(ii) any Contract under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed any Indebtedness in excess of \$1,000,000;

(iii) any material Contract that limits or purports to limit the ability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to compete in any line of business or with any Person or in any geographic area or during any period of time or otherwise restricts (other than in the ordinary course of business) the conduct by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of the Business;

- (iv) any material Contract that imposes confidentiality or standstill obligations on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, other than confidentiality obligations arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (v) any material Contract that imposes exclusive or other restrictive dealing obligations on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (vi) any currently in force joint venture, partnership, association agreement or similar Contract entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries relating to a material portion of the Company's Business;
- (vii) any material Contract with any Governmental Authority;
- (viii) any Contract that provides for the assumption of any material Tax, environmental or other Liability of any Person other than in the ordinary course of business or which are not covered by insurance policies of the Company or its Subsidiaries;
- (ix) any employment agreements and Contracts with consultants (or similar arrangements) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party and which are not cancellable without material penalty or without more than ninety (90) days' notice and which involve the payment of more than \$500,000 annually;
- (x) the Company Real Property Leases;
- (xi) any Contract that requires the Company to register any securities for sale under the Securities Act by filing a registration statement or otherwise;
- (xii) all Contracts with Affiliates of the Company other than the Company's Subsidiaries;
- (xiii) all Contracts for the sale of Vessels;
- (xiv) all Newbuilding Contracts; and
- (xv) all Refund Guarantees.

(b) (i) Except as set forth on Section 3.16(b) of the Disclosure Schedule, each Material Contract is valid and binding on the Company or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, the counterparties thereto, and is in full force and effect, (ii) each Material Contract is enforceable against the Company or the Subsidiary of the Company that is a party thereto, except as such enforceability may be limited by the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception, and (iii) the Company or the Subsidiary of the Company that is a party thereto is not in material breach of, or in material default under, any material provision of any Material Contract and, to the Knowledge of the Company, the counterparties thereto are not in material breach of, or in default under, any material provision thereof. The Company has previously made available to the Purchaser true, complete and correct copies of all written Material Contracts listed on Section 3.16(a) of the Disclosure Schedule.

SECTION 3.17 Environmental Matters.

- (a) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws and has obtained and is in compliance in all material respects with the terms and conditions of all applicable Environmental Permits.
- (b) There are no Environmental Claims pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their assets or Vessels, which could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or which are not covered by insurance policies of the Company or its Subsidiaries.
- (c) There have not been any Releases or threatened Releases of Hazardous Materials on, above, in, or about any site or property owned, operated or otherwise under the possession of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or by any Vessel or other asset, which could result in a material obligation to conduct any Remedial Action pursuant to applicable Environmental Laws or in an Environmental Claim against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, which could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or which are not covered by insurance policies of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 3.18 Insurance.

- (a) The Company has made available to the Purchaser true, correct and complete copies of each material insurance policy and bond issued by a third party commercial insurer and covering the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or their Vessels or other assets or properties or employees. Such policies and bonds are in full force and effect (except for insurance policies that have expired under their terms in the ordinary course), all premiums due and payable thereon have been paid and, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received written notice from any insurer or agent of any intent to cancel any such insurance policy or bond. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has complied with the terms and provisions of such policies and bonds where the failure to comply with such terms or provisions could result in the termination of, or cessation of cover under, such insurances. There is no material claim by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pending under any of such policies or bonds as to which coverage has been denied or disputed by the underwriters of such policies or bonds other than as set forth in Section 3.18(a) of the Disclosure Schedule. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of any failure to pay premiums when due or any similar state of facts which might form the basis for termination of any such insurance.
- (b) Without limiting the foregoing clause (a), to the Knowledge of the Company, each Vessel is insured against:

- (i) usual marine risks customary and appropriate for its operational and trading status; and
- (ii) protection and indemnity risks (including the maximum level for oil pollution liability available from time to time under basic protection and indemnity club entry) in respect of the full tonnage of such Vessel.

SECTION 3.19 Transactions with Affiliates. Except as set forth on Section 3.19 of the Disclosure Schedule or Schedules 5.07(a) or 5.07(b), no officer, director or Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or immediate family member of any of the foregoing Persons or any Person owning at least 5% of the outstanding share capital of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or an express beneficiary of any contract with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or has any interest in any property used by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (an "Affiliate Contract"). Except as set forth in Section 3.19 of the Disclosure Schedule, each of the Affiliate Contracts has been entered into on an arm's length basis at prevailing market prices and on prevailing market terms.

SECTION 3.20 Brokers. Except as disclosed on Section 3.20 of the Disclosure Schedule, no broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission from the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 3.21 Anti-corruption and Anti-bribery Laws. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor any director, officer, or, to the Company's Knowledge agent, employee or other Person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has directly or indirectly (i) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, et seq., or any other applicable anti-corruption Law, (ii) given or agreed to give any illegal gift, contribution, payment or similar benefit to any supplier, customer, Governmental Authority or governmental, administrative or regulatory official or employee or other Person who was, is or may be in a position to help or hinder in any way the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the Business (or assist in any way in connection with any actual or proposed transaction), (iii) made or agreed to make any illegal gift, contribution, entertainment or other expense or other payment, or reimbursed any illegal gift, contribution, entertainment or other expense or other payment made by any other Person, to any political party, campaign or candidate for federal, state, local or foreign public office or any Governmental Authority or governmental, administrative or regulatory official or employee, or (iv) made or agreed to make any bribe, unrecorded rebate, influence payment, payoff, kickback or other similar unlawful payment. There have been no false or fictitious entries made in the books or records of the Company or its Subsidiaries relating to any payment prohibited by Law, and neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries has established or maintained any fund for use in making any such payments.

SECTION 3.22 Personal Property. Except as set forth in Section 3.22 of the Disclosure Schedule and except for such property as has been sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has good and valid title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, all tangible personal property and assets reflected in the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the Balance Sheet Date or tangible personal property and assets acquired after the Balance Sheet Date, in each case, which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries purports to own or lease, as the case may be, free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Permitted Encumbrances. All such personal property shall be available to conduct the Business at the Closing in the same manner as conducted prior to the Closing.

SECTION 3.23 Accounts Receivable. Except as set forth in Section 3.23 of the Disclosure Schedule, the Receivables reflected on the Balance Sheet (a) are accounted for as accounts receivable in accordance with GAAP (including the relevant GAAP revenue recognition principles); and (b) have arisen from bona fide transactions entered into by the Company and its Subsidiaries involving the sale of goods or the rendering of services in the ordinary course of the Business consistent with past practice and (c) constitute only valid, undisputed claims of the Company and its Subsidiaries not subject to claims of set-off or other defenses or counterclaims other than in the ordinary course of the Business consistent with past practice.

SECTION 3.24 General Representation. All of the representations and warranties in this Article III regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries, without regard to any materiality qualifications contained therein, are true and correct in all respects, except for such inaccuracies as would not individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.25 Solvency. Immediately prior to and following the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement: (a) the fair saleable value (determined on a going concern basis) of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries will be greater on the Closing Date than the total amount of the Liabilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries (including all Liabilities disclosed by the Company under this Agreement, whether or not reflected in a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP); (b) the Company and its Subsidiaries will be able to pay their respective debts and obligations on the Closing Date in the ordinary course of business as they become due; and (c) the Company and its Subsidiaries will have adequate capital on the Closing Date to carry on their respective businesses and all businesses as currently conducted.

SECTION 3.26 Foreign Trade and Foreign Exchange Related Matters. The Company has duly conducted all foreign exchange operations and foreign trade operations pertaining to the Business in all material respects as required by all applicable Laws, and has completed in all material respects all the required forms, filings and registration procedures before the corresponding Governmental Authorities. The Company has kept in due form all the supporting documents as required by Law, for all the foreign trade and foreign exchange operations conducted and/or informed by the Company, and the required corresponding forms have been signed by the applicable authorized person, as required by Law.

SECTION 3.27 Vessels; Maritime Matters.

(a) Section 3.27(a) of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth a list of each vessel (including vessels under construction, but excluding barges being built by the Company or its Subsidiaries) (the "Vessels") owned, leased or operated by the Company and its Subsidiaries, indicating whether the Vessel is a Blue Water Vessel or Brown Water Vessel and (x) for Brown Water Vessels, with an indication of its name, vessel type, owner, flag, official registration number, if applicable, bareboat charter flag and bareboat charter flag registration number, if applicable, and year built or (y) for Blue Water Vessels, with an indication of its name, vessel type, owner, flag, official registration number, year built, shipbuilder (if the relevant Vessel is still under construction or warranty), and, if applicable, its classification society and date of last drydocking. Each of the owners of the Vessels identified on Section 3.27(a) of the Disclosure Schedule has good and valid title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, such Vessels, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances). Section 3.27(a) of the Disclosure Schedule sets forth a list of each of the NewBuild Vessels.

(b) Each of the Vessels (other than those Brown Water Vessels which may be drydocked or out of service in the ordinary course of business) is seaworthy in all material respects. Each Vessel is equipped with such machinery, engines, instruments, rigging, anchors, chains, cables, tackle, apparel, accessories, equipment, radio installation and navigational equipment, inventory, spare parts and all other appurtenances necessary for the intended operation of such Vessel, whether or not on board, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices and prevailing industry standards.

(c) Except as set forth in Section 3.27(c) of the Disclosure Schedule, each of the Vessels (other than barges) is duly registered in the relevant owner's name under the laws and flag of the country identified as the flag state of the respective Vessel and satisfies the laws, regulations and requirements for its registration under said flag state and operation in the trade in which it performs.

(d) Where applicable, each Blue Water Vessel has a valid, current and unextended inspection certificate and all other Permits that are required by applicable Law to operate under the flag state and in the trade in which it performs. Where applicable for its intended service, each Brown Water Vessel has a valid certificate for the service in which the owner thereof employs them. Except as set forth in Section 3.27(d) of the Disclosure Schedule, there are no outstanding orders or overdue recommendations or overdue conditions of class with respect to the Vessels (other than barges) or the operation thereof and no event has occurred and no condition exists that would cause any Vessel's (other than barges) class to be suspended or withdrawn.

(e) Except as set forth on Section 3.27(e) of the Disclosure Schedule, each of the Company and its Subsidiaries, as applicable, has all rights, title and interest as purchaser under the Newbuilding Contracts and the Refund Guarantees, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances), (ii) all Installments which were due to be paid thereunder up to and including the date hereof have been duly paid to the Builders and (iii) there are no defaults or breaches by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's Knowledge, the Builders under the Newbuilding Contracts in any such case which would permit the Builders to terminate the Newbuilding Contracts or entitle the Builders to delay delivery of the Vessels for more than ten (10) days.

(f) To the Company's Knowledge, the Refund Guarantees are in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.28 ISM Code and ISPS Code Compliance.

- (a) All material requirements of the ISM Code and the ISPS Code as they relate to each Blue Water Vessel and the owner of each Blue Water Vessel, if applicable, have been complied with.
- (b) Each owner in respect of a Blue Water Vessel owned by it, has complied with or has procured compliance, with, as applicable, all material requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974 as adopted, amended or replaced from time to time including, but not limited to, the STCW 95, the ISM Code or the ISPS Code required by the owner with respect to its Blue Water Vessels.
- (c) Without limiting the generality of the prior clause, each owner has complied, or has procured compliance in all material respects, with the ISM Code and ISPS Code, all Environmental Laws and all other laws or regulations relating to a Vessel owned by it, its ownership, operation and management or to the business of the owner.

SECTION 3.29 Offering of Shares. Neither the Company nor any Person acting on its behalf has taken any action (including any offering of any securities of the Company under circumstances which would require the integration of such offering with the offering of any of the Shares to be issued pursuant to this Agreement under the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder) which might subject the offering, issuance or sale of any of the Shares to the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Assuming the accuracy of the Purchasers' representations and warranties contained in Article IV hereof, the offer and sale of the Shares to the Purchaser as contemplated hereby is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

SECTION 3.30 Status of Shares. The Shares to be issued pursuant to this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action. When issued and sold against receipt of the consideration therefor as provided in this Agreement, such Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, will not be subject to preemptive rights of any other shareholders of the Company and shall be free and clear of all Encumbrances and restrictions, except for restrictions on transfer imposed by applicable securities laws.

SECTION 3.31 Anti-takeover Provisions Not Applicable. No "moratorium," "control share," "takeover," "business combination," or "interested shareholder" or other similar anti-takeover statute or regulation (including any provision of the Company's Organizational Documents) is applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or to any of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the Company and the Board of Directors have taken all necessary action, if any, in order to render any such statute, regulation or provision inapplicable to the Purchaser.

SECTION 3.32 Disclosure. None of (a) the representations or warranties by the Company in this Agreement, nor (b) any statement contained in the Disclosure Schedules to this Agreement or any certificate furnished or to be furnished to the Purchaser pursuant to Section 7.02(a) of this Agreement contains any untrue statement of a material fact, or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading.

SECTION 3.33 Price of Common Stock. Neither the Company nor any Person acting on its behalf has taken, nor will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or that might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Company's common stock to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

SECTION 3.34 Listing and Maintenance Requirements. The Company is a "foreign private issuer" (as such term is defined in the rules and regulations under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act). The Company's common stock is registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to, or which, to its knowledge, is likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration under the Exchange Act nor has the Company received any notification that the SEC is contemplating terminating such registration. Except as disclosed in Section 3.34 of the Disclosure Schedule, the Company has not, in the two (2) years preceding the date hereof, received notice from NASDAQ to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements thereof. The Company is, and has no reason to believe that it will not in the foreseeable future continue to be, in compliance with the listing and maintenance requirements for continued listing or quotation of the Company's common stock on NASDAQ. The issuance and sale of the Shares under this Agreement does not contravene the rules and regulations of NASDAQ on which the Company's common stock is currently listed or quoted, and no approval of the shareholders of the Company thereunder is required for the Company to issue and deliver to the Purchaser the Shares as contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 3.35 Opinion of Financial Advisor; Disinterested Director Approval. The disinterested directors of the Company (the "Disinterested Directors") have received the opinion of AMA Securities Inc., dated November 13, 2012, to the effect that, as of such date, and subject to the various assumptions and qualifications set forth therein, the Purchase Price (and the Per Share Purchase Price) to be received by the Company in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement is fair from a financial point of view to the Company and its shareholders (the "Fairness Opinion"). A correct and complete copy of the Fairness Opinion has been delivered to the Purchaser for informational purposes only by the Company. The Disinterested Directors have approved this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

SECTION 3.36 No Other Representations or Warranties. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article III, the Purchaser acknowledges that neither the Company nor any other Person on behalf of the Company makes any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Company or its Subsidiaries or the Business or with respect to any other information provided to the Purchaser in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article III as expressly provided for herein, and except in the case of fraud, neither the Company nor any other Person will have or be subject to any liability or indemnification obligation to the Purchaser or any other Person resulting from the distribution to the Purchaser, or the Purchaser's use of, any such information, including any information, documents, projections, forward looking statements, forecasts or other material made available to the Purchaser in any "data rooms" or management presentations or in any other form in expectation of, or in connection with, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES REGARDING THE PURCHASER

The Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

SECTION 4.01 Organization and Authority of the Purchaser. The Purchaser is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction where it was organized and has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The execution and delivery by the Purchaser of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the performance by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder and thereunder and the consummation by the Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by all requisite action on the part of the Purchaser. This Agreement has been, and upon the execution of each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party shall have been, duly executed and delivered by the Purchaser, and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the other Parties) this Agreement constitutes, and upon the execution of each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party shall constitute, the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Purchaser, enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with its terms subject to the effects of the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception.

SECTION 4.02 No Conflicts; Consents. The execution, delivery and performance by the Purchaser of this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, does not and will not (a) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any provision of the Purchaser's Organizational Documents, (b) conflict in any material respect with or violate in any material respect any material Law or material Governmental Order applicable to the Purchaser, or (c) require the consent, notice or other action by any Person under, conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default or event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, result in the acceleration of or create in any party the right to accelerate, terminate, suspend, revoke, modify or cancel, any Contract to which the Purchaser is a party or by which the Purchaser is otherwise bound, except, in the case of clause (c), as would not materially and adversely affect the ability of the Purchaser to carry out its obligations under, and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to each other Transaction Document to which it is a party. Except as set forth in Section 4.02 of the Disclosure Schedule, no consent, approval, Permit, Governmental Order, declaration or filing with, or notice to, any Governmental Authority is required by or with respect to the Purchaser in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and each other agreement to be executed and delivered by the Purchaser in connection herewith and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

SECTION 4.03 Litigation. No Action by or against the Purchaser is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened, which could affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement, the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

SECTION 4.04 Brokers. No broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Purchaser.

SECTION 4.05 Investment Intent. The Purchaser is purchasing the Shares for investment for its own account and not with a view to, or for sale in connection with, any distribution thereof. The Purchaser acknowledges that the Shares are not registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws, and that the Shares may not be transferred or sold except pursuant to the registration provisions of the Securities Act or pursuant to an applicable exemption therefrom and subject to state securities laws and regulations, as applicable. The Purchaser was not contacted by any means of general solicitation or advertising in connection with the offer or transfer of the Shares including, without limitation, any advertisement, article, notice or other communication published in any newspaper, magazine, or similar media or broadcast over television or radio; or any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been invited by general solicitation or advertising.

SECTION 4.06 Sufficiency of Funds. The Purchaser is indirectly owned by two private equity funds, which have unfunded capital commitments in the aggregate sufficient to pay the Purchase Price. At the Closing, the Purchaser will have sufficient cash on hand provided by such private equity funds or other sources of immediately available funds to enable it to make payment of the Purchase Price and consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

SECTION 5.01 Conduct of Business Prior to the Closing. The Company covenants and agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Purchaser (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), except as described in Section 5.01 of the Disclosure Schedule or contemplated, permitted or required by this Agreement, between the date of this Agreement and the Closing, it will use its commercially reasonable efforts to, and shall cause its Subsidiaries and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, accountants and counsel to, (a) conduct its business in the ordinary course in all material respects, (b) maintain and preserve the business and assets of the Company in customary repair, order and condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, (c) use its commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact, in all material respects, the business organization of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and (d) use its commercially reasonable efforts to preserve the goodwill associated with the Company and its Subsidiaries, including preserving their respective relationships with material customers and suppliers. Except as described in Section 5.01 of the Disclosure Schedule or contemplated, permitted or required by this Agreement, the Company agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts not to, and to cause its Subsidiaries not to, between the date of this Agreement and the Closing, without the prior written consent of the Purchaser (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), take or fail to take any actions that, if taken or failed to be taken since the Balance Sheet Date, would be required to be disclosed on Section 3.06 of the Disclosure Schedule.

SECTION 5.02 Access to Information. From the date of this Agreement until the Closing, upon reasonable notice, the Company agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to, and to cause its Subsidiaries and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, accountants and counsel to, (i) afford the Purchaser and its authorized representatives reasonable access to the offices, properties and books and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries and (ii) furnish to the officers, employees, and authorized agents and representatives of the Purchaser such additional financial and operating data and other information regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries (or copies thereof) as the Purchaser may from time to time reasonably request; provided, however, that any such access or furnishing of information shall be conducted during normal business hours of the Company and its Subsidiaries, under the supervision of the Company or its designee and in such a manner as not to interfere with the normal operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries. When accessing any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' properties, the Purchaser and its authorized representatives shall comply with all of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' safety and security requirements for the applicable property.

SECTION 5.03 Confidentiality. The terms of the letter agreement, dated as of August 30, 2012 (the "Confidentiality Agreement"), between the Company and Southern Cross Management are hereby incorporated herein by reference and shall continue in full force and effect until their expiration in accordance with the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement; provided, however, that, upon the Closing, the confidentiality obligations of Southern Cross Management and the Purchaser contained in the Confidentiality Agreement or in this Section 5.03 shall terminate.

SECTION 5.04 Conditions. Each of the Parties hereto shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to take all actions and to do all things necessary in order to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) the Purchaser shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the conditions set forth in Section 7.01 to be satisfied, and (ii) the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the conditions set forth in Section 7.02 to be satisfied. The Company shall, and the Company shall cause its Subsidiaries to, reasonably assist and cooperate with the Purchaser in doing all things reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 5.05 Notifications. Until the Closing, the Company and the Purchaser shall promptly notify the other Parties in writing of any fact, change, condition, circumstance or occurrence or nonoccurrence of any event of which it is aware that will or is reasonably likely to result in any of the conditions set forth in either Sections 7.01(a) or 7.02(a), as applicable, becoming incapable of being satisfied; provided, however, that the delivery of any notice pursuant to this Section 5.05 will not be deemed to amend or otherwise modify or affect any representations or warranties, covenants, obligations, agreements or conditions set forth herein, amend any schedule hereto or limit or otherwise affect the remedies available hereunder to the Party receiving such notice.

SECTION 5.06 Further Action. (a) The Parties shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all appropriate action, to do or cause to be done all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Law, and to execute and deliver such documents and other papers, as may be required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) From time to time after the Closing, without additional consideration, each Party will (or, if appropriate, will cause its Affiliates to) execute and deliver such further instruments and take such other action as may be necessary or reasonably requested by another Party to make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, upon reasonable request, each Party shall and shall cause its Affiliates to, execute, acknowledge and deliver all such further assurances, deeds, assignments, consequences, powers of attorney and other instruments and papers as may be required to issue, sell, transfer, assign, convey and deliver to the Purchaser all right, title and interest in and to the Shares.

SECTION 5.07 Termination and Survival of Certain Contracts. (a) Prior to the Closing, the Company shall cause the Affiliate Contracts consisting of the loan agreements listed on Schedule 5.07(a) to be repaid and terminated effective as of the Closing. The Purchaser and the Company each acknowledge and agree that upon repayment and termination of the Affiliate Contracts mentioned above, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall continue be to liable thereunder. After the date of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Purchaser (which consent shall be granted or withheld by the Purchaser in its absolute discretion), the Company shall not, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries not to, enter into any Affiliate Contracts.

(b) The Purchaser and the Company each acknowledge and agree that all other Affiliate Contracts which are required for the ordinary course of business, as listed in Schedule 5.07(b), will continue in full force and effect after the Closing in accordance with their respective terms.

SECTION 5.08 Acquisition Proposals.

(a) Without limiting the Company's other obligations under this Agreement (including under Section 5.01 hereof) and subject (in the case of clauses (B), (C) and (D) below) to Section 5.08(d), the Company agrees that it will not, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and its and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives (including any investment banker, attorney or accountant retained by it) not to, directly or indirectly, (A) initiate, solicit, encourage or knowingly facilitate (including by way of furnishing information) any inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer with respect to, or a transaction to effect, any Acquisition Proposal, (B) have any discussion with or provide any confidential information or data to any Person relating to an Acquisition Proposal, or engage in any negotiations concerning an Acquisition Proposal, or knowingly facilitate any effort or attempt to make or implement an Acquisition Proposal, (C) approve or recommend, or propose publicly to approve or recommend, any Acquisition Proposal or (D) approve or recommend, or propose to approve or recommend, or execute or enter into, any letter of intent, agreement in principle, merger agreement, acquisition agreement, option agreement or other similar agreement or propose publicly or agree to do any of the foregoing related to any Acquisition Proposal.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement, "Acquisition Proposal" means any inquiry, proposal or offer from any Person with respect to (A) any purchase of a business or asset of the Company that constitutes 10% or more of the net revenues, net income or assets of the Company, taken as a whole, (B) a merger, reorganization, share exchange, consolidation, business combination, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (C) any purchase or sale of, or tender or exchange offer for, the equity securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than a proposal or offer made by the Purchaser or an Affiliate thereof), or (D) any other transaction, the consummation of which would or could reasonably be expected to impede, interfere with, prevent or delay the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(c) The Company shall notify the Purchaser promptly of any Acquisition Proposal received by the Company and provide copies to the Purchaser of any such Acquisition Proposal. The Company agrees that it will, and will cause its officers, directors and representatives to, immediately cease and cause to be terminated any activities, discussions or negotiations existing as of the date of this Agreement with any Persons conducted heretofore with respect to any Acquisition Proposal. The Company agrees that it will use reasonable best efforts to promptly inform its directors, officers, key employees, agents and representatives of the obligations undertaken in this Section 5.08.

(d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 5.08:

(i) the Company, directly or indirectly through its representatives, may (A) engage in negotiations or discussions with any third party and its representatives or financing sources that has made (and not withdrawn) after the date of this Agreement a bona fide, unsolicited written Acquisition Proposal that (x) did not result from a breach or violation of the provisions of Section 5.08(a), and (y) the Disinterested Directors reasonably believe in good faith, after consulting with their outside legal and financial advisors, would reasonably be expected to lead to a Superior Proposal, and (B) thereafter furnish to such third party or its representatives or its financing sources non-public information relating to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to an executed confidentiality agreement (a copy of which shall be promptly (in all events within twenty-four (24) hours) provided for informational purposes only to the Purchaser) with such third party with terms no less favorable to the Company than those contained in the Confidentiality Agreement and containing additional provisions that expressly permit the Company to comply with the terms of this Section 5.08 if, in the case of either clause (A) or (B), the Disinterested Directors determine in good faith, after consultation with their outside legal counsel, that the failure to take such action is reasonably likely to result in a breach of their fiduciary duties under any Law applicable to the Company and the Company shall have provided the Purchaser two (2) Business Days notice of its intention to take any action discussed in clause (A) or (B); provided that all such information provided or made available to such third party (to the extent that such information has not been previously provided or made available to the Purchaser) is provided or made available to the Purchaser, as the case may be, prior to or substantially concurrently with the time it is provided or made available to such third party;

(ii) the Company may, following receipt of and on account of a Superior Proposal, terminate this Agreement to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal in accordance with Section 9.01(e), if such Superior Proposal did not result from a breach or violation of the provisions of Section 5.08(a) and the Disinterested Directors reasonably determine in good faith, after consultation with their outside legal and financial advisors, that in light of such Superior Proposal, the failure of the Disinterested Directors to take such action is reasonably likely to result in a breach of their fiduciary duties under any Law applicable to the Company; provided, however, the Company shall not be entitled to terminate this Agreement in connection with a Superior Proposal unless (A) the Company promptly notifies the Purchaser, in writing, at least five (5) Business Days (the "Notice Period") before terminating this Agreement to enter into (or causing a Subsidiary to enter into) a definitive agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal, of its intention to take such action with respect to such Superior Proposal, which notice shall state expressly that the Company has received an Acquisition Proposal that the Disinterested Directors have determined to be a Superior Proposal and that the Company intends to terminate this Agreement to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal; (B) the Company attaches to such notice the most current version of the proposed agreement and the identity of the third party making such Superior Proposal; (C) during the Notice Period, if requested by the Purchaser, the Company has engaged, and has directed its representatives to engage, in negotiations with the Purchaser in good faith to amend this Agreement or increase the Purchase Price in such a manner that such Superior Proposal ceases to constitute a Superior Proposal; and (D) following the Notice Period, the Disinterested Directors shall have determined in good faith, after consultation with their outside legal and financial advisors, taking into account any changes to this Agreement or increase to the Purchase Price made or proposed in writing by the Purchaser, that such Superior Proposal continues to constitute a Superior Proposal; provided, however that with respect to any applicable Superior Proposal, any amendment to the financial terms or any other material amendment to a term of such Superior Proposal shall require a new written notice by the Company and a new Notice Period (it being understood that there may be multiple new written notices and new Notice Periods), and no such termination of this Agreement by the Company in connection with such Superior Proposal may be made during any Notice Period; and

(iii) For purposes of this Agreement, "Superior Proposal" means a bona fide, unsolicited written Acquisition Proposal (provided that, for the purposes of this definition, (i) the reference to "10%" in the definition of Acquisition Proposal shall be deemed replaced with a reference to "70%" and (ii) the reference to "the equity securities of the Company and any of its Subsidiaries" in the definition of Acquisition Proposal shall be deemed replaced with a reference to "more than 50% of the equity securities of the Company") that (a) is not subject to any financing condition and for which financing has been fully committed or is on hand or the Disinterested Directors determine in good faith after considering the advice of their financial advisor is reasonably capable of being fully financed, (b) the Disinterested Directors determine in good faith by a majority vote, after considering the advice of their outside counsel and their financial advisor, is reasonably likely to be consummated in accordance with its terms, taking into account all aspects of the proposal and the identity of the Person making the Acquisition Proposal, and (c) the Disinterested Directors determine in good faith by a majority vote, after considering the advice of their financial advisor, would result in a transaction more favorable, from a financial point of view to the Company's stockholders than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (after taking into account any amendment to this Agreement or increase to the Purchase Price proposed by the Purchaser).

SECTION 5.09 Exchange Listing. The Company shall promptly 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 to ensure that the Shares to be approved for listing on NASDAQ, subject to official notice of issuance, as promptly as practicable, and in any event before the Closing.

SECTION 5.10 Insurance and Indemnification of Officers and Directors. The Purchaser and the Company agree that the Company or its successors shall maintain in effect, without any reduction in scope or coverage for six years from the Closing Date, customary policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance providing protection comparable to the most favorable protection provided by the policies maintained by the Company and its Subsidiaries as are in effect immediately prior to the Closing and providing coverage on a "trailing" or "run-off" basis for all present and former directors and officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries with respect to claims arising from facts or events which occurred prior to the Closing Date; provided, however, that the Company or its successors shall not be required, in order to maintain such directors' and officers' liability insurance policy, to pay an annual premium in excess of 350% of the cost of existing policies; and provided further that, if equivalent coverage cannot be obtained or can only be obtained by paying an annual premium in excess of 350% of such amount, the Company or its successors, as applicable, shall only be required to obtain as much coverage as can be obtained by paying an annual premium equal to 350% of such amount. Furthermore, prior to the Closing Date, the Company may, in the alternative, with the consent of the Purchaser, not to be unreasonably withheld, purchase run-off directors' and officers' liability insurance for a period of up to six years from the Closing Date provided that the premiums shall not exceed 350% of the premiums currently charged to the Company for directors' and officers' liability insurance, and in such event none of the Company or any successor of the Company will have any further obligation under this Section 5.10. The Purchaser and the Company agree that all rights to indemnification or exculpation, whether contained in the Organizational Documents of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in Contacts or otherwise, now existing in favor of present and former officers and directors of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall survive Closing, shall not be amended in an adverse manner with respect to former officers and directors of the Company and its Subsidiaries (unless such amendment is required by applicable Law) and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of not less than six years from the Closing Date. The present and former officers and directors of the Company and its Subsidiaries are intended third party beneficiaries of this Section 5.10. If the Company or any of its successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, to the extent necessary, proper provision shall be made by the Company so that the successors and assigns of the Company, as the case may be, shall assume the obligations set forth in this Section 5.10.

SECTION 5.11 Bridge Loan. The Company and the Purchaser agree to enter into a bridge loan agreement after the Closing on the terms set forth on Exhibit C and on such other terms as may be reasonably acceptable to the Purchaser and the Company.

ARTICLE VI

TAX MATTERS

SECTION 6.01 Tax Cooperation and Exchange of Information. The Company and the Purchaser shall provide each other with such cooperation and information as either of them reasonably may request of the other in filing any Tax Return or participating in or conducting any audit or other proceeding in respect of Taxes. Such cooperation and information shall include providing copies of relevant Tax Returns of the Company and its Subsidiaries or portions thereof, together with related work papers and documents relating to rulings or other determinations by taxing authorities. The Company and the Purchaser shall make themselves (and their respective employees) reasonably available on a mutually convenient basis to provide explanations of any documents or information provided under this Section 6.01. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 5.02, each of the Company and the Purchaser shall retain all of its respective Tax Returns, work papers and all material records or other documents in its possession (or in the possession of its Affiliates) relating to Tax matters of the Company and any of its Subsidiaries for any taxable period that includes the Closing Date and for all prior taxable periods until the expiration of the statute of limitations of the taxable periods to which such Tax Returns and other documents relate. After such time, before the Company or the Purchaser shall dispose of any such documents in its possession (or in the possession of its Affiliates), the other Party shall be given an opportunity, after ninety (90) days' prior written notice, to remove and retain all or any part of such documents as such other Party may select (at such other Party's expense). Any information obtained under this Section 6.01 shall be kept confidential, except as may be otherwise necessary in connection with the filing of Tax Returns or in conducting an audit or other proceeding.

SECTION 6.02 Conveyance Taxes. The Company and the Purchaser shall be equally liable for and agree to pay on an equal basis any and all Conveyance Taxes that may be imposed upon, or payable or collectible or incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. The Purchaser and the Company agree to cooperate in the execution and delivery of all instruments and certificates necessary to enable the Company to comply with any filing requirements with respect to Conveyance Taxes.

ARTICLE VII

CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

SECTION 7.01 Conditions to Obligations of the Company. The obligations of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment or written waiver, at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) Representations, Warranties and Covenants. (i) The Fundamental Representations made by the Purchaser shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though made at and as of the Closing Date; (ii) the other representations and warranties of the Purchaser contained in this Agreement (A) that are not qualified by a "materiality" qualification shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though made at and as of the Closing Date, and (B) that are qualified by a "materiality" qualification shall be true and correct in all respects as so qualified as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though made at and as of the Closing Date (except for purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) above, to the extent such representations and warranties are made as of another date, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in the manner set forth in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), as applicable, as of such other date); (iii) the covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to be complied with by the Purchaser on or before the Closing shall have been complied with in all material respects; and (iv) the Company shall have received a certificate signed by a duly authorized officer of the Purchaser dated as of the Closing Date certifying the matters set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

(b) No Order. No Governmental Authority shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any Law or Governmental Order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that has the effect of making the transactions contemplated by this Agreement illegal or otherwise restraining or prohibiting the consummation of such transactions unless such Law or Governmental Order restrains or prohibits the consummation of such transactions solely as they relate to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Company where (i) the total assets of such Subsidiary or Subsidiaries do not exceed 20% of the total assets of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011; and (ii) the total revenues of such Subsidiary or Subsidiaries do not exceed 20% of the total revenues of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2011 (such Subsidiary or Subsidiaries, the "Non-Material Subsidiaries").

SECTION 7.02 Conditions to Obligations of the Purchaser. The obligations of the Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment or written waiver, at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

(a) Representations, Warranties and Covenants. (i) The Fundamental Representations made by the Company shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though made at and as of the Closing Date; (ii) the other representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement (A) that are not qualified by a "Material Adverse Effect" or a similar "materiality" qualification shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though made at and as of the Closing Date, and (B) that are qualified by "Material Adverse Effect" or a similar "materiality" qualification shall be true and correct in all respects as so qualified as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though made at and as of the Closing Date (except for purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) above, to the extent such representations and warranties are made as of another date, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in the manner set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) above, as applicable, as of such other date), provided, however, that for purposes of determining satisfaction of this condition, such representations and warranties shall be deemed to be true and correct in all material respects unless the failure or failures of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (iii) the covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to be complied with by the Company at or before the Closing shall have been complied with in all material respects and (iv) the Purchaser shall have received a certificate signed by a duly authorized officer of the Company dated as of the Closing Date certifying the matters set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

- (b) Consents. The third party consents listed on Section 7.02(b) of the Disclosure Schedule shall have been obtained by the Company.
- (c) Affiliate Contracts. All Affiliate Contracts shall have been terminated, except for those contracts which are listed on Schedule 5.07(b).
- (d) No Litigation. There shall be no pending material litigations that would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents.
- (e) No Order. No Governmental Authority shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any Law or Governmental Order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that has the effect of making the transactions contemplated by this Agreement illegal or otherwise restraining or prohibiting the consummation of such transactions.
- (f) Material Adverse Effect. From the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred any event or change that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (g) Legal Opinion. The Company's counsel shall have delivered to the Purchaser a legal opinion with respect to the matters set forth in Exhibit B.
- (h) Listing. The Shares to be issued at the Closing shall have been approved for listing on NASDAQ, subject to official notice of issuance.
- (i) Registration Rights Agreement. The Registration Rights Agreement shall have been executed and delivered by the parties thereto.
- (j) Director and Officer Resignations. The members of the Board of Directors and committees of the Board of Directors who are not among those directors (as contemplated by Section 7.02(k) below) who will serve on the Board of Directors and/or such committees immediately after the Closing in accordance with the Shareholders Agreement shall have resigned or been removed effective as of the Closing. The officers of the Company who are not among those individuals who will serve as officers of the Company immediately after the Closing in accordance with the Shareholders Agreement shall have resigned or been removed effective as of the Closing.

(k) Board of Directors and Board Committees. The Board of Directors and committees of the Board of Directors shall consist of the directors as contemplated by the Shareholders Agreement and the Board of Directors shall have adopted a board resolution nominating and appointing to the Board of Directors and such committees the representatives as contemplated by the Shareholders Agreement.

(l) Officers. The officers of the Company shall consist of the officers as contemplated by the Shareholders Agreement and the Board of Directors shall have adopted a board resolution appointing as officers the individuals contemplated by the Shareholders Agreement.

(m) No Suspension. Trading in the Company's common stock shall not have been suspended by the SEC or NASDAQ (other than with respect to a market-wide suspension).

(n) Secretary's Certificate. The Company shall have delivered to the Purchasers a secretary's certificate, dated as of the Closing Date, as to (i) the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors approving the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) the Company's Organizational Documents, each as in effect at the Closing, and (iii) the authority and incumbency of the officers of the Company executing the Transaction Documents and any other documents required to be executed or delivered in connection therewith.

(o) Convertible Notes. The Company shall have provided to the Purchaser evidence that holders representing at least 90% in principal amount outstanding of the Company's 7.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (the "Convertible Notes") have executed a waiver in form and content reasonably acceptable to the Purchaser whereby each such holder of the Convertible Notes shall have waived its rights to a repurchase pursuant to a Fundamental Change (as such term is defined in the indenture governing the Convertible Notes) that may result from the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

ARTICLE VIII

INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 8.01 Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants. The representations and warranties of the Parties contained in this Agreement shall survive the Closing until the date that is sixteen (16) months from the Closing Date; provided, however, that the representations and warranties contained in Section 3.14 shall survive the Closing and remain in full force and effect until the date that is six (6) years from the Closing Date (or the date that is ninety (90) days following the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations period, if shorter); provided further that the representations and warranties contained in Sections 3.01, 3.02, 3.03(a), 3.20, 3.30, 4.01 and 4.04 (collectively, the "Fundamental Representations") shall survive the Closing indefinitely; provided further that any claim made with reasonable specificity by the party seeking to be indemnified within the time periods set forth in this Section 8.01 shall survive until such claim is finally and fully resolved. All covenants and agreements of the Parties contained herein shall survive the Closing indefinitely or for the period explicitly specified therein.

SECTION 8.02 Indemnification by the Company. Subject to the other terms and conditions of this Article VIII, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser and its Affiliates (excluding the Company and its Subsidiaries for such purpose) and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns (each a "Purchaser Indemnified Party") from and against all losses, damages, claims, costs and expenses, interest, awards, judgments and penalties (including reasonable attorneys' and consultants' fees and expenses), amounts paid in settlement and other costs (hereinafter a "Loss" or "Losses") suffered or incurred by them arising out of or resulting from: (a) any breach of a representation or warranty made by the Company in this Agreement or in any certificate delivered pursuant hereto; or (b) any breach of any covenant or agreement of the Company contained in this Agreement. For purposes of calculating a Loss incurred by a Purchaser Indemnified Party resulting from a Loss suffered by the Company, the amount of the Loss will equal the aggregate amount of the Loss suffered by the Company multiplied by the Purchaser Interest Percentage.

SECTION 8.03 Indemnification by the Purchaser. Subject to the other terms and conditions of this Article VIII, the Purchaser shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company and its Affiliates and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns (each a "Company Indemnified Party") from and against any and all Losses, arising out of or resulting from: (a) the breach of any representation or warranty made by the Purchaser contained in this Agreement or in any certificate delivered pursuant hereto; or (b) the breach of any covenant or agreement by the Purchaser contained in this Agreement.

SECTION 8.04 Limits on Indemnification.

(a) None of the Parties shall be liable for indemnity obligations under Section 8.02(a) or Section 8.03(a) unless and until the aggregate amount of indemnifiable Losses for which such Party is liable equals or exceeds an amount equal to \$10,000,000 (the "Threshold"); provided, that upon the Threshold being met, such Party shall be liable for the amount by which the aggregate amount of all such Losses exceeds \$4,400,000 (the "Deductible"); provided, further, that the Threshold and the Deductible shall not apply to Losses resulting from a breach of any Fundamental Representations or from any fraud or intentional misrepresentation by any Party in connection with this Agreement (and no such Losses shall be considered for purposes of determining whether the Threshold or the Deductible has been met).

(b) The maximum amount of indemnifiable Losses which may be recovered (x) from the Company arising out of or resulting from the causes set forth in Section 8.02(a) and (y) from the Purchaser arising out of or resulting from the causes set forth in Section 8.03(a) shall, in each case, be an amount equal to \$28,600,000 (the "Cap"); provided, that Losses resulting from a breach of any Fundamental Representations or from any fraud or intentional misrepresentation by any Party in connection with this Agreement shall not be subject to the Cap.

(c) For purposes of determining whether there has been a breach of any representation or warranty contained in this Agreement, or the amount of any Loss related to a breach of any representation or warranty contained in this Agreement, the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement (excluding Sections 3.04(a), 3.06(ii) and 3.24) shall be considered without regard to any "material," "Material Adverse Effect," or similar materiality qualifications contained therein.

(d) The representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by the Company in this Agreement or in any other Transaction Document shall not be affected or deemed waived by any investigation conducted by or on behalf of the Purchaser with respect to, or knowledge acquired (or capable of being acquired) at any time, whether before or after the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Closing Date, with respect to the accuracy or inaccuracy of or compliance or noncompliance with any such representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of the Company in this Agreement or in any other Transaction Document. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, none of the Parties shall have any Liability under any provision of this Agreement for any punitive, speculative, remote, special or indirect damages relating to the breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, except to the extent any such Party incurs such damages payable to an unaffiliated third party in connection with a Third Party Claim, in which event such damages shall be recoverable.

(e) Payments by an Indemnifying Party pursuant to this Article VIII in respect of any Loss shall be limited to the amount of any liability or damage that remains after deducting therefrom any insurance proceeds and any indemnity, contribution or other similar payment actually received by the Company or its Subsidiaries or the Indemnified Party from any third party in respect of such claim, less any related reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and other costs of recovery. An Indemnified Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to seek (or cause the Company or its Subsidiaries to seek under their respective policies) to recover any insurance proceeds in connection with making a claim under this Article VIII; provided, however, none of the Purchaser nor its Affiliates shall be required to seek such proceeds under any insurance policy of the Purchaser or its Affiliates (other than the Company). Promptly after the realization of any insurance proceeds (net of Taxes), indemnity, contribution or other similar payment, the Indemnified Party shall reimburse the Indemnifying Party for such reduction in Losses for which the Indemnified Party was indemnified prior to the realization of reduction of such Losses. The amount of Loss for which an Indemnified Party shall be entitled to seek indemnification under this Agreement will be reduced by the amount of any Tax benefit actually realized by such Indemnified Party or its Affiliates, other than the Company and its Subsidiaries (which shall include reductions in Tax payments) with respect to such Loss.

SECTION 8.05 Notice of Loss; Third Party Claims. (a) An Indemnified Party shall give the Indemnifying Party notice of any matter which an Indemnified Party has determined has given or could give rise to a right of indemnification under this Agreement stating the amount of the Loss, if known, and method of computation thereof, and containing a reference to the provisions of this Agreement in respect of which such right of indemnification is claimed or arises. Such notice shall include copies of all relevant notices or documents (including court papers) received by the Indemnified Party, so long as such disclosure would not reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on attorney-client or other privileges available to the Indemnified Party. To the extent that (i) the Company considers, threatens or makes a notice of any matter which could give rise to a right of indemnification under this Agreement against the Purchaser, or (ii) any Purchaser Indemnified Party threatens or makes a notice of any matter which could give rise to a right of indemnification under this Agreement against the Company, all decisions to be made on behalf of the Company concerning the prosecution, response to, negotiation and settlement of, or with respect to any Actions relating to, any such indemnification claim shall be made solely by the disinterested members of the Company's Board of Directors (excluding any directors of the Company who are affiliated with the Purchaser or certain existing stockholders of the Company that are entering into the Shareholders Agreement or who are officers or employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries).

(b) In the case of a claim or demand made by any Person not a Party to this Agreement against the Indemnified Party (a "Third Party Claim") which may give rise to a claim for Loss under this Article VIII, the Indemnified Party shall give the Indemnifying Party written notice ("Claim Notice") of such Third Party Claim within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notice of a Third Party Claim (or within such shorter period as may be required to permit the Indemnifying Party to respond to any such claim); provided, however, that failure to give such Claim Notice shall not affect the indemnification obligations of the Indemnifying Party provided hereunder except to the extent the Indemnifying Party establishes that the defense of such Third Party Claim is actually prejudiced as a result of such failure, in which case such claim shall be reduced to the extent of such actual prejudice. The Claim Notice shall describe the Third Party Claim in reasonable detail and will indicate the estimated amount, if reasonably practicable, of the Losses that have been or may be sustained by the Indemnified Party and include copies of all material notices and documents received or sent by the Indemnified Party in respect of such Third Party Claim. The Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to assume and control the defense of such Third Party Claim at its expense and through counsel of its choice if it gives notice of its intention to do so to the Indemnified Party within sixty (60) days of the receipt of such Claim Notice from the Indemnified Party. If the Indemnifying Party elects to undertake any such defense against a Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party may participate in such defense at its own expense. The Indemnified Party shall cooperate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense and make available to the Indemnifying Party, at the Indemnifying Party's expense, all witnesses, pertinent records, materials and information in the Indemnified Party's possession or under the Indemnified Party's control relating thereto as is reasonably required by the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party elects to direct the defense of any such claim or proceeding, the Indemnified Party shall not pay, or permit to be paid, any part of such Third Party Claim unless the Indemnifying Party consents in writing to such payment or unless the Indemnifying Party withdraws from the defense of such Third Party Claim or unless a final judgment from which no appeal may be taken by or on behalf of the Indemnifying Party is entered against the Indemnified Party for such Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party assumes the defense of any such claims or proceeding pursuant to this Section 8.05 and proposes to settle such claims or proceeding prior to a final judgment thereon or to forgo any appeal with respect thereto, then the Indemnified Party shall give the Indemnifying Party prompt written notice thereof and the Indemnifying Party shall have the right to participate in the settlement or assume or reassume the defense of such claims or proceeding. If (i) the Indemnifying Party shall not assume the defense of a Third Party Claim with counsel satisfactory to the Indemnified Party within ten (10) Business Days of any Claim Notice, or (ii) legal counsel for the Indemnified Party notifies the Indemnifying Party that there are or may be legal defenses available to the Indemnified Party or to other Indemnified Parties which are different from or additional to those available to the Indemnifying Party, which, if the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party were to be represented by the same counsel, would constitute a conflict of interest for such counsel or prejudice prosecution of the defenses available to such Indemnified Party, or (iii) the Indemnifying Party shall assume the defense of a Third Party Claim and fail to diligently prosecute such defense, then in each such case the Indemnified Party, by notice to the Indemnifying Party, may employ its own counsel and control the defense of the Third Party Claim and the Indemnifying Party shall be liable for the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel employed by the Indemnified Party (but in no event more than one counsel for all of the Indemnified Parties in any one jurisdiction); and the Indemnified Party shall be promptly reimbursed for any such fees, charges and disbursements, as and when incurred. Whether the Indemnifying Party or the Indemnified Party controls the defense of any Third Party Claim, the Parties hereto shall cooperate in the defense thereof. Such cooperation shall include the retention and provision to the counsel of the controlling Party of records and information which are reasonably relevant to such Third Party Claim, and making employees available on a mutually convenient basis to provide additional information and explanation of any material provided hereunder. The Indemnifying Party shall have the right to settle, compromise or discharge a Third Party Claim (other than any such Third Party Claim in which criminal conduct is alleged) without the Indemnified Party's consent if such settlement, compromise or discharge (A) constitutes a complete and unconditional discharge and release of the Indemnified Party, and (B) provides for no relief other than the payment of monetary damages and such monetary damages are paid in full by the Indemnifying Party.

(c) In the event any Indemnified Party should have a claim against any Indemnifying Party that does not involve a Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party shall deliver a Claim Notice to the Indemnifying Party, which shall include reasonable detail of the claim and, if reasonably practicable, the estimated amount of Losses sustained, promptly after the Indemnified Party obtains knowledge of the existence thereof; provided, however, that failure to give such Claim Notice shall not affect the indemnification obligations of the Indemnifying Party provided hereunder except to the extent the Indemnifying Party establishes that the defense of such claim is actually prejudiced as a result of such failure, in which case such claim shall be reduced to the extent of such actual prejudice.

SECTION 8.06 Remedies. Except for remedies that cannot be waived as a matter of Law, claims of fraud or intentional misrepresentation and other than as provided in Section 10.10 or in the Shareholders Agreement, the Purchaser and the Company acknowledge and agree that following the Closing, the indemnification provisions in this Article VIII shall be the sole and exclusive remedies of the Purchaser and the Company, as applicable, for any breach by the other Party of the representations and warranties in this Agreement and for any failure by the other Party to perform and comply with any covenants and agreements in this Agreement.

SECTION 8.07 Miscellaneous. For Tax purposes, the Parties agree to treat all payments made pursuant to any indemnification obligation under this Agreement as adjustments to the Purchase Price.

ARTICLE IX

TERMINATION

SECTION 9.01 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing:

(a) by written notice by either the Company or the Purchaser if the Closing shall not have occurred by December 31, 2012 (the "Termination Date"); provided, however, that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 9.01(a) shall not be available to any Party whose breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document shall have been the cause of, or shall have resulted in, the failure of the Closing to occur on or prior to the Termination Date;

(b) by written notice by either the Company or the Purchaser in the event that any Governmental Order restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have become final and non-appealable, unless (in the case of a termination by the Company only) such Governmental Order restrains, enjoins or prohibits the consummation of such transactions solely as they relate to a Non-Material Subsidiary or Non-Material Subsidiaries;

(c) by written notice by the Company if a breach of any representation or warranty of the Purchaser or failure to perform any covenant or agreement on the part of the Purchaser set forth in this Agreement (including an obligation to consummate the Closing) shall have occurred that would, if occurring or continuing on the date on which the Closing should have occurred, cause the condition set forth in Section 7.01(a) not to be satisfied, and such condition is not cured, or is incapable of being cured, within twenty (20) days (but not later than the Termination Date) of receipt of written notice by the Company to the Purchaser of such breach or failure; provided that the Company is not then in breach of this Agreement so as to cause any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.02 not to be satisfied;

(d) by written notice by the Purchaser if a breach of any representation or warranty of the Company or failure to perform any covenant or agreement on the part of the Company set forth in this Agreement (including an obligation to consummate the Closing) shall have occurred that would, if occurring or continuing on the Closing Date, cause the condition set forth in Section 7.02(a) not to be satisfied, and such condition is not cured, or is incapable of being cured, within twenty (20) days (but not later than the Termination Date) of receipt of written notice by the Purchaser to the Company of such breach or failure; provided that the Purchaser is not then in breach of this Agreement so as to cause any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.01 not to be satisfied;

(e) by written notice by the Company in accordance with Section 5.08(d), provided that the Company pays to the Purchaser the amount due pursuant to Section 10.01(b) in accordance with the terms specified therein, and immediately following termination of this Agreement the Company enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a Superior Proposal; or

(f) by the mutual written consent of the Company and the Purchaser.

SECTION 9.02 Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement as provided in Section 9.01, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and have no effect, and there shall be no Liability on the part of any Party or its Affiliates or Representatives in respect thereof, except that (a) Section 5.03, this Section 9.02 and Article X shall survive any termination and (b) nothing herein shall relieve any Party from liability for any breach of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document occurring prior to such termination.

ARTICLE X

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 10.01 Expenses.

(a) Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, all costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors and accountants, incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be borne by the Party incurring such costs and expenses, whether or not the Closing shall have occurred.

(b) If this Agreement is terminated by the Company pursuant to Section 9.01(e), then the Company shall pay to the Purchaser, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated by the Purchaser, the Termination Fee at the time of such termination. "Termination Fee" means an aggregate amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Purchaser Total Amount, plus the Purchaser's Expenses actually incurred by the Purchaser on or prior to the termination of this Agreement. In addition, if after the date of this Agreement:

(i) (x) an Acquisition Proposal shall have been made to the Company, or any Person shall have announced (or otherwise made known to the Board of Directors of the Company) an intention (whether or not conditional) to make an Acquisition Proposal, and (y) following the occurrence of an event described in the preceding clause (x), this Agreement shall have been terminated by the Purchaser pursuant to Section 9.01(d), and (z) within twelve (12) months of the date this Agreement is terminated as described in the preceding clause (y), the Company enters into one or more definitive acquisition agreements with respect to, or consummates a transaction contemplated by, any Acquisition Proposal (provided that for purposes of this clause (z), clause (C) of the definition of Acquisition Proposal shall be amended to refer to equity securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries representing 20% or more of the total voting power of, or outstanding equity interests in, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries);

(ii) then, in any such event under clause (i) of this Section 10.01(b), the Company shall promptly pay the Purchaser, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated by the Purchaser, an amount equal to the Termination Fee; provided that such payment is made to the Purchaser immediately prior to, and as a condition to the consummation of, the transaction contemplated by such Acquisition Proposal.

The Company acknowledges that the agreements contained in this Section 10.01(b) are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and that, without these agreements, the Purchaser would not enter into this Agreement. Accordingly, if the Company fails promptly to pay any amount due to the Purchaser pursuant to this Section 10.01(b), it shall also pay any costs and expenses incurred by the Purchaser in connection with a legal action to enforce this Agreement that results in a judgment against the Company for such amount, together with interest on the amount of any unpaid fee, cost or expense at the publicly announced prime rate of Citibank, N.A. from the date such fee, cost or expense was required to be paid to (but excluding) the payment date. The Company agrees that, upon any termination of this Agreement under circumstances where the Termination Fee is payable by the Company pursuant to this Section and such Termination Fee is paid in full, except in the case of fraud, the Purchaser shall be precluded from any other remedy against the Company, at law or in equity or otherwise, and the Purchaser shall not seek to obtain any recovery, judgment, or damages of any kind, including consequential, indirect, or punitive damages, against the Company or any of the Company's Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, partners, managers, members, shareholders or Affiliates or their respective representatives in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 10.02 Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given under any Transaction Document shall be in writing and will be delivered by hand or telecopied, e-mailed or sent, postage prepaid, by registered, certified or express mail or reputable overnight courier service and will be deemed given when so delivered by hand or telecopied (confirmed electronically or telephonically from the receiving facsimile machine), when e-mail confirmation is received if delivered by e-mail, or three Business Days after being so mailed (one Business Day in the case of express mail or overnight courier service). All such notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications will be addressed as set forth below, or pursuant to such other instructions as may be designated in writing by the Party to receive such notice in accordance with this Section 10.02; if the delivery deadline date for any item under this Agreement is a day that is not a Business Day, the applicable delivery deadline date for such item shall be the immediately following Business Day:

(a) if to the Company:

Ultrapetrol (Bahamas) Limited
Ocean Centre, Montagu Foreshore
East Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas
Facsimile: (242) 394-8430
Attention: Chief Executive Officer

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

Seward & Kissel LLP
One Battery Park Plaza
New York, New York 10004
Facsimile: (212) 480-8421
Email: rutkowski@sewkis.com
Attention: Lawrence Rutkowski

(b) if to the Purchaser:

Sparrow Capital Investments Ltd.
c/o GTC Corporate Services Limited
Sassoon House
Shirley St. & Victoria Ave.
P.O. Box SS-5383
Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas
Facsimile: 242-328-1069

and

Southern Cross Latin America Private Equity Fund IV, L.P.
c/o Blakes Extra Provincial Services, Inc.
Commerce Court West, Suite 2800
199 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M5L 1A9
Facsimile: (416) 863-2653

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

Southern Cross Group LLC
300 5th Ave So., Suite 203D
Naples, FL 34102
Facsimile: (203) 629-8370
Email: rrodriguez@southerncrossgroup.com
Attention: Ricardo Rodriguez

and

Chadbourne & Parke LLP
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112
Facsimile: (646) 710-5592
Email: mgrosz@chadbourne.com
Attention: Morton Grosz

(c) if to the Guarantors:

Southern Cross Latin America Private Equity Fund III, L.P.
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Attention: Ricardo Rodriguez

and

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New York, NY 10112
Facsimile: (646) 710-5592
Email: mgrosz@chadbourne.com
Attention: Morton Grosz

SECTION 10.03 Public Announcements. The initial press release with respect to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be a release mutually agreed to by the Company and the Purchaser and shall be issued promptly after the execution hereof at a time mutually agreed to by the Company and the Purchaser. Thereafter, none of the Parties shall make, or cause to be made, any press release or public announcement in respect of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or otherwise communicate with any news media without the prior written consent of the other Party unless such press release or public announcement is required by Law or applicable stock exchange regulation, in which case the Parties shall, to the extent practicable, consult with each other as to the timing and contents of any such press release, public announcement or communication.

SECTION 10.04 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any Law or public policy, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect for so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement is not affected in any manner materially adverse to either Party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

SECTION 10.05 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the other Transaction Documents constitute the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof.

SECTION 10.06 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by operation of Law or otherwise without the express written consent of the Company and the Purchaser (which consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of the Company or the Purchaser), as the case may be, and any such purported assignment shall be void ab initio; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the rights, interests and obligations of the Purchaser hereunder may be assigned, without the prior written consent of the Company, to one or more of the Purchaser's or Guarantors' Affiliates as designated by the Purchaser or such Guarantor; provided, that no such assignment shall relieve the Purchaser or any of the Guarantors of any of its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 10.07 Amendment. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except (a) by an instrument in writing signed by Company and the Purchaser that expressly references the Section(s) of this Agreement to be amended or (b) by a waiver in accordance with Section 10.08. Any amendment or modification to the Guaranty in Section 10.17 shall be governed by Section 10.17(d).

SECTION 10.08 Waiver. (a) The Purchaser may (i) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the Company, (ii) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein or in any document delivered by such Party pursuant hereto or (iii) waive compliance with any of the agreements of the Company or conditions to such Party's obligations contained herein and (b) the Company may (i) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the Purchaser, (ii) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the Purchaser contained herein or in any document delivered by the Purchaser pursuant hereto or (iii) waive compliance with any of the agreements of the Purchaser or conditions to the Purchaser's obligations contained herein. Any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed by the Party to be bound thereby. Any waiver of any term or condition shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or a subsequent waiver of the same term or condition, or a waiver of any other term or condition of this Agreement. The failure of any Party to assert any of its rights hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any of such rights. Any waiver of any term or condition in Section 10.17 shall be governed by Section 10.17(e).

SECTION 10.09 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Except as provided for in Sections 5.10, 8.02, 8.03 and 8.04, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever, including any rights of employment for any specified period, under or by reason of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.10 Specific Performance. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Parties would be irreparably damaged if any of the provisions of this Agreement are not performed in accordance with their specific terms or are otherwise breached and that any nonperformance or breach of this Agreement by any Party could not be adequately compensated by monetary damages alone and that the Parties would not have any adequate remedy at Law. Accordingly, in addition to any other right or remedy to which the Parties may be entitled, at Law or in equity (including monetary damages), such Party shall be entitled to enforce any provision of this Agreement by a decree of specific performance and to temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of any of the provisions of this Agreement without posting any bond or other undertaking.

SECTION 10.11 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflict of laws thereof which may require the application of the law of another jurisdiction. All Actions arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be heard and determined exclusively in any federal court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan of the City of New York; provided, however, that if such federal court does not have jurisdiction over such Action, such Action shall be heard and determined exclusively in any New York state court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan of the City of New York. Consistent with the preceding sentence, the Parties hereby (a) submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any federal or state court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan of the City of New York for the purpose of any Action arising out of or relating to this Agreement brought by either Party and (b) irrevocably waive, and agree not to assert by way of motion, defense, or otherwise, in any such Action, any claim that it is not subject personally to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that its property is exempt or immune from attachment or execution, that the Action is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the Action is improper, or that this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement may not be enforced in or by any of the above-named courts. The Parties hereby agree that the mailing of process or other papers in connection with any such Action or proceeding in the manner provided in Section 10.02, or in such other manner as may be permitted by Law, shall be valid and sufficient service thereof and hereby waive any objections to service accomplished in the manner herein provided.

SECTION 10.12 **Waiver of Jury Trial.** EACH OF THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION OR LIABILITY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HEREBY (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR LIABILITY, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT, AS APPLICABLE, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 10.12.

SECTION 10.13 **Effect of Investigation.** All representations, warranties, covenants and agreements made by the Company in this Agreement or in any other Transaction Document shall not be affected or deemed waived by (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of the Purchaser (whether before, on or after the date hereof or before, on or after the Closing Date), (ii) knowledge obtained (or capable of being obtained) as a result of such investigation or otherwise, or (iii) the Purchaser's participation in the preparation of the schedules pursuant to this Agreement.

SECTION 10.14 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by scanned or facsimile transmission) in one or more counterparts, and by the different Parties in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, portable document format, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement

SECTION 10.15 Currency. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, all references to currency, monetary values and dollars set forth herein shall mean United States (U.S.) dollars, "\$" refers to United States dollars and all payments hereunder shall be made in United States dollars by wire transfer in immediately available funds to such account as shall have been specified in writing by the recipient thereof to the Party making such payment.

SECTION 10.16 No Recourse. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any Claim or Action 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, partner, stockholder, Affiliate, agent, attorney or other representative of any Party hereto or of any Affiliate of any Party hereto, or any of their successors or permitted assigns, shall have any Liability for any obligations or Liabilities of any Party hereto under this Agreement or for any Claim or Action based on, in respect of or by reason of the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 10.17 Guaranty.

(a) Each of the Guarantors hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees severally to the Company in accordance with their Guaranteed Percentage the full and punctual payment of the Purchase Price and any liability of the Purchaser arising from a breach of the Agreement prior to termination as contemplated by Section 9.02(b) when due in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (the "Guaranteed Obligation") (collectively, the "Guaranty"). Each of the Guarantors hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Guaranty constitutes an absolute, present, primary, continuing and unconditional guaranty of payment by the Purchaser of the Guaranteed Obligation when due under this Agreement and not of collection only and is in no way conditioned or contingent upon any attempt to enforce such payment by a guaranteed party upon any other condition or contingency. Each of the Guarantors hereby waives any right to require a proceeding first against the Purchaser. The Guaranteed Obligation shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation or impairment for any reason (other than by indefeasible payment or performance in full of the Guaranteed Obligation) and shall not be subject to (i) any discharge of the Purchaser from the Guaranteed Obligation in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding (except by indefeasible payment or performance in full of the Guaranteed Obligation) or (ii) any other circumstance whatsoever which constitutes, or might be construed to constitute an equitable or legal discharge of either of the Guarantors as guarantor under this Section 10.17. This Guaranty shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.02, Section 10.09, Section 10.11, Section 10.12 and Section 10.14.

(b) Each Guarantor hereby severally represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

(i) **Organization and Authority of the Guarantors.** Such Guarantor is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction where it was organized and has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement (solely for the purposes of this Section 10.17), to carry out its obligations under this Section 10.17 and to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Guaranty. The execution and delivery by such Guarantor of this Agreement (solely for the purposes of this Section 10.17), the performance by such Guarantor of its obligations under this Section 10.17 and the consummation by such Guarantor of the transactions contemplated by this Section 10.17 have been duly authorized by all requisite action on the part of such Guarantor. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such Guarantor, and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the other Parties) this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of such Guarantor, enforceable against such Guarantor in accordance with the terms of this Section 10.17, subject to the effects of the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception.

(ii) **No Conflicts; Consents.** The execution, delivery and performance by such Guarantor of this Agreement (solely for the purposes of this Section 10.17), and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Section 10.17, does not and will not (a) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any provision of such Guarantor's Organizational Documents, (b) conflict in any material respect with or violate in any material respect any material Law or material Governmental Order applicable to such Guarantor, or (c) require the consent, notice or other action by any Person under, conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default or event that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default under, result in the acceleration of or create in any party the right to accelerate, terminate, suspend, revoke, modify or cancel, any Contract to which such Guarantor is a party or by which such Guarantor is otherwise bound, except, in the case of clause (c), as would not materially and adversely affect the ability of such Guarantor to carry out its obligations under, and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Section 10.17. No consent, approval, Permit, Governmental Order, declaration or filing with, or notice to, any Governmental Authority is required by or with respect to such Guarantor in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Section 10.17.

(iii) **Litigation.** No Action by or against such Guarantor is pending or, to the knowledge of such Guarantor, threatened, which could affect the legality, validity or enforceability of this Guaranty or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Section 10.17.

(c) This Guaranty and all of the Guarantors' obligations under this Section 10.17 shall terminate and expire on the earlier of (i) the date this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Article IX; provided, however, that the Guarantors' obligations under this Guaranty with respect to any liability of the Purchaser for a breach of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document occurring prior to the termination of the Agreement as described in Section 9.02(b) shall not terminate or expire and shall continue notwithstanding termination of this Agreement or (ii) the Closing Date ("Expiration Date"). No claims may be made under this Guaranty after the Expiration Date.

(d) This Guaranty may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by the Company and the Guarantors. This Guaranty constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Guarantors and the Company relating to the subject matter hereof.

(e) Any waiver of any term or condition of this Guaranty must be in writing and signed by the Party against whom such waiver is sought to be enforced. Any waiver of any term or condition of this Guaranty shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or a subsequent waiver of the same term or condition, or a waiver of any other term or condition of this Guaranty.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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

ULTRAPETROL (BAHAMAS) LIMITED

By: /s/ Felipe Menendez R.
Name: Felipe Menendez R.
Title: President

SPARROW CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LTD.

By: /s/ Ricardo Rodriguez
Name: Ricardo Rodriguez
Title: Director

FUND III GUARANTOR:

SOUTHERN CROSS LATIN AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND III,
L.P., solely for the purposes of Section 10.17

By: Southern Cross Capital Partners III, L.P., its general partner

By: SC GP Company III, its general partner

By: /s/ Ricardo Rodriguez
Name: Ricardo Rodriguez
Title: Director

FUND IV GUARANTOR:

SOUTHERN CROSS LATIN AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY FUND IV,
L.P., solely for the purposes of Section 10.17

By: Southern Cross Capital Partners IV, L.P., its general partner

By: SC GP Company IV Limited, its general
partner

By: /s/ Ricardo Rodriguez
Name: Ricardo Rodriguez

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