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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 X For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2024

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from _____ to ____

Commission file number 001-36174

NMI Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

2100 Powell Street Emeryville, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

45-4914248 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 94608 (Zip Code)

(855) 530-6642 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered							
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01	NMIH	Nasdaq							

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes 🗵 No 🗆

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

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

Large accelerated filer	X	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer		Smaller reporting company	
		Emerging growth company	

Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

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

The number of shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the registrant outstanding on April 26, 2024 was 80,275,167 shares.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements about our expectations, outlook, beliefs, plans, predictions, forecasts, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "can," "could," "may," "predict," "assume," "potential," "should," "will," "estimate," "perceive," "plan," "project," "continuing," "ongoing," "expect," "intend" or words of similar meaning and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outlook for our future business and financial performance. All forward-looking statements are necessarily only estimates of future results, and actual results may differ materially from expectations. You are, therefore, cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, operating results, business strategy and financial needs. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements including, but not limited to:

- changes in general economic, market and political conditions and policies (including changes in interest rates and inflation) and investment
 results or other conditions that affect the U.S. housing market or the U.S. markets for home mortgages, mortgage insurance, reinsurance and
 credit risk transfer markets, including the risk related to geopolitical instability, inflation, an economic downturn (including any decline in home
 prices) or recession, and their impacts on our business, operations and personnel;
- changes in the charters, business practices, policy, pricing or priorities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (collectively, the GSEs), which may
 include decisions that have the impact of decreasing or discontinuing the use of mortgage insurance as credit enhancement generally, or with first
 time homebuyers or on very high loan-to-value (LTV) mortgages; or changes in the direction of housing policy objectives of the Federal Housing
 Finance Agency (FHFA), such as the FHFA's priority to increase the accessibility to and affordability of homeownership for low-and-moderate
 income borrowers and underrepresented communities;
- our ability to remain an eligible mortgage insurer under the private mortgage insurer eligibility requirements (PMIERs) and other requirements imposed by the GSEs, which they may change at any time;
- retention of our existing certificates of authority in each state and the District of Columbia (D.C.) and our ability to remain a mortgage insurer in good standing in each state and D.C.;
- our future profitability, liquidity and capital resources;
- actions of existing competitors, including other private mortgage insurers and government mortgage insurers such as the Federal Housing Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Service and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (collectively, government MIs), and potential market entry by new competitors or consolidation of existing competitors;
- adoption of new or changes to existing laws, rules and regulations that impact our business or financial condition directly or the mortgage insurance industry generally or their enforcement and implementation by regulators, including the implementation of the final rules defining and/or concerning "Qualified Mortgage" and "Qualified Residential Mortgage";
- U.S. federal tax reform and other potential changes in tax law and their impact on us and our operations;
- legislative or regulatory changes to the GSEs' role in the secondary mortgage market or other changes that could affect the residential mortgage industry generally or mortgage insurance industry in particular;
- potential legal and regulatory claims, investigations, actions, audits or inquiries that could result in adverse judgements, settlements, fines or other reliefs that could require significant expenditures or have other negative effects on our business;



- uncertainty relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) virus and its variants, including their impact on the global economy, the U.S. housing, real estate, housing finance and mortgage insurance markets, and our business, operations and personnel;
- our ability to successfully execute and implement our capital plans, including our ability to access the equity, credit and reinsurance markets and to enter into, and receive approval of, reinsurance arrangements on terms and conditions that are acceptable to us, the GSEs and our regulators;
- lenders, the GSEs, or other market participants seeking alternatives to private mortgage insurance;
- our ability to implement our business strategy, including our ability to write mortgage insurance on high quality low down payment residential mortgage loans, implement successfully and on a timely basis, complex infrastructure, systems, procedures, and internal controls to support our business and regulatory and reporting requirements of the insurance industry;
- our ability to attract and retain a diverse customer base, including the largest mortgage originators;
- · failure of risk management or pricing or investment strategies;
- decrease in the length of time our insurance policies are in force;
- emergence of unexpected claim and coverage issues, including claims exceeding our reserves or amounts we had expected to experience;
- potential adverse impacts arising from natural disasters including, with respect to affected areas, a decline in new business, adverse effects on home prices, and an increase in notices of default on insured mortgages;
- climate risk and efforts to manage or regulate climate risk by government agencies could affect our business and operations;
- · potential adverse impacts arising from the occurrence of any man-made disasters or public health emergencies, including pandemics;
- the inability of our counter-parties, including third-party reinsurers, to meet their obligations to us;
- failure to maintain, improve and continue to develop necessary information technology (IT) systems or the failure of technology providers to perform;
- effectiveness and security of our information technology systems and digital products and services, including the risks these systems, products or services may fail to operate as expected or planned, or expose us to cybersecurity or third-party risks (including exposure of our confidential customer and other information); and
- ability to recruit, train and retain key personnel.

For more information regarding these risks and uncertainties as well as certain additional risks that we face, you should refer to Part I, Item 2, "*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*" and elsewhere in this report on Form 10-Q, including the exhibits hereto. In addition, for additional discussion of those risks and uncertainties that have the potential to affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects in a material and adverse manner, you should review *Risk Factors* in Part II, Item 1A of this Report and in Part I, Item 1A, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (2023 10-K), as subsequently updated in other reports we file from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Unless expressly indicated or the context requires otherwise, the terms "we," "our," "us," "Company" and "NMI" in this document refer to NMI Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

PART I

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NMI HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

		March 31, 2024	Dece	mber 31, 2023
Assets		(In Thousands, exc	ept for shar	e data)
Fixed maturities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost of \$2,577,990 and \$2,542,862 as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively)	\$	2,393,525	\$	2,371,021
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$1,137 and \$1,338 as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively)		139,726		96,689
Premiums receivable		75,362		76,456
Accrued investment income		19,860		19,785
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net		62,801		62,905
Software and equipment, net		30,308		30,252
Intangible assets and goodwill		3,634		3,634
Reinsurance recoverable		27,880		27,514
Prepaid federal income taxes		235,286		235,286
Other assets		17,730		16,965
Total assets	\$	3,006,112	\$	2,940,507
Liabilities				
Debt	\$	398,001	\$	397,595
Unearned premiums		85,784		92,295
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		81,831		86,189
Reserve for insurance claims and claim expenses		127,182		123,974
Deferred tax liability, net		322,651		301,573
Other liabilities ⁽¹⁾		12,282		12,877
Total liabilities		1,027,731		1,014,503
Commitments and contingencies				
Shareholders' equity				
Common stock - class A shares, \$0.01 par value; 87,838,602 shares issued and 80,545,535 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2024 and 87,334,138 shares issued and 80,881,280 shares outstanding a	is of			
December 31, 2023 (250,000,000 shares authorized)		878		873
Additional paid-in capital		989,349		990,816
Treasury Stock, at cost: 7,293,067 and 6,452,858 common shares as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively		(174,227)		(148,921)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax		(149,822)		(139,917)
Retained earnings		1,312,203		1,223,153
Total shareholders' equity		1,978,381		1,926,004
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	3,006,112	\$	2,940,507

(1) "Reinsurance funds withheld" has been reclassified as "Other liabilities" in the prior period.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

NMI HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	For the three months ended March 31,			March 31,
		2024		2023
		(In Thousands, exce	pt for per s	hare data)
Revenues				
Net premiums earned	\$	136,657	\$	121,754
Net investment income		19,436		14,894
Net realized investment losses				(33)
Other revenues		160		164
Total revenues		156,253		136,779
Expenses				
Insurance claims and claim expenses		3,694		6,701
Underwriting and operating expenses		29,815		25,786
Service expenses		137		80
Interest expense		8,040		8,039
Total expenses		41,686		40,606
Income before income taxes		114,567		96,173
Income tax expense		25,517		21,715
Net income	\$	89,050	\$	74,458
Earnings per share				
Basic	\$	1.10	\$	0.89
Diluted	\$	1.08	\$	0.88
Weighted average common shares outstanding				
Basic		80,726		83,600
Diluted		82,099		84,840
Net income	\$	89,050	\$	74,458
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:				
Unrealized (losses) gains in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax (benefit) expense of \$(2,729) and \$8,633 for the quarters ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively		(9,905)		32,476
Reclassification adjustment for realized losses included in net income, net of tax benefit of \$7 for the guarter ended March 31, 2023		_		26
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax		(9,905)		32,502
Comprehensive income	\$	79,145	\$	106,960

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

NMI HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

	Common Stock	- Class A	Additional	Treasury Stock,	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Retained	
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	At Cost	Loss	Earnings	Total
				(In Thousan	ds)		
Balances, December 31, 2023	80,881 \$	873	\$ 990,816	\$ (148,921)	\$ (139,917) \$	1,223,153 \$	1,926,004
Common stock: class A shares issued under stock plans, net of shares withheld for employee taxes	505	5	(5,584)	_	_		(5,579)
Repurchase of common stock	(840)	_		(25,306)	—		(25,306)
Share-based compensation expense		_	4,117		—		4,117
Change in unrealized investment gains/losses, net of tax benefit of \$2,729	_	_	_	_	(9,905)		(9,905)
Net income		_			—	89,050	89,050
Balances, March 31, 2024	80,546 \$	878	\$ 989,349	\$ (174,227)	\$ (149,822) \$	1,312,203 \$	1,978,381

	Common Stock	- Class A	Additional	Treasury Stock,	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Retained	
	Shares	Shares Amount Pa			Loss	Earnings	Total
				(In Thousar	ıds)		
Balances, December 31, 2022	83,550 \$	865	\$ 972,717	\$ (56,575)	\$ (204,323) \$	901,043 \$	1,613,727
Common stock: class A shares issued under stock plans, net of shares withheld for employee taxes	396	4	(2,610)	_			(2,606)
Repurchase of common stock	(666)	_		(14,862)	_		(14,862)
Share-based compensation expense		_	3,492	—	_		3,492
Change in unrealized investment gains/losses, net of tax expense of \$8,640	_			_	32,502	_	32,502
Net income	—	—		—	—	74,458	74,458
Balances, March 31, 2023	83,280 \$	869	\$ 973,599	\$ (71,437)	\$ (171,821) \$	975,501 \$	1,706,711

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

NMI HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

		For the three months end	ded March 31,
		2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		(In Thousand	(s)
Net income	\$	89,050 \$	74,458
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Net realized investment loss		—	33
Depreciation and amortization		2,996	2,798
Net amortization of premium on investment securities		437	966
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs		510	480
Deferred income taxes		23,808	20,869
Share-based compensation expense		4,117	3,492
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Premiums receivable		1,094	(518)
Accrued investment income		(75)	(1,558)
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net		104	(1,357)
Reinsurance recoverable		(366)	(1,892)
Other assets		(1,352)	(1,612)
Unearned premiums		(6,511)	(8,971)
Reserve for insurance claims and claim expenses		3,208	8,321
Reinsurance balances, net		(123)	(196)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(5,323)	(5,478)
Net cash provided by operating activities	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	111,574	89,835
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of short-term investments		(14,811)	(106,614)
Purchase of fixed-maturity investments, available-for-sale		(81,162)	(133,971)
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments		15,300	179,297
Proceeds from maturities and redemptions of fixed-maturity investments, available-for-sale		45,107	29,054
Additions to software and equipment		(2,186)	(1,517)
Net cash used in investing activities		(37,752)	(33,751)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issuance of common stock related to employee equity plans		4,221	2,657
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards		(9,800)	(5,263)
Repurchases of common stock		(25,206)	(14,800)
Net cash used in financing activities		(30,785)	(17,406)
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		43,037	38,678
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period		96,689	44,426
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$	139,726 \$	83,104

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

1. Organization, Basis of Presentation and Summary of Accounting Principles

NMI Holdings, Inc. (NMIH) is a Delaware corporation, incorporated in May 2011 to provide private mortgage guaranty insurance (which we refer to as mortgage insurance or MI) through its wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries, National Mortgage Insurance Corporation (NMIC) and National Mortgage Reinsurance Inc One (Re One). Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq exchange under the ticker symbol "NMIH."

NMIC, our primary insurance subsidiary, issued its first mortgage insurance policy in April 2013. NMIC is licensed to write mortgage insurance in all 50 states and the District of Columbia (D.C.). Re One historically provided reinsurance coverage to NMIC in accordance with certain statutory risk retention requirements. Such requirements have been repealed and the reinsurance coverage provided by Re One to NMIC has been commuted. Re One remains a wholly-owned, licensed insurance subsidiary; however, it does not currently have active insurance exposures. In August 2015, NMIH capitalized a wholly-owned subsidiary, NMI Services, Inc. (NMIS), through which we offer outsourced loan review services to mortgage loan originators. We operate as a single segment for the purposes of assessing performance and making operating decisions.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which include the results of NMIH and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q as prescribed by the SEC for interim reporting and include other information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP). Our accounts are maintained in U.S. dollars. These statements should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2023, included in our 2023 10-K. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated. Certain reclassifications to previously reported financial information have been made to conform to our current period presentation. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities, as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the balance sheet date. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of income and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The results of operations for the interim period may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2024.

Significant Accounting Principles

There have been no changes to our significant accounting principles as described in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 2 - Summary of Accounting Principles" of our 2023 10-K.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements - Not Yet Adopted

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280). The update expands annual and interim disclosure requirements for reportable segments, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The standard will take effect for all public business entities, including those that have only a single reportable segment for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods beginning after December 31, 2024. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this ASU will have, if any, on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, Income Taxes (Topic 740). The update enhances the disclosure requirements related to tax rate reconciliations and income taxes paid. The standard will take effect for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2025. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this ASU will have, if any, on our consolidated financial statements.

2. Investments

We hold all investments on an available-for-sale basis at fair value on our condensed consolidated balance sheets and evaluate each position quarterly for impairment. We recognize an impairment on a security through the statement of operations if (i) we intend to sell the impaired security; or (ii) it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the impaired security prior to recovery of its amortized cost basis. If a sale is intended or likely to be required, we recognize an impairment loss equivalent to the difference of the amortized cost basis of the security and its fair value through the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income as a "*Net Realized Investment Loss*." In the event of an impairment of a security that we intend to and have the ability to hold to maturity, we evaluate the drivers of the impairment to determine the portion that is credit related and the portion that is non-credit related. The portion of impairment loss that is attributed to credit related factors is recognized through the statement of operations as a provision for credit loss and the portion that is attributed to non-credit related factors is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of taxes.

Fair Values and Gross Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments

	Amortized Gross Unrealized				Fair			
		Cost		Gains	Losses		Value	
As of March 31, 2024				(In The	ousands)			
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies	\$	164,294	\$	1,721	\$	(1,092)	\$	164,923
Municipal debt securities		683,482		808		(58,064)		626,226
Corporate debt securities		1,657,085		3,250		(127,538)		1,532,797
Asset-backed securities		49,473		—		(3,549)		45,924
Total bonds		2,554,334		5,779		(190,243)		2,369,870
Short-term investments		23,656		—		(1)		23,655
Total investments	\$	2,577,990	\$	5,779	\$	(190,244)	\$	2,393,525

	Amortized		Gross Unrealized				Fair
	Cost		Gains	Losses		Value	
As of December 31, 2023			(In The	ousands)			
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies	\$ 164,278	\$	3,374	\$	(1,264)	\$	166,388
Municipal debt securities	678,339		1,253		(58,462)		621,130
Corporate debt securities	1,624,187		7,868		(120,576)		1,511,479
Asset-backed securities	52,242		1		(4,032)		48,211
Total bonds	 2,519,046		12,496		(184,334)		2,347,208
Short-term investments	23,816		2		(5)		23,813
Total investments	\$ 2,542,862	\$	12,498	\$	(184,339)	\$	2,371,021

We did not own any mortgage-backed securities in our asset-backed securities portfolio at March 31, 2024 or December 31, 2023.

The following table presents a breakdown of the fair value of our corporate debt securities by issuer industry group as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Financial	35 %	35 %
Consumer	27	26
Utilities	12	13
Technology	9	8
Industrial	9	9
Communications	8	9
Total	100 %	100 %

As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, approximately \$5.2 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, of our cash and investments were held in the form of U.S. Treasury securities on deposit with various state insurance departments to satisfy regulatory requirements.

Scheduled Maturities

The amortized cost and fair value of available-for-sale securities as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Because most asset-backed securities provide for periodic payments throughout their lives, they are listed below in a separate category.

As of March 31, 2024	Amortized Cost	Fair Value			
	 (In The	usands)			
Due in one year or less	\$ 184,107	\$	182,728		
Due after one through five years	1,275,951		1,194,092		
Due after five through ten years	1,024,068		926,490		
Due after ten years	44,391		44,291		
Asset-backed securities	49,473		45,924		
Total investments	\$ 2,577,990	\$	2,393,525		
As of December 31, 2023	Amortized Cost		Fair Value		
As of December 31, 2023	 Cost	usands)			
As of December 31, 2023 Due in one year or less	\$ Cost				
	\$ Cost (In The		Value		
Due in one year or less	\$ Cost (In The 191,375		Value 189,729		
Due in one year or less Due after one through five years	\$ Cost (In The 191,375 1,237,192		Value 189,729 1,162,259		
Due in one year or less Due after one through five years Due after five through ten years	\$ Cost (In The 191,375 1,237,192 1,050,989		Value 189,729 1,162,259 959,633		

Aging of Unrealized Losses

As of March 31, 2024, the investment portfolio had gross unrealized losses of \$190.2 million, of which \$187.5 million were associated with securities that had been in an unrealized loss position for a period of twelve months or longer. As of December 31, 2023, the investment portfolio had gross unrealized losses of \$184.3 million, of which \$183.1 million were associated with securities that had been in an unrealized loss position for a period of twelve months or longer. For those securities in an unrealized loss position, the length of time the securities were in such a position is as follows:



	Less Than Twelve Months			Twelv	e Months or Gro	ater	Total				
-	# of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	# of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	# of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses		
As of March 31, 2024					(\$ In Tho	usands)					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government											
agencies	9\$	5,051 \$	(144)	15 \$	71,851 \$	(948)	24 \$	76,902 \$	(1,092)		
Municipal debt securities	16	95,082	(855)	221	474,250	(57,209)	237	569,332	(58,064)		
Corporate debt securities	32	170,627	(1,782)	252	1,130,096	(125,756)	284	1,300,723	(127,538)		
Asset-backed securities	1	677	(1)	23	45,247	(3,548)	24	45,924	(3,549)		
Short-term investments	3	22,289	(1)				3	22,289	(1)		
Total	61 \$	293,726 \$	(2,783)	511 \$	1,721,444 \$	(187,461)	572 \$	2,015,170 \$	(190,244)		

	Less Than Twelve Months			Twel	ve Months or Grea	ter	Total				
	# of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	# of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	# of Securities	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses		
As of December 31, 2023					(\$ In Tho	isands)					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government											
agencies	8 \$	5,022 \$	(62)	17 \$	72,003 \$	(1,202)	25 \$	77,025 \$	(1,264)		
Municipal debt securities	14	56,280	(502)	217	467,098	(57,960)	231	523,378	(58,462)		
Corporate debt securities	13	56,039	(705)	266	1,150,662	(119,871)	279	1,206,701	(120,576)		
Asset-backed securities				23	47,426	(4,032)	23	47,426	(4,032)		
Short-term investments	1	9,925	(5)		—	_	1	9,925	(5)		
Total	36 \$	127,266 \$	(1,274)	523 \$	1,737,189 \$	(183,065)	559 \$	1,864,455 \$	(184,339)		

Allowance for Credit Losses

As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, we did not recognize an allowance for credit loss for any security in the investment portfolio and we did not record any provision for credit loss for investment securities during the three months ended March 31, 2024 or 2023.

We evaluated the securities in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2024, assessing their credit ratings as well as any adverse conditions specifically related to the security. Based upon our assessment of the amount and timing of cash flows to be collected over the remaining life of each instrument, we believe the unrealized losses as of March 31, 2024 are not indicative of the ultimate collectability of the current amortized cost of the securities. Rather, the unrealized losses on securities held as of March 31, 2024 were primarily driven by fluctuations in interest rates, and to a lesser extent, movements in credit spreads following the purchase of those securities.

Net Investment Income

The following table presents the components of net investment income:

		For the three months ended March 31,					
	2	024	2023				
		(In Thousands)					
Investment income ⁽¹⁾	\$	19,697 \$	15,174				
Investment expenses		(261)	(280)				
Net investment income	\$	19,436 \$	14,894				

(1) Includes interest income recognized on cash and cash equivalents of \$1.1 million and \$0.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.



The following table presents the components of net realized investment losses:

	For the three months ended March 31,					
	2024	2023				
	 (In Thousands)					
Gross realized investment gains	\$ —	\$				
Gross realized investment losses	—	(33)				
Net realized investment losses	\$ 	\$ (33)				

3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following describes the valuation techniques used by us to determine the fair value of our financial instruments:

We established a fair value hierarchy by prioritizing the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under this standard are described below:

Level 1 - Fair value measurements based on quoted prices in active markets that we have the ability to access for identical assets or liabilities. Market price data generally is obtained from exchange or dealer markets. We do not adjust the quoted price for such instruments.

Level 2 - Fair value measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 - Fair value measurements based on valuation techniques that use significant inputs that are unobservable. Both observable and unobservable inputs may be used to determine the fair values of positions classified in Level 3. The circumstances for using these measurements include those in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. Therefore, we must make certain assumptions, which require significant management judgment or estimation about the inputs a hypothetical market participant would use to value that asset or liability.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Assets Classified as Level 1 and Level 2

To determine the fair value of securities available-for-sale in Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, independent pricing sources have been utilized. One price is provided per security based on observable market data. To ensure securities are appropriately classified in the fair value hierarchy, we review the pricing techniques and methodologies of the independent pricing sources and believe that their policies adequately consider market activity, either based on specific transactions for the issue valued or based on modeling of securities with similar credit quality, duration, yield and structure that were recently traded. A variety of inputs are utilized by the independent pricing sources including benchmark yields, reported trades, non-binding broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers and reference data including data published in market research publications. Inputs may be weighted differently for any security, and not all inputs are used for each security evaluation. Market indicators, industry and economic events are also considered. This information is evaluated using a multidimensional pricing model. Quality controls are performed by the independent pricing sources throughout this process, which include reviewing tolerance reports, trading information and data changes, and directional moves compared to market moves. This model combines all inputs to arrive at a value assigned to each security. We have not made any adjustments to the prices obtained from the independent pricing sources.



The following tables present the level within the fair value hierarchy at which our financial instruments were measured:

	Ac	uoted Prices in tive Markets for dentical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservabl Inputs (Level 3)		Fair Value
As of March 31, 2024				(In The	ousands)		
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies	\$	164,923	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 164,923
Municipal debt securities		_		626,226			626,226
Corporate debt securities				1,532,797			1,532,797
Asset-backed securities		_		45,924			45,924
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments		163,381		_			163,381
Total assets	\$	328,304	\$	2,204,947	\$		\$ 2,533,251
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		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	 Fair Value
As of December 31, 2023				(In The	ousands)	
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies	\$	166,388	\$	_	\$	\$ 166,388
Municipal debt securities		_		621,130		621,130
Corporate debt securities		_		1,511,479		1,511,479
Asset-backed securities		—		48,211		48,211
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments		120,502		_		120,502
Total assets	\$	286,890	\$	2,180,820	\$	\$ 2,467,710

There were no transfers between Level 2 and Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the three months ended March 31, 2024, or the year ended December 31, 2023.

Financial Instruments Not Measured at Fair Value

On June 19, 2020, we issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes that mature on June 1, 2025 (the Notes) and used a portion of the proceeds from the Notes offering to repay amounts due under our then outstanding \$150 million term loan. At March 31, 2024, the Notes were carried at a cost of \$398.0 million, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$2.0 million, and had a fair value of \$404.3 million as assessed under our Level 2 hierarchy. At December 31, 2023, the Notes were carried at a cost of \$397.6 million, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$2.4 million, and had a fair value of \$401.9 million.

4. Debt

Senior Secured Notes

At March 31, 2024, we had \$400 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes outstanding. The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture dated June 19, 2020 and bear interest at a rate of 7.375%, payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1.

The Notes mature on June 1, 2025. We may elect to redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time prior to March 1, 2025 at a price based on 100% of the aggregate principal amount of any Notes redeemed plus the "Applicable Premium," plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. Applicable Premium is defined as the greater of (1) 1.0% of the principal amount of the Notes, or (2) the excess of the present value of the principal value of the Notes plus all future interest payments over the principal



amount. We may elect to redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time on or after March 1, 2025 at a price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon.

Interest expense for the Notes includes interest and the amortization of capitalized debt issuance costs. In connection with the Notes offering, we recorded capitalized debt issuance costs of \$7.4 million. Such amounts will be amortized over the contractual life of the Notes using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate on the Notes is 7.825%. At March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, approximately \$2.0 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, of unamortized debt issuance costs remained.

At March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, \$9.8 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, of accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes was included in *"Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses"* on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

2021 Revolving Credit Facility

On November 29, 2021, we amended our \$110 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the 2020 Revolving Credit Facility and as amended, the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility), expanding the lender group, increasing the revolving capacity to \$250 million, and extending the maturity from February 22, 2023 to the earlier of (x) November 29, 2025, or (y) if any existing senior secured notes remain outstanding on such date, February 28, 2025. Borrowings under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general corporate purposes, including to support the growth of our new business production and operations, and accrue interest at a variable rate equal to, at our discretion, (i) a Base Rate (as defined in the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility) subject to a floor of 1.00% per annum plus a margin of 0.375% to 1.875% per annum, or (ii) the Adjusted Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) (as defined in the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility) plus a margin of 1.375% to 2.875% per annum, with the margin in each of (i) or (ii) based on our applicable corporate credit rating at the time. As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, no amounts were drawn under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility.

Under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility, we are required to pay a quarterly commitment fee on the average daily undrawn amount of 0.175% to 0.525%, based on the applicable corporate credit rating at the time. As of March 31, 2024, the applicable commitment fee was 0.225%. For the three months ended March 31, 2024, we recorded \$0.2 million of commitment fees in interest expense.

We incurred debt issuance costs of \$1.1 million in connection with the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility and had \$0.6 million of unamortized debt issuance costs associated with the 2020 Revolving Credit Facility remaining at the time of its amendment and replacement. Combined unamortized debt issuance costs are amortized through interest expense on a straight-line basis over the contractual life of the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility. At March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, remaining unamortized debt issuance costs were \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, in "Other Assets" on our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

We are subject to certain covenants under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility, including, but not limited to, the following: a maximum debt-to-total capitalization ratio of 35%, compliance with the private mortgage insurer eligibility requirements (PMIERs) financial requirements (subject to any GSE approved waivers), and minimum consolidated net worth and statutory capital requirements (respectively, as defined therein). We were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2024.

5. Reinsurance

We enter into third-party reinsurance transactions to actively manage our risk, ensure compliance with PMIERs, state regulatory and other applicable capital requirements, (respectively, as defined therein), and support the growth of our business. The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (Wisconsin OCI) has approved and the GSEs have indicated their non-objection to all such transactions (subject to certain conditions and ongoing review).

The effect of our reinsurance agreements on premiums written and earned is as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,				
	 2024		2023		
	 (In Thor	usands)			
Net premiums written					
Direct	\$ 163,207	\$	148,932		
Ceded ⁽¹⁾	(32,962)		(35,956)		
Net premiums written	\$ 130,245	\$	112,976		
Net premiums earned					
Direct	\$ 169,718	\$	157,904		
Ceded ⁽¹⁾	(33,061)		(36,150)		
Net premiums earned	\$ 136,657	\$	121,754		

(1) Net of profit commission.

Excess-of-loss Reinsurance

Insurance-Linked Notes

NMIC is a party to reinsurance agreements with Oaktown Re III Ltd., Oaktown Re V Ltd., Oaktown Re VI Ltd., and Oaktown Re VII Ltd. (special purpose reinsurance entities collectively referred to as the Oaktown Re Vehicles) effective July 30, 2019, October 29, 2020, April 27, 2021, and October 26, 2021, respectively. Each agreement provides NMIC with aggregate excess-of-loss reinsurance coverage on a defined portfolio of mortgage insurance policies. Under each agreement, NMIC retains a first layer of aggregate loss exposure on covered policies and the respective Oaktown Re Vehicle then provides second layer loss protection up to a defined reinsurance coverage amount. NMIC then retains losses in excess of the respective reinsurance coverage amounts.

NMIC makes risk premium payments to the Oaktown Re Vehicles for the applicable outstanding reinsurance coverage amount and pays an additional amount for anticipated operating expenses (capped at \$250 thousand per year). NMIC ceded aggregate premiums to the Oaktown Re Vehicles of \$6.0 million and \$9.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NMIC applies claims paid on covered policies against its first layer aggregate retained loss exposure under each excess-of-loss agreement. NMIC did not cede any incurred losses on covered policies to the Oaktown Re Vehicles during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, as the aggregate first layer risk retention for each applicable agreement was not exhausted during such periods.

Under the terms of each excess-of-loss reinsurance agreement, the Oaktown Re Vehicles are required to fully collateralize their outstanding reinsurance coverage amount to NMIC with funds deposited into segregated reinsurance trusts. Such trust funds are required to be invested in short-term U.S. Treasury money market funds at all times. Each Oaktown Re Vehicle financed its respective collateral requirement through the issuance of mortgage insurance-linked notes to unaffiliated investors. Such insurance-linked notes mature ten years (in the case of the notes issued by Oaktown Re VI Ltd.) and 12.5 years (in the case of the notes issued by Oaktown Re VI Ltd. and Oaktown Re VI Ltd.) from the inception date of their associated reinsurance agreement. We refer to NMIC's reinsurance agreements with and the insurance-linked note issuances by Oaktown Re Vehicles individually as the 2019 ILN Transaction, 2020-2 ILN Transaction, 2021-1 ILN Transaction, and 2021-2 ILN Transaction, and collectively as the ILN Transactions.

The respective reinsurance coverage amounts provided by the Oaktown Re Vehicles decrease (over a ten-year period in the case of Oaktown Re III Ltd. and Oaktown Re V Ltd. and 12.5-year period in the case of Oaktown Re VI Ltd. and Oaktown Re VII Ltd.) as the underlying insured mortgages are amortized or repaid, and/or the mortgage insurance coverage is canceled. As the reinsurance coverage decreases, a prescribed amount of collateral held in trust by the Oaktown Re Vehicles is distributed to ILN Transaction noteholders as amortization of the outstanding insurance-linked note principal balances. The outstanding reinsurance coverage amounts stop amortizing, and the distribution of collateral assets to ILN Transaction noteholders and amortization of insurance-linked note principal is suspended if certain credit enhancement or delinquency thresholds, as defined in each



agreement, are triggered (each, a Lock-Out Event). Effective March 31, 2024, a previously triggered Lock-Out Event for the 2019 ILN Transaction was deemed to have cleared and amortization of the associated reinsurance coverage, and distribution of collateral assets and amortization of the associated insurance-linked notes resumed.

NMIC holds optional termination rights under each ILN Transaction, including, among others, an optional call feature which provides NMIC the discretion to terminate the transaction on or after a prescribed date, and a clean-up call if the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount amortizes to 10% or less of the reinsurance coverage amount at inception or if NMIC reasonably determines that changes to GSE or rating agency asset requirements would cause a material and adverse effect on the capital treatment afforded to NMIC under a given agreement. In addition, there are certain events that trigger mandatory termination of an agreement, including NMIC's failure to pay premiums or consent to reductions in a trust account to make principal payments to noteholders, among others.

The following table presents the inception date, covered production period, initial and current reinsurance coverage amount, and initial and current first layer retained aggregate loss under each outstanding ILN Transaction. Current amounts are presented as of March 31, 2024.

(\$ values in thousands)	Inception Date	Covered Production	Initial Reinsurance Coverage		Current einsurance Coverage	nitial First ver Retained Loss	Current First ayer Retained Loss ⁽¹⁾
2019 ILN Transaction	July 30, 2019	6/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	\$	326,905	\$ 155,552	\$ 123,424	\$ 121,702
2020-2 ILN Transaction	October 29, 2020	4/1/2020 - 9/30/2020 (2)		242,351	47,502	121,777	121,177
2021-1 ILN Transaction	April 27, 2021	10/1/2020 - 3/31/2021 ⁽³⁾		367,238	199,639	163,708	163,394
2021-2 ILN Transaction	October 26, 2021	$4/1/2021 - 9/30/2021 \ ^{(4)}$		363,596	293,619	146,229	145,715

(1) NMIC applies claims paid on covered policies against its first layer aggregate retained loss exposure and cedes reserves for incurred claims and claim expenses to each applicable ILN Transaction and recognizes a reinsurance recoverable if such incurred claims and claim expenses exceed its current first layer retained loss.

(2) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2020-2 ILN Transaction has coverage reporting dates between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

(3) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2021-1 ILN Transaction has coverage reporting dates between July 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

(4) Approximately 2% of the production covered by the 2021-2 ILN Transaction has coverage reporting dates between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2021.

Under the terms of our ILN Transactions, we are required to maintain a certain level of restricted funds in premium deposit accounts with Bank of New York Mellon until the respective notes have been redeemed in full. "*Cash and Cash Equivalents*" on our condensed consolidated balance sheets includes restricted amounts of \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. The restricted balances required under these transactions will decline over time as the outstanding principal balance of the respective insurance-linked notes are amortized.

Traditional Reinsurance

NMIC is party to six excess-of-loss reinsurance agreements with broad panels of third-party reinsurers – the 2022-1 XOL Transaction, effective April 1, 2022, the 2022-2 XOL Transaction, effective July 1, 2022, the 2022-3 XOL Transaction, effective October 1, 2022, the 2023-1 XOL Transaction, effective January 1, 2023, the 2023-2 XOL Transaction, effective July 1, 2023, and the 2024 XOL Transaction, effective January 1, 2024 – which we refer to collectively as the XOL Transactions. Each XOL Transaction provides NMIC with aggregate excess-of-loss reinsurance coverage on a defined portfolio of mortgage insurance policies. Under each agreement, NMIC retains a first layer of aggregate loss exposure on covered policies and the reinsurers then provide second layer loss protection up to a defined reinsurance coverage amount. The reinsurance coverage amount of each XOL Transaction is set to approximate the PMIERs minimum required assets of its reference pool and decreases from its peak over a ten-year period in the event the PMIERs minimum required assets of the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount.

Under the terms of the XOL Transactions, NMIC makes risk premium payments to its third-party reinsurance providers for the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount and ceded aggregate premiums of \$9.2 million and \$7.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. NMIC applies claims paid on covered policies against its first layer aggregate retained loss exposure under each agreement. NMIC did not cede any incurred losses on covered policies under the XOL Transactions during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, as the aggregate first layer risk retention for each agreement was not exhausted during such periods.

NMIC holds optional termination rights which provide it the discretion to terminate each XOL Transaction on or after a specified date. NMIC may also elect to terminate the XOL Transactions at any point if the outstanding reinsurance coverage

amount amortizes to 10% or less of the reinsurance coverage amount provided at inception, or if it determines that it will no longer be able to take full PMIERs asset credit for the coverage. Additionally, under the terms of the treaties, NMIC may selectively terminate its engagement with individual reinsurers under certain circumstances. Such selective termination rights arise when, among other reasons, a reinsurer experiences a deterioration in its capital position below a prescribed threshold, and/or a reinsurer breaches (and fails to cure) its collateral posting obligation.

Each of the third-party reinsurance providers that is party to the XOL Transactions has an insurer financial strength rating of A- or better by S&P Global Ratings (S&P), A.M. Best Company Inc. (A.M. Best) or both.

The following table presents the inception date, covered production period, initial and current reinsurance coverage amount, and initial and current first layer retained aggregate loss under each outstanding XOL Transaction. Current amounts are presented as of March 31, 2024.

(\$ values in thousands)	Inception Date	Covered Production	Initial Reinsurance Coverage		Reinsurance		Reinsurance		Reinsurance		F	Current Reinsurance Coverage	nitial First yer Retained Loss	urrent First yer Retained Loss ⁽¹⁾
2022-1 XOL Transaction	April 1, 2022	10/1/2021 - 3/31/2022 ⁽²⁾	\$	289,741	\$	227,863	\$ 133,366	\$ 133,007						
2022-2 XOL Transaction	July 1, 2022	4/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 (3)		154,306		152,347	78,906	78,735						
2022-3 XOL Transaction	October 1, 2022	7/1/2022 - 9/30/2022		96,779		96,197	106,265	106,023						
2023-1 XOL Transaction	January 1, 2023	10/1/2022 - 6/30/2023		89,864		88,351	146,513	146,348						
2023-2 XOL Transaction ⁽⁴⁾	July 1, 2023	7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023		100,777		100,777	136,875	136,875						
2024 XOL Transaction (5)	January 1, 2024	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024		37,404		37,404	65,217	65,217						

(1) NMIC applies claims paid on covered policies against its first layer aggregate retained loss exposure and cedes reserves for incurred claims and claim expenses to each applicable XOL Transaction and recognizes a reinsurance recoverable if such incurred claims and claim expenses exceed its current first layer retained loss.

(2) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2022-1 XOL Transaction has coverage reporting dates between October 21, 2019 and September 30, 2021.

(3) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2022-2 XOL Transaction has coverage reporting dates between January 4, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

(4) Effective January 1, 2024, the initial reinsurance coverage and initial first layer retained loss amounts increased due to revised contractual terms.

(5) The initial reinsurance coverage, current reinsurance coverage, initial first layer retained loss and current first layer retained loss for the 2024 XOL Transaction will increase as incremental covered production is ceded under the transaction through December 31, 2024.

Quota Share Reinsurance

NMIC is party to eight quota share reinsurance treaties – the 2016 QSR Transaction, effective September 1, 2016 and as modified April 1, 2019, the 2018 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2018, the 2020 QSR Transaction, effective April 1, 2020 and as amended January 1, 2024, the 2021 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2021, the 2022 QSR Transaction, effective October 1, 2021, the 2022 Seasoned QSR Transaction, effective July 1, 2022, the 2023 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2023 and the 2024 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2024 — which we refer to collectively as the QSR Transactions. Under each of the QSR Transactions, NMIC cedes a proportional share of its risk on eligible policies to panels of third-party reinsurance providers that is party to the QSR Transactions has an insurer financial strength rating of A- or better by S&P, A.M. Best or both.

Under the terms of the 2016 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums written related to 20.5% of the risk on eligible primary policies written for all periods through December 31, 2017 and 100% of the risk under our pool agreement with Fannie Mae. The 2016 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2027, except with respect to the ceded pool risk, which expired on August 31, 2023. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2020, or at the end of any calendar quarter thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2018 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 25% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2018 and 20% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2019. The 2018 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2029. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a termination fee, to terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2022, or at the end of any calendar quarter thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2020 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 21% of the risk on eligible policies written between April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. The 2020 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2030. NMIC had the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a termination fee, to terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2025, or at the end of any calendar quarter thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2021 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 22.5% of the risk on eligible policies written from January 1, 2021 to October 30, 2021. The 2021 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2031. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a termination fee, to terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2024, or at the end of any calendar quarter thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2022 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 20% of the risk on eligible policies written primarily between October 30, 2021 and December 31, 2022. The 2022 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2032. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a termination fee, to terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2024 or semi-annually thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2022 Seasoned QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 95% of the net risk on eligible policies primarily for a seasoned pool of mortgage insurance policies that had previously been covered under the retired Oaktown Re Ltd. and Oaktown Re IV Ltd. reinsurance transactions, after the consideration of coverage provided by other QSR Transactions. The 2022 Seasoned QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2032. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions, to terminate the agreement as of June 30, 2025 or quarterly thereafter through December 31, 2027 with the payment of a termination fee, and as of March 31, 2028 or quarterly thereafter without the payment of a termination fee. Such termination could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2023 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 20% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2023. The 2023 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2033. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a termination fee, to terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2025 or semi-annually thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

Under the terms of the 2024 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 20% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2024. The 2024 QSR Transaction is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2034. NMIC has the option, based on certain conditions and subject to a termination fee, to terminate the agreement as of December 31, 2027, or at the end of any calendar quarter thereafter, which could result in NMIC recapturing the related risk.

NMIC may terminate any or all of the QSR Transactions without penalty if, due to a change in PMIERs requirements, it is no longer able to take full PMIERs asset credit for the risk-in-force (RIF) ceded under the respective agreements. Additionally, under the terms of the QSR Transactions, NMIC may elect to selectively terminate its engagement with individual reinsurers on a run-off basis (*i.e.*, reinsurers continue providing coverage on all risk ceded prior to the termination date, with no new cessions going forward) or cut-off basis (*i.e.*, the reinsurance arrangement is completely terminated with NMIC recapturing all previously ceded risk) under certain circumstances. Such selective termination rights arise when, among other reasons, a reinsurer experiences a deterioration in its capital position below a prescribed threshold and/or a reinsurer breaches (and fails to cure) its collateral posting obligations under the relevant agreement.

The following table shows amounts related to the QSR Transactions:

		As of and for the three months ended				
	M	larch 31, 2024	March 31, 2023			
		(In Thousands)				
Ceded risk-in-force	\$	12,669,207 \$	12,635,442			
Ceded premiums earned		(41,269)	(42,096)			
Ceded claims and claim expenses		659	1,965			
Ceding commission earned		10,292	9,965			
Profit commission		23,407	22,279			

Ceded premiums written under the 2016 QSR Transaction are recorded as prepaid reinsurance premiums in "Other Assets" on our consolidated balance sheets and amortized to ceded premiums earned in a manner consistent with the recognition of revenue on direct premiums. Under all other QSR Transactions, premiums are ceded on an earned basis as defined in the agreement. NMIC receives a 20% ceding commission for premiums ceded under the QSR Transactions, except with respect to the 2022 Seasoned QSR Transaction under which it receives a 35% ceding commission and the 2020 QSR Transaction under which it receives a 36% ceding commission. NMIC also receives a profit commission under each of the QSR Transactions, provided that the loss ratios on loans covered under the 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2022 Seasoned, 2023 and 2024 QSR Transactions, generally remain below 60%, 61%, 50%, 57.5%, 62%, and 56%, respectively, as measured annually. Ceded claims and claim expenses under each of the QSR Transactions reduce the respective profit commission received by NMIC on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

In accordance with the terms of the 2016 QSR Transaction, rather than making a cash payment or transferring investments for ceded premiums written, NMIC established a funds withheld liability, which also includes amounts due to NMIC for ceding and profit commissions. Any loss recoveries and any potential profit commission to NMIC are realized from this account until exhausted. NMIC's reinsurance recoverable balance is further supported by trust accounts established and maintained by each reinsurer in accordance with the PMIERs funding requirements for risk ceded to non-affiliates. The reinsurance recoverable on loss reserves related to the 2016 QSR Transaction was \$1.6 million and \$1.7 million as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

In accordance with the terms of the 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2022 Seasoned, 2023 and 2024 QSR Transactions, cash payments for ceded premiums earned are settled on a quarterly basis, offset by amounts due to NMIC for ceding and profit commissions. Any loss recoveries and any potential profit commission to NMIC are also recognized quarterly. NMIC's reinsurance recoverable balance is supported by trust accounts established and maintained by each reinsurer in accordance with the PMIERs funding requirements for risk ceded to non-affiliates. The aggregate reinsurance recoverable on loss reserves related to the 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2022 Seasoned, 2023, and 2024 QSR Transactions was \$26.3 million and \$25.8 million as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

We remain directly liable for all claim payments if we are unable to collect the recoverables due from our reinsurers and, as such, we actively monitor and manage our counterparty credit exposure to our reinsurance providers. We establish an allowance for expected credit loss against our reinsurance recoverable if we do not expect to recover amounts due from one or more of our reinsurance counterparties, and report our reinsurance recoverable net of such allowance, if any. We actively monitor the counterparty credit profiles of our reinsurers and each is required to partially collateralize its obligations under the terms of the QSR Transactions. The allowance for credit loss established against our reinsurance recoverable was deemed immaterial as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

6. Reserves for Insurance Claims and Claim Expenses

We hold gross reserves in an amount equal to the estimated liability for insurance claims and claim expenses related to defaults on insured mortgage loans. A loan is considered to be in "default" as of the payment date at which a borrower has missed the preceding two or more consecutive monthly payments. We establish reserves for loans that have been reported to us in default by servicers, referred to as case reserves, and additional loans that we estimate (based on actuarial review and other factors) to be in default that have not yet been reported to us by servicers, referred to as incurred but not reported (IBNR) reserves. We also establish reserves for claim expenses, which represent the estimated cost of the claim administration process, including legal and other fees, as well as other general expenses of administering the claim settlement process. As of March 31, 2024, we held gross reserves for insurance claims and claim expenses of \$127.2 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we paid 42 claims totaling \$1.1 million, including 41 claims covered under the QSR Transactions representing \$0.3 million of ceded claims and claim expenses.

We had 5,109 loans in default in our primary insured portfolio as of March 31, 2024, which represented a 0.80% default rate against 635,662 total policies in-force and 5,099 loans in default in our primary portfolio as of December 31, 2023, which represented a 0.81% default rate against 629,690 total policies in-force. The size of the reserve we establish for each defaulted loan (and by extension our aggregate reserve for claims and claim expenses) reflects our best estimate of the future claim payment to be made for each individual loan in default. Our future claims exposure is a function of the number of defaulted loans that progress to claim payment (which we refer to as frequency) and the amount to be paid to settle such claims (which we refer to as severity). Our estimates of claims frequency and severity are not formulaic, rather they are broadly synthesized based on historical observed experience for similarly situated loans and assumptions about future macroeconomic factors.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending gross reserve balances for primary insurance claims and claim expenses:

	For the three months ended March 31,			
	 2024		2023	
	 (In Thou	ısands)		
Beginning balance	\$ 123,974	\$	99,836	
Less reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾	(27,514)		(21,587)	
Beginning balance, net of reinsurance recoverables	96,460		78,249	
Add claims incurred:				
Claims and claim expenses incurred:				
Current year ⁽²⁾	32,976		27,608	
Prior years ⁽³⁾	(29,282)		(20,907)	
Total claims and claim expenses incurred	3,694		6,701	
Less claims paid:				
Claims and claim expenses paid:				
Current year ⁽²⁾				
Prior years ⁽³⁾	852		272	
Total claims and claim expenses paid	852		272	
Reserve at end of period, net of reinsurance recoverables	99,302		84,678	
Add reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾	 27,880		23,479	
Ending balance	\$ 127,182	\$	108,157	

(1) Related to ceded losses recoverable under the QSR Transactions. See Note 5, "Reinsurance" for additional information.

(2) Related to insured loans with their most recent defaults occurring in the current year. For example, if a loan defaulted in a prior year and subsequently cured and later re-defaulted in the current year, the default would be included in the current year. Amounts are presented net of reinsurance and included \$25.9 million attributed to net case reserves and \$6.6 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2023.

(3) Related to insured loans with defaults occurring in prior years, which have been continuously in default before the start of the current year. Amounts are presented net of reinsurance and included \$22.4 million attributed to net case reserves and \$6.3 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$16.2 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.5 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2023.

The "claims incurred" section of the table above shows claims and claim expenses incurred on defaults occurring in current and prior years, including IBNR reserves, and is presented net of reinsurance. The amount of claims incurred relating to current year defaults increased during the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to the same period in the prior year, primarily due to an increase in the total number of new delinquencies emerging during the period tied to the growth and natural seasoning of our portfolio, partially offset by a decrease in the average case reserve established against newly defaulted loans. Our provision for claims and claim expenses during both the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 benefited from favorable development on prior year defaults. We recognized \$29.3 million and \$20.9 million of favorable prior year development during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, primarily due to cure activity and ongoing analysis of recent loss development trends. We may increase or decrease our claim estimates and reserves as we learn additional information about individual defaulted loans, and continue to observe and analyze loss development trends in our portfolio. Gross reserves of \$85.1 million related to prior year defaults remained as of March 31, 2024.

7. Earnings per Share (EPS)

Basic EPS is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted EPS is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding and common stock equivalents that would be issuable upon the vesting of service-based and performance and service-based restricted stock units (RSUs), and the exercise of vested and unvested stock options.



The following table reconciles the net income and the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding used in the computations of basic and diluted EPS of common stock:

	For the three months ended March 31,				
		2024	2	023	
		ata)			
Net income – basic and diluted	\$	89,050	\$	74,458	
Basic weighted average shares outstanding		80,726		83,600	
Dilutive effect of issuable shares		1,373		1,240	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		82,099		84,840	
Earnings per share					
Basic	\$	1.10	\$	0.89	
Diluted	\$	1.08	\$	0.88	

8. Income Taxes

We are a U.S. taxpayer and are subject to a statutory U.S. federal corporate income tax rate of 21%. Taxable income is reported on our consolidated U.S. federal and various state income tax returns, filed by NMIH on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries. Our effective tax rate on our pre-tax income was 22.3% and 22.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Our provision for income taxes for interim reporting periods is established based on our estimated annual effective tax rate for a given year. Our effective tax rate may fluctuate between interim periods due to the impact of discrete items not included in our estimated annual effective tax rate, including the tax effects associated with the vesting of RSUs and exercise of options. Such items are treated on a discrete basis in the reporting period in which they occur.

As a mortgage guaranty insurance company, we are eligible to claim a tax deduction for our statutory contingency reserve balance, subject to certain limitations outlined under IRC Section 832(e), and only to the extent we acquire tax and loss bonds in an amount equal to the tax benefit derived from the claimed deduction, which is our intent. As a result, our interim provision for income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2024 primarily represents a change in our net deferred tax liability. As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, we held \$235.3 million of tax and loss bonds in *"Prepaid Federal Income Taxes"* on our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

9. Stockholders' Equity

On February 10, 2022, our Board of Directors authorized a \$125 million share repurchase program (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes) effective through December 31, 2023. On July 31, 2023, our Board of Directors authorized a new \$200 million share repurchase program (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes) effective through December 31, 2025. Concurrent with the new authorization, our Board of Directors also approved an extension of our existing \$125 million share repurchase program through December 31, 2025 to align its remaining tenor with that of the \$200 million program. The authorization provides us the flexibility, based on market and business conditions, stock price and other factors, to repurchase stock from time to time through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, or other means, including pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plans.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we repurchased 0.8 million shares at an average price of \$29.98 per share (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes). During the year ended December 31, 2023, we repurchased 3.5 million shares at an average price of \$25.93 per share (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes). As of March 31, 2024, we had \$151.8 million of repurchase authority remaining under our current program.

10. Litigation

We record a litigation liability when we determine that it is probable a litigation loss will be incurred and the amount of such anticipated loss can be reasonably estimated. In the event we determine that a litigation loss is reasonably possible (though not probable), we disclose an estimate of the possible loss if such estimate can be reasonably established or disclose the matter with no estimate if such estimate cannot be reasonably made. We evaluate litigation and other legal developments that could affect our accrual for probable losses or our estimated disclosure of possible losses and make ongoing adjustments to our accruals

and disclosures as appropriate. Significant judgment is required to determine both the likelihood and the estimated amount of potential losses related to such matters.

We are currently named as a defendant in a litigation proceeding pertaining to the refund of certain mortgage insurance premiums under the Homeowners Protection Act. The case was dismissed in September 2023 and is currently pending appeal. We do not currently expect that we will incur a material loss in connection with the case and have not recorded a litigation liability for this matter.

11. Premiums Receivable

Premiums receivable consists of premiums due on our mortgage insurance policies. If a mortgage insurance premium is unpaid for more than 120 days, the associated receivable is written off against earned premium and the related insurance policy is canceled. Premiums receivable may be written off prior to 120 days in the ordinary course of business for non-credit events including, but not limited to, the modification or refinancing of an underlying insured loan. We established a \$2.3 million and \$2.7 million reserve for premium write-offs at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

We separately recognize an allowance for credit losses for premiums receivable based on credit losses expected to arise over the life of the receivable. Due to the nature of our insurance policies (a necessary precondition for access to mortgage credit for covered borrowers) and the short duration of the related receivables, we do not typically experience credit losses against our premium receivables and the allowance for credit loss established on premium receivable was deemed immaterial at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

12. Regulatory Information

Statutory Requirements

Our insurance subsidiaries, NMIC and Re One, file financial statements in conformity with statutory accounting principles (SAP) prescribed or permitted by the Wisconsin OCI, NMIC's principal regulator. Prescribed SAP includes state laws, regulations and general administrative rules, as well as a variety of publications of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The Wisconsin OCI recognizes only statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the state of Wisconsin for determining and reporting the financial condition and results of operations of an insurance company and for determining its solvency under Wisconsin insurance laws.

NMIC and Re One generated combined statutory net income of \$34.7 million and \$21.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Wisconsin OCI has imposed a prescribed accounting practice for the treatment of statutory contingency reserves that differs from the treatment promulgated by the NAIC. Under Wisconsin OCI's prescribed practice mortgage guaranty insurers are required to reflect changes in their contingency reserves through statutory income. Such approach contrasts with the NAIC's treatment, which records changes to contingency reserves directly to unassigned funds. As a Wisconsin-domiciled insurer, NMIC's statutory net income reflects an expense associated with the change in its contingency reserve. While such treatment impacts NMIC's statutory net income, it does not have an effect on NMIC's statutory capital position.

The following table presents NMIC's statutory surplus, contingency reserve, statutory capital and risk-to-capital (RTC) ratio as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

	M	arch 31, 2024	December 31, 2023						
		(In Thousands)							
Statutory surplus	\$	992,923 \$	963,085						
Contingency reserve		1,654,279	1,573,360						
Statutory capital ⁽¹⁾	\$	2,647,202 \$	2,536,445						
Risk-to-capital		11.7:1	11.4:1						

(1) Represents the total of the statutory surplus and contingency reserve.

Re One had \$2.1 million and \$2.0 million of statutory capital at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

NMIH is not subject to any limitations on its ability to pay dividends except those generally applicable to corporations

that are incorporated in Delaware. Delaware law provides that dividends are only payable out of a corporation's capital surplus or, subject to certain limitations, recent net profits.

NMIC and Re One are subject to certain rules and regulations prescribed by jurisdictions in which they are authorized to operate and the GSEs that may restrict their ability to pay dividends to NMIH. NMIC has the capacity to pay \$96.3 million of aggregate ordinary dividends to NMIH during the twelvemonth period ending December 31, 2024.

13. Subsequent Events

On April 29, 2024, we entered into a new \$250 million five-year unsecured revolving credit facility (the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility) to replace, upon close, our existing 2021 (secured) Revolving Credit Facility. Borrowings under the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general corporate purposes, including to support growth, new business production and operations, and will accrue interest and carry undrawn commitment fees identical to those incurred under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility. Under the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility we will be subject to certain covenants, including a maximum debt-to-total capitalization ratio of 35%, compliance with the PMIERs financial requirements (subject to any GSE approved waivers), and a minimum consolidated net worth requirement (as defined therein). We will no longer be subject to a minimum statutory capital covenant. Closing of the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility is subject to the satisfaction of certain terms and conditions contained therein.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in this report and our audited financial statements, notes thereto and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our 2023 10-K, for a more complete understanding of our financial position and results of operations. In addition, investors should review the "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" above and the "Risk Factors" detailed in Part II, Item 1A of this report and in Part I, Item 1A of our 2023 10-K, as subsequently updated in other reports we file with the SEC, for a discussion of those risks and uncertainties that have the potential to affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects in a material and adverse manner. Our results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for a full fiscal year or for any other period.

Overview

We provide private MI through our primary insurance subsidiary, NMIC. NMIC is wholly-owned, domiciled in Wisconsin and principally regulated by the Wisconsin OCI. NMIC is approved as an MI provider by the GSEs and is licensed to write coverage in all 50 states and D.C. Our subsidiary, NMIS, provides outsourced loan review services to mortgage loan originators and our subsidiary, Re One, historically provided reinsurance coverage to NMIC in accordance with certain statutory risk retention requirements. Such requirements have been repealed and the reinsurance coverage provided by Re One to NMIC has been commuted. Re One remains a wholly-owned, licensed insurance subsidiary; however, it does not currently have active insurance exposures.

MI protects lenders and investors from default-related losses on a portion of the unpaid principal balance of a covered mortgage. MI plays a critical role in the U.S. housing market by mitigating mortgage credit risk and facilitating the secondary market sale of high- loan-to-value (LTV) (*i.e.*, above 80%) residential loans to the GSEs, who are otherwise restricted by their charters from purchasing or guaranteeing high-LTV mortgages that are not covered by certain credit protections. Such credit protection and secondary market sales allow lenders to increase their capacity for mortgage commitments and expand financing access to existing and prospective homeowners.

NMIH, a Delaware corporation, was incorporated in May 2011, and we began start-up operations in 2012 and wrote our first MI policy in 2013. Since formation, we have sought to establish customer relationships with a broad group of mortgage lenders and build a diversified, high-quality insured portfolio. As of March 31, 2024, we had issued master policies with 1,984 customers, including national and regional mortgage banks, money center banks, credit unions, community banks, builder-owned mortgage lenders, internet-sourced lenders and other non-bank lenders. As of March 31, 2024, we had \$199.4 billion of primary insurance-in-force (IIF) and \$52.6 billion of primary risk-in-force (RIF).

We believe that our success in acquiring a large and diverse group of lender customers and growing a portfolio of high-quality IIF traces to our founding principles, whereby we aim to help qualified individuals achieve their homeownership goals, ensure that we remain a strong and credible counterparty, deliver a high-quality customer service experience, establish a differentiated risk management approach that emphasizes the individual underwriting review or validation of the vast majority of the loans we insure, utilizing our proprietary Rate GPS[®] pricing platform to dynamically evaluate risk and price our policies, and foster a culture of collaboration and excellence that helps us attract and retain experienced industry leaders.

Our strategy is to continue to build on our position in the private MI market, expand our customer base and grow our insured portfolio of high-quality residential loans by focusing on long-term customer relationships, disciplined and proactive risk selection and pricing, fair and transparent claim payment practices, responsive customer service, and financial strength and profitability.

Our common stock trades on the Nasdaq under the symbol "NMIH." Our headquarters is located in Emeryville, California. As of March 31, 2024, we had 234 employees. Our corporate website is located at *www.nationalmi.com*. Our website and the information contained on or accessible through our website are not incorporated by reference into this report.

We discuss below our results of operations for the periods presented, as well as the conditions and trends that have impacted or are expected to impact our business, including new insurance writings, the composition of our insurance portfolio and other factors that we expect to impact our results.



Conditions and Trends Affecting Our Business

Macroeconomic Developments

Macroeconomic factors, including persistent inflation, elevated interest rates, flagging consumer confidence and increasing jobless claims could have a pronounced impact on the housing market, the mortgage insurance industry and our business in future periods. A marked decline in housing demand, a significant and protracted decrease in house prices or a sustained increase in unemployment could reduce the pace of new business activity in the private mortgage insurance market and negatively impact our future new insurance written (NIW) volume, or contribute to an increase in our future default and claim experience.

Key Factors Affecting Our Results

New Insurance Written, Insurance-In-Force and Risk-In-Force

NIW is the aggregate unpaid principal balance of mortgages underpinning new policies written during a given period. Our NIW is affected by the overall size of the mortgage origination market and the volume of high-LTV mortgage originations. Our NIW is also affected by the percentage of such high-LTV originations covered by private versus government MI or other alternative credit enhancement structures and our share of the private MI market. NIW, together with persistency, drives our IIF. IIF is the aggregate unpaid principal balance of the mortgages we insure, as reported to us by servicers at a given date, and represents the sum total of NIW from all prior periods less principal payments on insured mortgages and policy cancellations (including for prepayment, nonpayment of premiums, coverage rescission and claim payments). RIF is related to IIF and represents the aggregate amount of coverage we provide on all outstanding policies at a given date. RIF is calculated as the sum total of the coverage percentage of each individual policy in our portfolio applied to the unpaid principal balance of such insured mortgage. RIF is affected by IIF and the LTV profile of our insured mortgages, with lower LTV loans generally having a lower coverage percentage and higher LTV loans having a higher coverage percentage. Gross RIF represents RIF before consideration of reinsurance. Net RIF is gross RIF net of ceded reinsurance.

Net Premiums Written and Net Premiums Earned

We set our premium rates on individual policies based on the risk characteristics of the underlying mortgage loans and borrowers, and in accordance with our filed rates and applicable rating rules. On June 4, 2018, we introduced a proprietary risk-based pricing platform, which we refer to as Rate GPS[®]. Rate GPS[®] considers a broad range of individual variables, including property type, type of loan product, borrower credit characteristics, and lender and market factors, and provides us with the ability to set and charge premium rates commensurate with the underlying risk of each loan that we insure. We introduced Rate GPS[®] in June 2018 to replace our previous rate card pricing system. While most of our new business is priced through Rate GPS[®], we also continue to offer a rate card pricing option to a limited number of lender customers who require a rate card for operational reasons. We believe the introduction and utilization of Rate GPS[®] provides us with a more granular and analytical approach to evaluating and pricing risk, and that this approach enhances our ability to continue building a high-quality mortgage insurance portfolio and delivering attractive risk-adjusted returns.

Premiums are generally fixed for the duration of our coverage of the underlying loans. Net premiums written are equal to gross premiums written minus ceded premiums written under our reinsurance arrangements, less premium refunds and premium write-offs. As a result, net premiums written are generally influenced by:

- NIW;
- premium rates and the mix of premium payment type, which are either single, monthly or annual premiums, as described below;
- cancellation rates of our insurance policies, which are impacted by payments or prepayments on mortgages, refinancings (which are affected by
 prevailing mortgage interest rates as compared to interest rates on loans underpinning our in force policies), levels of claim payments and home
 prices; and
- cession of premiums under third-party reinsurance arrangements.

Premiums are paid either by the borrower (borrower-paid mortgage insurance or BPMI) or the lender (lender-paid mortgage insurance or LPMI) in a single payment at origination (single premium), on a monthly installment basis (monthly premium) or on an annual installment basis (annual premium). Our net premiums written will differ from our net premiums earned due to policy payment type. For single premiums, we receive a single premium payment at origination, which is earned over the estimated life of the policy. Substantially all of our single premium policies in force as of March 31, 2024 were non-

refundable under most cancellation scenarios. If non-refundable single premium policies are canceled, we immediately recognize the remaining unearned premium balances as earned premium revenue. Monthly premiums are recognized in the month billed and when the coverage is effective. Annual premiums are earned on a straight-line basis over the year of coverage. Substantially all of our policies provide for either single or monthly premiums.

The percentage of IIF that remains on our books after any twelve-month period is defined as our persistency rate. Because our insurance premiums are earned over the life of a policy, higher persistency rates can have a significant impact on our net premiums earned and profitability. Generally, faster speeds of mortgage prepayment lead to lower persistency. Prepayment speeds and the relative mix of business between single and monthly premium policies also impact our profitability. Our premium rates include certain assumptions regarding repayment or prepayment speeds of the mortgages underlying our policies. Because premiums are paid at origination on single premium policies and our single premium policies are generally non-refundable on cancellation, assuming all other factors remain constant, if single premium loans are prepaid earlier than expected, our profitability on these loans is likely to decrease. By contrast, if monthly premium loans are repaid earlier than anticipated, we do not earn any more premium with respect to those loans and, unless we replace the repaid monthly premium loan with a new loan at the same premium rate or higher, our revenue is likely to decline.

Effect of Reinsurance on Our Results

We utilize third-party reinsurance to actively manage our risk, ensure compliance with PMIERs, state regulatory and other applicable capital requirements, and support the growth of our business. We currently have both quota share and excess-of-loss reinsurance agreements in place, which impact our results of operations and regulatory capital and PMIERs asset positions. Under a quota share reinsurance agreement, the reinsurer receives a premium in exchange for covering an agreed-upon portion of incurred losses. Such a quota share arrangement reduces premiums written and earned and also reduces RIF, providing capital relief to the ceding insurance company and reducing incurred claims in accordance with the terms of the reinsurance agreement. In addition, reinsurers typically pay ceding commissions as part of quota share transactions, which offset the ceding company's acquisition and underwriting expenses. Certain quota share agreement, the ceding insurer is typically responsible for losses up to an agreed-upon threshold and the reinsurer then provides coverage in excess of such threshold up to a maximum agreed-upon limit. We expect to continue to evaluate reinsurance opportunities in the normal course of business.

Excess-of-Loss Reinsurance

Insurance-Linked Notes

NMIC is party to reinsurance agreements with the Oaktown Re Vehicles that provide it with aggregate excess-of-loss reinsurance coverage on defined portfolios of mortgage insurance policies. Under each agreement, NMIC retains a first layer of aggregate loss exposure on covered policies and the respective Oaktown Re Vehicle then provides second layer loss protection up to a defined reinsurance coverage amount. NMIC then retains losses in excess of the respective reinsurance coverage amounts.

The respective reinsurance coverage amounts provided by the Oaktown Re Vehicles decrease (over a ten-year period in the case of Oaktown Re III Ltd. and Oaktown Re V Ltd. and 12.5-year period in the case of Oaktown Re VI Ltd. and Oaktown Re VI Ltd.) as the underlying insured mortgages are amortized or repaid, and/or the mortgage insurance coverage is canceled. As the reinsurance coverage decreases, a prescribed amount of collateral held in trust by the Oaktown Re Vehicles is distributed to ILN Transaction noteholders as amortization of the outstanding insurance-linked note principal balances. The outstanding reinsurance coverage amounts stop amortizing, and the distribution of collateral assets to ILN Transaction noteholders and amortization of insurance-linked note principal is suspended if certain credit enhancement or delinquency thresholds, as defined in each agreement, are triggered (each, a Lock-Out Event). Effective March 31, 2024, a previously triggered Lock-Out Event for the 2019 ILN Transaction was deemed to have cleared and amortization of the associated reinsurance coverage, and distribution of collateral assets and amortization of the associated insurance-linked notes resumed.

NMIC holds optional termination rights under each ILN Transaction, including, among others, an optional call feature which provides NMIC the discretion to terminate the transaction on or after a prescribed date, and a clean-up call if the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount amortizes to 10% or less of the reinsurance coverage amount at inception or if NMIC reasonably determines that changes to GSE or rating agency asset requirements would cause a material and adverse effect on the capital treatment afforded to NMIC under a given agreement. In addition, there are certain events that trigger mandatory termination of an agreement, including NMIC's failure to pay premiums or consent to reductions in a trust account to make principal payments to noteholders, among others.

The following table presents the inception date, covered production period, initial and current reinsurance coverage amount, and initial and current first layer retained aggregate loss under each outstanding ILN Transaction. Current amounts are presented as of March 31, 2024.

(\$ values in thousands)	Inception Date	Covered Production	Initial Reinsurance Coverage		Reinsurance		Reinsurance		Reinsurance		Reinsurance		Reinsurance		Current einsurance Coverage	 nitial First ver Retained Loss	urrent First yer Retained Loss ⁽¹⁾
2019 ILN Transaction	July 30, 2019	6/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	\$	326,905	\$ 155,552	\$ 123,424	\$ 121,702										
2020-2 ILN Transaction	October 29, 2020	4/1/2020 - 9/30/2020 (2)		242,351	47,502	121,777	121,177										
2021-1 ILN Transaction	April 27, 2021	10/1/2020 - 3/31/2021 ⁽³⁾		367,238	199,639	163,708	163,394										
2021-2 ILN Transaction	October 26, 2021	$4/1/2021 - 9/30/2021 \ ^{(4)}$		363,596	293,619	146,229	145,715										

(1) NMIC applies claims paid on covered policies against its first layer aggregate retained loss exposure and cedes reserves for incurred claims and claim expenses to each applicable ILN Transaction and recognizes a reinsurance recoverable if such incurred claims and claim expenses exceed its current first layer retained loss.

(2) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2020-2 ILN Transaction has coverage reporting dates between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020.

(3) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2021-1 ILN Transaction has coverage reporting dates between July 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

(4) Approximately 2% of the production covered by the 2021-2 ILN Transaction has coverage reporting dates between July 1, 2019 and March 31, 2021.

Traditional Reinsurance

NMIC is party to six excess-of-loss reinsurance agreements with broad panels of third-party reinsurers – the 2022-1 XOL Transaction, effective April 1, 2022, the 2022-2 XOL Transaction, effective July 1, 2022, the 2022-3 XOL Transaction, effective October 1, 2022, the 2023-1 XOL Transaction, effective January 1, 2023, the 2023-2 XOL Transaction, effective July 1, 2023, and the 2024 XOL Transaction, effective January 1, 2024 – which we refer to collectively as the XOL Transactions. Each XOL Transaction provides NMIC with aggregate excess-of-loss reinsurance coverage on a defined portfolio of mortgage insurance policies. Under each agreement, NMIC retains a first layer of aggregate loss exposure on covered policies and the reinsurers then provide second layer loss protection up to a defined reinsurance coverage amount. The reinsurance coverage amount of each XOL Transaction is set to approximate the PMIERs minimum required assets of its reference pool and decreases from its peak over a ten-year period in the event the PMIERs minimum required assets of the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount.

NMIC holds optional termination rights which provide it the discretion to terminate each XOL Transaction on or after a specified date. NMIC may also elect to terminate the XOL Transactions at any point if the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount amortizes to 10% or less of the reinsurance coverage amount provided at inception, or if it determines that it will no longer be able to take full PMIERs asset credit for the coverage. Additionally, under the terms of the treaties, NMIC may selectively terminate its engagement with individual reinsurers under certain circumstances. Such selective termination rights arise when, among other reasons, a reinsurer experiences a deterioration in its capital position below a prescribed threshold, and/or a reinsurer breaches (and fails to cure) its collateral posting obligation.

Each of the third-party reinsurance providers that is party to the XOL Transactions has an insurer financial strength rating of A- or better by S&P, A.M. Best or both.

The following table presents the inception date, covered production period, initial and current reinsurance coverage amount, and initial and current first layer retained aggregate loss under each outstanding XOL Transaction. Current amounts are presented as of March 31, 2024.

(\$ values in thousands)	Inception Date	Covered Production	Initial Reinsurance Coverage		nsurance Reinsurance		Initial First Layer Retained Loss			urrent First yer Retained Loss ⁽¹⁾
2022-1 XOL Transaction	April 1, 2022	10/1/2021 - 3/31/2022 (2)	\$	289,741	\$	227,863	\$	133,366	\$	133,007
2022-2 XOL Transaction	July 1, 2022	4/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 ⁽³⁾		154,306		152,347		78,906		78,735
2022-3 XOL Transaction	October 1, 2022	7/1/2022 - 9/30/2022		96,779		96,197		106,265		106,023
2023-1 XOL Transaction	January 1, 2023	10/1/2022 - 6/30/2023		89,864		88,351		146,513		146,348
2023-2 XOL Transaction (4)	July 1, 2023	7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023		100,777		100,777		136,875		136,875
2024 XOL Transaction ⁽⁵⁾	January 1, 2024	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024		37,404		37,404		65,217		65,217



- (1) NMIC applies claims paid on covered policies against its first layer aggregate retained loss exposure and cedes reserves for incurred claims and claim expenses to each applicable XOL Transaction and recognizes a reinsurance recoverable if such incurred claims and claim expenses exceed its current first layer retained loss.
- 2) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2022-1 XOL Transaction has coverage reporting dates between October 21, 2019 and September 30, 2021.
- (3) Approximately 1% of the production covered by the 2022-2 XOL Transaction has coverage reporting dates between January 4, 2021 and March 31, 2022.
- (4) Effective January 1, 2024, the initial reinsurance coverage and initial first layer retained loss amounts increased due to revised contractual terms.
- (5) The initial reinsurance coverage, current reinsurance coverage, initial first layer retained loss and current first layer retained loss for the 2024 XOL Transaction will increase as incremental covered production is ceded under the transaction through December 31, 2024.

Quota Share Reinsurance

NMIC is party to eight quota share reinsurance treaties – the 2016 QSR Transaction, effective September 1, 2016 and as modified April 1, 2019, the 2018 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2018, the 2020 QSR Transaction, effective April 1, 2020 and as amended January 1, 2024, the 2021 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2021, the 2022 QSR Transaction, effective October 1, 2021, the 2022 Seasoned QSR Transaction, effective July 1, 2022, the 2023 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2023 and the 2024 QSR Transaction, effective January 1, 2024 — which we refer to collectively as the QSR Transactions. Under each of the QSR Transactions, NMIC cedes a proportional share of its risk on eligible policies to panels of third-party reinsurance providers that is party to the QSR Transactions has an insurer financial strength rating of A- or better by S&P, A.M. Best or both.

Under the terms of the 2016 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums written related to 20.5% of the risk on eligible primary policies written for all periods through December 31, 2017 in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 20% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 60% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims. NMIC previously ceded 100% of the risk under its pool agreement with Fannie Mae; however, such agreement expired on August 31, 2023 and NMIC no longer cedes pool risk under the 2016 QSR Transaction.

Under the terms of the 2018 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 25% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2018 and 20% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2019, in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 20% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 61% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.

Under the terms of the 2020 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 21% of the risk on eligible policies written between April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 36% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 50% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.

Under the terms of the 2021 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 22.5% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2021 (subject to an aggregate risk written limit which was exhausted on October 30, 2021), in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 20% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 57.5% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.

Under the terms of the 2022 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 20% of the risk on eligible policies written between October 30, 2021 and December 31, 2022, in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 20% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 62% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.

Under the terms of the 2022 Seasoned QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 95% of the net risk on eligible policies primarily for a seasoned pool of mortgage insurance policies that had previously been covered under the retired Oaktown Re Ltd. and Oaktown Re IV Ltd. reinsurance transactions, after the consideration of coverage provided by other QSR Transactions, in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 35% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 55% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.

Under the terms of the 2023 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 20% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2023, in exchange for reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 20% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 62% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.

Under the terms of the 2024 QSR Transaction, NMIC cedes premiums earned related to 20% of the risk on eligible policies written in 2024, in exchange or reimbursement of ceded claims and claim expenses on covered policies, a 20% ceding commission, and a profit commission of up to 56% that varies directly and inversely with ceded claims.



NMIC may terminate any or all of the QSR Transactions without penalty if, due to a change in PMIERs requirements, it is no longer able to take full PMIERs asset credit for the RIF ceded under the respective agreements. Additionally, under the terms of the QSR Transactions, NMIC may elect to selectively terminate its engagement with individual reinsurers on a run-off basis (*i.e.*, reinsurers continue providing coverage on all risk ceded prior to the termination date, with no new cessions going forward) or cut-off basis (*i.e.*, the reinsurance arrangement is completely terminated with NMIC recapturing all previously ceded risk) under certain circumstances. Such selective termination rights arise when, among other reasons, a reinsurer experiences a deterioration in its capital position below a prescribed threshold and/or a reinsurer breaches (and fails to cure) its collateral posting obligations under the relevant agreement.

See Item 1, "Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 5, Reinsurance" for further discussion of these third-party reinsurance arrangements.

Portfolio Data

The following table presents NIW and primary and pool IIF as of the dates and for the periods indicated. Unless otherwise noted, the tables below do not include the effects of our third-party reinsurance arrangements described above.

NIW and primary and pool IIF	As of and for the three months ended											
	 March	31, 2024		March 31, 2023								
	 NIW		IIF		NIW		IIF					
			(In M	(illions)								
Monthly	\$ 9,175	\$	180,343	\$	8,550	\$	166,924					
Single	223		19,030		184		19,800					
Primary	9,398		199,373		8,734		186,724					
Pool	_		_				1,025					
Total	\$ 9,398	\$	199,373	\$	8,734	\$	187,749					

NIW increased 8% to \$9.4 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to \$8.7 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2023, primarily due to the growth in our customer franchise and market presence tied to the increased penetration of existing customer accounts and new customer activations.

Primary IIF increased 7% at March 31, 2024 compared to March 31, 2023, primarily due to the NIW generated between such measurement dates, partially offset by the run-off of in-force policies. Our persistency rate improved to 85.8% at March 31, 2024 from 85.1% at March 31, 2023, and remains historically high due to a continued slowdown in the pace of mortgage refinancing activity tied to the prevailing interest and mortgage rate environment.

The following table presents net premiums written and earned for the periods indicated:

Primary premiums written and earned		For the three months ended March 31,				
		2024	2023			
	(In Thousands)					
Net premiums written	\$	130,245 \$	112,976			
Net premiums earned		136,657	121,754			

Net premiums written and earned increased 15% and 12%, respectively, during the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2023, primarily driven by growth in our monthly IIF and monthly pay premium receipts, as well as a decline in the total premiums ceded under our reinsurance treaties. The growth in net premiums earned was partially offset by a decline in the contribution from single premium policy cancellations.

Portfolio Statistics

Unless otherwise noted, the portfolio statistics tables presented below do not include the effects of our third-party reinsurance arrangements described above. The table below highlights trends in our primary portfolio as of the dates and for the periods indicated.

Primary portfolio trends	As of and for the three months ended									
	Μ	larch 31, 2024	Dee	cember 31, 2023	Sep	otember 30, 2023		June 30, 2023 March 31, 2023		
				(\$ Values	In Mi	illions, except as n	oted l	velow)		
New insurance written	\$	9,398	\$	8,927	\$	11,334	\$	11,478	\$	8,734
Percentage of monthly premium		98 %)	96 %		97 %		98 %		98 %
Percentage of single premium		2 %)	4 %		3 %		2 %		2 %
New risk written	\$	2,486	\$	2,354	\$	3,027	\$	3,022	\$	2,258
Insurance-in-force ⁽¹⁾	\$	199,373	\$	197,029	\$	194,781	\$	191,306	\$	186,724
Percentage of monthly premium		90 %)	90 % 90 %		90 %		90 %		89 %
Percentage of single premium		10 %)	10 %		10 %		10 %		11 %
Risk-in-force ⁽¹⁾	\$	52,610	\$	51,796	\$	51,011	\$	49,875	\$	48,494
Policies in force (count) ⁽¹⁾		635,662		629,690		622,993		611,441		600,294
Average loan size (\$ value in thousands) ⁽¹⁾	\$	314	\$	313	\$	313	\$	313	\$	311
Coverage percentage ⁽²⁾		26.4 %)	26.3 %		26.2 %		26.1 %		26.0 %
Loans in default (count) ⁽¹⁾		5,109		5,099		4,594		4,349		4,475
Default rate ⁽¹⁾		0.80 %)	0.81 %		0.74 %		0.71 %		0.75 %
Risk-in-force on defaulted loans (1)	\$	414	\$	408	\$	359	\$	335	\$	337
Average net premium yield ⁽³⁾		0.28 %)	0.27 %		0.27 %		0.27 %		0.26 %
Earnings from cancellations	\$	0.6	\$	1.0	\$	0.9	\$	1.1	\$	1.4
Annual persistency ⁽⁴⁾		85.8 %)	86.1 %		86.2 %		86.0 %		85.1 %
Quarterly run-off ⁽⁵⁾		3.6 %)	3.4 %		4.1 %		3.7 %		3.2 %

(1) Reported as of the end of the period.

(2) Calculated as end of period RIF divided by end of period IIF.

(3) Calculated as net premiums earned divided by average primary IIF for the period, annualized.

(4) Defined as the percentage of IIF that remains on our books after a given twelve-month period.

(5) Defined as the percentage of IIF that is no longer on our books after a given three-month period.

The table below presents a summary of the change in total primary IIF for the dates and periods indicated.

Primary IIF	As of and for the three months ended March 31				
		2024		2023	
	(In Millions)				
IIF, beginning of period	\$	197,029	\$	183,968	
NIW		9,398		8,734	
Cancellations, principal repayments and other reductions		(7,054)		(5,978)	
IIF, end of period	\$	199,373	\$	186,724	

We consider a "book" to be a collective pool of policies insured during a particular period, normally a calendar year. In general, the majority of underwriting profit, calculated as earned premium revenue minus claims and underwriting and operating expenses, generated by a particular book year emerges in the years immediately following origination. This pattern generally occurs because relatively few of the claims that a book will ultimately experience typically occur in the first few years following origination, when premium revenue is highest, while subsequent years are affected by declining premium revenues, as the number of insured loans decreases (primarily due to loan prepayments), and by increasing losses.

The table below presents a summary of our primary IIF and RIF by book year as of the dates indicated.

Primary IIF and RIF	As of March 31,								
		20)24			202	3		
		IIF		RIF		IIF		RIF	
Book year				(In M	illions)				
2024	\$	9,326	\$	2,466	\$		\$		
2023		37,676		9,924		8,674		2,243	
2022		51,809		13,759		55,664		14,730	
2021		59,306		15,569		70,771		18,195	
2020		25,939		6,871		32,679		8,403	
2019 and before		15,317		4,021		18,936		4,923	
Total	\$	199,373	\$	52,610	\$	186,724	\$	48,494	

We utilize certain risk principles that form the basis of how we underwrite and originate NIW. We have established prudential underwriting standards and loan-level eligibility matrices which prescribe the maximum LTV, minimum borrower FICO score, maximum borrower debt-to-income (DTI) ratio, maximum loan size, property type, loan type, loan term and occupancy status of loans that we will insure and memorialized these standards and eligibility matrices in our Underwriting Guideline Manual that is publicly available on our website. Our underwriting standards and eligibility criteria are designed to limit the layering of risk in a single insurance policy. "Layered risk" refers to the accumulation of borrower, loan and property risk. For example, we have higher credit score and lower maximum allowed LTV requirements for investor-owned properties, compared to owner-occupied properties. We monitor the concentrations of various risk attributes in our insurance portfolio, which may change over time, in part, as a result of regional conditions or public policy shifts.

The tables below present our primary NIW by FICO, LTV and purchase/refinance mix for the periods indicated. We calculate the LTV of a loan as the percentage of the original loan amount to the original purchase value of the property securing the loan.

Primary NIW by FICO	F	For the three months ended March 31,						
		2024	2023					
		(In Mil	lions)					
>= 760	\$	4,888	\$	5,251				
740-759		1,797		1,514				
720-739		1,220		1,107				
700-719		780		456				
680-699		530		342				
<=679		183		64				
Total	\$	9,398	\$	8,734				
Weighted average FICO		757		762				

Primary NIW by LTV	IW by LTV For the three months ended Mar					
		2024		2023		
		(In 1	Aillions)			
95.01% and above	\$	1,062	\$	358		
90.01% to 95.00%		4,414		4,085		
85.01% to 90.00%		2,931		3,234		
85.00% and below		991		1,057		
Total	\$	9,398	\$	8,734		
Weighted average LTV		92.3 %	,)	91.6 %		

Primary NIW by purchase/refinance mix	For the three months ended March 31,				
		2024	2023		
		(In Millions)			
Purchase	\$	9,157 \$	8,494		
Refinance		241	240		
Total	\$	9,398 \$	8,734		

The tables below present our total primary IIF and RIF by FICO and LTV, and total primary RIF by loan type as of the dates indicated.

Primary IIF by FICO	As of March 31,						
	2024			2023			
			(\$ Values In	n Millions)			
>= 760	\$	99,195	50 %	\$ 91,623	49 %		
740-759		35,416	18	33,156	18		
720-739		28,033	14	26,233	14		
700-719		18,904	9	18,203	10		
680-699		13,002	7	12,502	6		
<=679		4,823	2	5,007	3		
Total	\$	199,373	100 %	\$ 186,724	100 %		

Primary RIF by FICO	As of March 31,						
	2024			2023			
	(\$ Values In Millions)						
>= 760	\$	25,935	49 %	\$ 23,472	48 %		
740-759		9,392	18	8,692	18		
720-739		7,484	14	6,903	14		
700-719		5,089	10	4,847	10		
680-699		3,479	7	3,311	7		
<=679		1,231	2	1,269	3		
Total	\$	52,610	100 %	\$ 48,494	100 %		

Primary IIF by LTV	As of March 31,						
		2024		2023			
			(\$ Values In Million	s)			
95.01% and above	\$	20,277	10 % \$	17,583	9 %		
90.01% to 95.00%		97,028	49	89,125	48		
85.01% to 90.00%		61,169	31	56,425	30		
85.00% and below		20,899	10	23,591	13		
Total	\$	199,373	100 % \$	186,724	100 %		

Primary RIF by LTV	As of March 31,						
		2024		2023			
	(\$ Values In Millions)						
95.01% and above	\$	6,275	12 % \$	5,413	11 %		
90.01% to 95.00%		28,663	54	26,326	54		
85.01% to 90.00%		15,174	29	13,937	29		
85.00% and below		2,498	5	2,818	6		
Total	\$	52,610	100 % \$	48,494	100 %		

Primary RIF by Loan Type	As of March 31,			
	2024	2023		
Fixed	98 %	98 %		
Adjustable rate mortgages:				
Less than five years		_		
Five years and longer	2	2		
Total	100 %	100 %		

The table below presents selected primary portfolio statistics, by book year, as of March 31, 2024.

	As of March 31, 2024											
Book Year		Original nsurance Written		Remaining nsurance in Force	% Remaining of Original Insurance	Policies Ever in Force	Number of Policies in Force	Number of Loans in Default	# of Claims Paid	Incurred Loss Ratio (Inception to Date) ⁽¹⁾	Cumulative Default Rate ⁽²⁾	Current Default Rate ⁽³⁾
							(\$ Values In	n Millions)				
2015 and prior	\$	16,035	\$	1,063	7 %	67,989	6,088	101	200	2.7 %	0.4 %	1.7 %
2016		21,187		1,881	9 %	83,626	10,119	190	174	1.8 %	0.4 %	1.9 %
2017		21,582		2,350	11 %	85,897	13,036	293	160	2.2 %	0.5 %	2.2 %
2018		27,295		2,811	10 %	104,043	14,889	439	157	2.9 %	0.6 %	2.9 %
2019		45,141		7,212	16 %	148,423	31,251	491	67	2.1 %	0.4 %	1.6 %
2020		62,702		25,939	41 %	186,174	88,166	545	24	1.7 %	0.3 %	0.6 %
2021		85,574		59,306	69 %	257,972	191,719	1,436	34	4.2 %	0.6 %	0.7 %
2022		58,734		51,809	88 %	163,281	148,868	1,354	12	19.2 %	0.8 %	0.9 %
2023		40,473		37,676	93 %	111,994	106,285	260	1	10.8 %	0.2 %	0.2 %
2024		9,398		9,326	99 %	25,386	25,241			%	%	%
Total	\$	388,121	\$	199,373		1,234,785	635,662	5,109	829			

Calculated as total claims incurred (paid and reserved) divided by cumulative premiums earned, net of reinsurance.
 Calculated as the sum of the number of claims paid ever to date and number of loans in default divided by policies ever in force.
 Calculated as the number of loans in default divided by number of policies in force.

Geographic Dispersion

The following table shows the distribution by state of our primary RIF as of the dates indicated. The distribution of our primary RIF as of March 31, 2024 is not necessarily representative of the geographic distribution we expect in the future.

Top 10 primary RIF by state	As of March 31,			
-	2024	2023		
California	10.2 %	10.5 %		
Texas	8.8	8.8		
Florida	7.5	8.0		
Georgia	4.2	4.1		
Washington	3.9	4.0		
Illinois	3.9	3.9		
Virginia	3.9	4.1		
Pennsylvania	3.4	3.4		
Colorado	3.2	3.5		
Maryland	3.2	3.3		
Total	52.2 %	53.6 %		

Insurance Claims and Claim Expenses

Insurance claims and claim expenses incurred represent estimated future payments on newly defaulted insured loans and any change in our claim estimates for previously existing defaults. Claims incurred are generally affected by a variety of factors, including the macroeconomic environment, national and regional unemployment trends, changes in housing values, borrower risk characteristics, LTV ratios and other loan level risk attributes, the size and type of loans insured, the percentage of coverage on insured loans, and the level of reinsurance coverage maintained against insured exposures.

Reserves for claims and claim expenses are established for mortgage loans that are in default. A loan is considered to be in default as of the payment date at which a borrower has missed the preceding two or more consecutive monthly payments. We establish reserves for loans that have been reported to us in default by servicers, referred to as case reserves, and additional loans that we estimate (based on actuarial review and other factors) to be in default that have not yet been reported to us by servicers, referred to as IBNR. We also establish reserves for claim expenses, which represent the estimated cost of the claim administration process, including legal and other fees and other general expenses of administering the claim settlement process. Reserves are not established for future claims on insured loans which are not currently reported or which we estimate are not currently in default.

Reserves are established by estimating the number of loans in default that will result in a claim payment, which is referred to as claim frequency, and the amount of the claim payment expected to be paid on each such loan in default, which is referred to as claim severity. Claim frequency and severity estimates are established based on historical observed experience regarding certain loan factors, such as age of the default, cure rates, size of the loan and estimated change in property value. Reserves are released the month in which a loan in default is brought current by the borrower, which is referred to as a cure. Adjustments to reserve estimates are reflected in the period in which the adjustment is made. Reserves are also ceded to reinsurers under the QSR Transactions, ILN Transactions and XOL Transactions as applicable under each treaty. We have not yet ceded reserves under any of the ILN Transactions or XOL Transactions as incurred claims and claim expenses on each respective reference pool remain within our retained coverage layer for each transaction.

Our reserve setting process considers the beneficial impact of forbearance, foreclosure moratorium and other assistance programs that may be made available to certain defaulted borrowers. The effectiveness of forbearance and other such assistance programs can be further enhanced by the availability of various repayment and loan modification options which typically allow borrowers to amortize or, in certain instances, outright defer payments otherwise missed during a period of dislocation over an extended length of time. We generally observe that forbearance, repayment and modification, and other assistance programs are an effective tool to bridge dislocated borrowers from a time of acute stress to a future date when they can resume timely payment of their mortgage obligations, and note higher cure rates on defaults benefitting from broad-based assistance programs than would otherwise be expected on similarly situated loans that did not benefit from such programs. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, politicians, regulators, lenders, loan servicers and others offered extraordinary assistance to dislocated borrowers through, among other programs, the forbearance, foreclosure moratorium and other assistance programs codified under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The FHFA and GSEs offered further assistance by introducing new repayment and loan modification options to assist borrowers with their transition out of forbearance programs and default status.

The actual claims we incur as our portfolio matures are difficult to predict and depend on the specific characteristics of our current in-force book (including the credit score and DTI ratio of the borrower, the LTV ratio of the mortgage and geographic concentrations, among others), as well as the risk profile of new business we write in the future. In addition, claims experience will be affected by macroeconomic factors such as housing prices, interest rates, unemployment rates and other events, such as natural disasters or global pandemics, and any federal, state or local governmental response thereto.

Macroeconomic factors, including persistent inflation, elevated interest rates, flagging consumer confidence and increasing jobless claims could have a pronounced impact on the housing market, the mortgage insurance industry and our business in future periods. A marked decline in housing demand, a significant and protracted decrease in house prices, or a sustained increase in unemployment could contribute to an increase in our future default and claims experience.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending gross reserve balances for primary insurance claims and claim expenses:

	For the three months ended March 31,		
	 2024		2023
	 (In Tho	usands)	
Beginning balance	\$ 123,974	\$	99,836
Less reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾	(27,514)		(21,587)
Beginning balance, net of reinsurance recoverables	96,460		78,249
Add claims incurred:			
Claims and claim expenses incurred:			
Current year ⁽²⁾	32,976		27,608
Prior years ⁽³⁾	(29,282)		(20,907)
Total claims and claim expenses incurred	3,694		6,701
Less claims paid:			
Claims and claim expenses paid:			
Current year ⁽²⁾			
Prior years ⁽³⁾	852		272
Total claims and claim expenses paid	852		272
Reserve at end of period, net of reinsurance recoverables	99,302		84,678
Add reinsurance recoverables ⁽¹⁾	27,880		23,479
Ending balance	\$ 127,182	\$	108,157

(1) Related to ceded losses recoverable under the QSR Transactions. See Item 1, "Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 5, Reinsurance" for additional information.

(2) Related to insured loans with their most recent defaults occurring in the current year. For example, if a loan defaulted in a prior year and subsequently cured and later re-defaulted in the current year, the default would be included in the current year. Amounts are presented net of reinsurance and included \$25.9 million attributed to net case reserves and \$6.6 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$22.3 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.9 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

(3) Related to insured loans with defaults occurring in prior years, which have been continuously in default before the start of the current year. Amounts are presented net of reinsurance and included \$22.4 million attributed to net case reserves and \$6.3 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$16.2 million attributed to net case reserves and \$4.5 million attributed to net IBNR reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2023.

The "claims incurred" section of the table above shows claims and claim expenses incurred on defaults occurring in current and prior years, including IBNR reserves and is presented net of reinsurance. We may increase or decrease our claim estimates and reserves as we learn additional information about individual defaulted loans and continue to observe and analyze loss development trends in our portfolio. Gross reserves of \$85.1 million related to prior year defaults remained as of March 31, 2024.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending count of loans in default:

	For the three months en	ded March 31,
	2024	2023
Beginning default inventory	5,099	4,449
Plus: new defaults	1,876	1,558
Less: cures	(1,817)	(1,507)
Less: claims paid	(42)	(21)
Less: rescission and claims denied	(7)	(4)
Ending default inventory	5,109	4,475

Ending default inventory increased from March 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024, primarily due to the growth and natural seasoning of our insured portfolio, largely offset by cure activity within our default population during the intervening period.

The following table provides details of our claims paid, before giving effect to claims ceded under the QSR Transactions for the periods indicated:

	For the three months ended March 31,		
	 2024 2023		
	 (\$ Values In Thousands)		
Number of claims paid ⁽¹⁾	42		21
Total amount paid for claims	\$ 1,145	\$	344
Average amount paid per claim	\$ 27	\$	16
Severity ⁽²⁾	54 %	1	39 %

(1) Count includes 16 and seven claims settled without payment during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(2) Severity represents the total amount of claims paid including claim expenses divided by the related RIF on the loan at the time the claim is perfected, and is calculated including claims settled without payment.

We paid 42 and 21 claims during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The number of claims paid in each period was modest relative to the size of our insured portfolio and we generally observe that the borrowers of the loans we insure are well-situated with strong credit profiles, stable 30-year fixed rate mortgages, manageable debt service obligations and significant appreciated equity in their homes. An increase in the value of the homes collateralizing the mortgages we insure provides defaulted borrowers with alternative paths and incentives to cure their loan prior to the development of a claim.

Our claims severity for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 was 54% and 39%, respectively. Our claims severity for each period was below long-term industry norms and benefited from the same broad national house price appreciation that supported our claims paid experience. An increase in the value of the homes collateralizing the mortgages we insure provides additional equity support to our risk exposure and raises the prospect of a third-party sale of a foreclosed property, which can mitigate the severity of our settled claims.

The number of claims paid and our severity experience in future periods may be impacted by developing economic cycles and each could increase if house price declines serve to limit the alternative paths and incentives to cure delinquencies that are available to defaulted borrowers or erode the equity value of the homes collateralizing the mortgages we insure.

The following table provides detail on our average reserve per default, before giving effect to reserves ceded under the QSR Transactions, as of the dates indicated:

Average reserve per default:	As of March 31,				
	2024 2023			2023	
		(In Tho	usands)		
Case ⁽¹⁾	\$	22.9	\$		22.4
IBNR ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		2.0			1.8
Total	\$	24.9	\$		24.2

(1) Defined as the gross reserve per insured loan in default.

(2) Amount includes claims adjustment expenses.

Average reserve per default increased from March 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024, primarily due to changes in the composition of our default inventory as measured by the size, vintage and current estimated LTV of defaulted loans, as well as the proportion of such loans benefiting from a forbearance program granted in response to a financial hardship related to COVID-19. Average reserves per default were further impacted by changes in observed and forecasted housing market conditions and macroeconomic factors between the measurement dates.

GSE Oversight

As an *approved insurer*, NMIC is subject to ongoing compliance with the PMIERs established by each of the GSEs (*italicized* terms have the same meaning that such terms have in the PMIERs, as described below). The PMIERs establish operational, business, remedial and financial requirements applicable to *approved insurers*. The PMIERs financial requirements prescribe a risk-based methodology whereby the amount of assets required to be held against each insured loan is determined based on certain loan-level risk characteristics, such as FICO, vintage (year of origination), performing vs. non-performing (*i.e.*, current vs. delinquent), LTV ratio and other risk features. In general, higher quality loans carry lower asset charges.

Under the PMIERs, *approved insurers* must maintain *available assets* that equal or exceed *minimum required assets*, which is an amount equal to the greater of (i) \$400 million or (ii) a total *risk-based required asset* amount. The *risk-based required asset* amount is a function of the risk profile of an *approved insurer's* RIF, assessed on a loan-by-loan basis and considered against certain risk-based factors derived from tables set out in the PMIERs, which is then adjusted on an aggregate basis for reinsurance transactions approved by the GSEs, such as with respect to our ILN Transactions, XOL Transactions and QSR Transactions. The *aggregate gross risk-based required asset* amount for performing, primary insurance is subject to a floor of 5.6% of *performing primary adjusted RIF*.

By April 15th of each year, NMIC must certify it met all PMIERs requirements as of December 31st of the prior year. We certified to the GSEs by April 15, 2024 that NMIC was in full compliance with the PMIERs as of December 31, 2023. NMIC also has an ongoing obligation to immediately notify the GSEs in writing upon discovery of a failure to meet one or more of the PMIERs requirements. We continuously monitor NMIC's compliance with the PMIERs.

The following table provides a comparison of the PMIERs *available assets* and net *risk-based required asset* amount as reported by NMIC as of the dates indicated:

	As of March 31,		
	 2024 2023		
	 (In Thousands)	
Available assets	\$ 2,821,803 \$	2,480,882	
Net risk-based required assets	1,561,655	1,231,780	

Available assets were \$2.8 billion at March 31, 2024, compared to \$2.5 billion at March 31, 2023. The \$341 million increase in *available assets* between the dates presented was primarily driven by NMIC's positive cash flow from operations during the intervening period, partially offset by the payment of an ordinary course dividend from NMIC to NMIH in May 2023.

Net *risk-based required assets* were \$1.6 billion at March 31, 2024, compared to \$1.2 billion at March 31, 2023. The \$330 million increase in the *risk-based required asset* amount between the dates presented was primarily due to the growth in our

gross RIF and aggregate gross *risk-based required asset* amount. Net *risk-based required assets* reflect \$1.8 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively, of aggregate PMIERs risk-based required asset credit for reinsurance as of March 31, 2024 and 2023.

Consolidated Results of Operations

Consolidated statements of operations	For the	For the three months ended March 31,			
	2024		2023		
Revenues	(\$ In The	ousands, except for per	share data)		
Net premiums earned	\$ 1.	36,657 \$	121,754		
Net investment income		19,436	14,894		
Net realized investment losses		_	(33)		
Other revenues		160	164		
Total revenues		56,253	136,779		
Expenses					
Insurance claims and claim expenses		3,694	6,701		
Underwriting and operating expenses		29,815	25,786		
Service expenses		137	80		
Interest expense		8,040	8,039		
Total expenses		41,686	40,606		
Income before income taxes	1	14,567	96,173		
Income tax expense		25,517	21,715		
Net income		89,050 \$	74,458		
Earnings per share - Basic	\$	1.10 \$	0.89		
Earnings per share - Diluted	\$	1.08 \$	0.88		
Loss ratio ⁽¹⁾		2.7 %	5.5 %		
Expense ratio ⁽²⁾		21.8 %	21.2 %		
Combined ratio		24.5 %	26.7 %		

	For the three months ended March 31,			
Non-GAAP financial measures ⁽³⁾	 2024	2023		
	 (\$ In Thousands, exce	ept for per share data)		
Adjusted income before tax	\$ 114,567	\$ 96,20		
Adjusted net income	89,050	74,48		
Adjusted diluted EPS	1.08	0.8		

(1) Loss ratio is calculated by dividing insurance claims and claim expenses by net premiums earned.

(2) Expense ratio is calculated by dividing underwriting and operating expenses by net premiums earned.

(3) See "Explanation and Reconciliation of Our Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures," below.

Revenues

Net premiums earned were \$136.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$121.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The increase in net premiums earned was primarily driven by growth in our monthly IIF and monthly pay premium receipts, as well as a decline in the total premiums ceded under our reinsurance treaties, partially offset by a decline in the contribution from single premium policy cancellations.

Net investment income was \$19.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$14.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The increase in net investment income was primarily driven by an increase in the book yield of our investment portfolio tied to the deployment of new cash flows and reinvestment of rolling maturities at incrementally higher rates, as well as growth in the size of our total invested asset base.

Other revenues were \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023. Other revenues represent underwriting fee revenue generated by our subsidiary, NMIS, which provides outsourced loan review services to mortgage loan originators. Changes in other revenues primarily reflect changes in NMIS' outsourced loan review volume. Amounts recognized in other revenues generally correspond with amounts incurred as service expenses for outsourced loan review activities in the same periods.

Expenses

We recognize insurance claims and claim expenses in connection with the loss experience of our insured portfolio and incur other underwriting and operating expenses, including employee compensation and benefits, policy acquisition costs, and technology, professional services and facilities expenses, in connection with the development and operation of our business. We also incur service expenses in connection with NMIS' outsourced loan review activities.

Insurance claims and claim expenses were \$3.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$6.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The decrease in insurance claims and claim expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2024 was primarily driven by the release of a portion of the reserves we established for anticipated claims payments in prior periods (in connection with cure activity and ongoing analysis of loss development trends), partially offset by the establishment of initial reserves on newly defaulted loans during the period, as well as an increase in the average case reserve held against previously defaulted loans that aged in their delinquent status.

Underwriting and operating expenses were \$29.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$25.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The increase in underwriting and operating expenses primarily reflects an increase in employee compensation costs and the adjustments to the amortization of certain deferred policy acquisition costs.

Service expenses were \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023. Service expenses represent third-party costs incurred by NMIS in connection with the services it provides. Changes in service expenses primarily reflect changes in NMIS' outsourced loan review volume. Amounts incurred as service expenses generally correspond with amounts recognized in other revenues in the same periods.

Interest expense was \$8.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023. Interest expense primarily reflects the carrying costs of the Notes. See Item 1, "Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 4, Debt."

Income tax expense was \$25.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$21.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The increase in income tax expense was primarily driven by growth in our pre-tax income. Our effective tax rate on pre-tax income was 22.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to 22.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2023. As a U.S. taxpayer, we are subject to a statutory U.S. federal corporate income tax rate of 21%. Our provision for income taxes for interim periods is established based on our estimated annual effective tax rate for a given year and reflects the impact of discrete tax effects in the period in which they occur. Our effective tax rates for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 reflect the discrete tax effects of the vesting of RSUs and exercise of options. See Item 1, *"Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 8, Income Taxes."*

Net Income

Net income and adjusted net income were \$89.0 million each for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$74.5 million each for the three months ended March 31, 2023. The increases in net income and adjusted net income were primarily driven by growth in our total revenues, as well as a decline in our insurance claims and claim expenses, partially offset by increases in our underwriting and operating expenses and income tax expense.

Diluted EPS and adjusted diluted EPS were \$1.08 each for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$0.88 each for the three months ended March 31, 2023. Diluted and adjusted diluted EPS increased primarily due to growth in our net income and adjusted net income, as well as a decline in the number of weighted average diluted shares outstanding tied to share repurchase activity.

The non-GAAP financial measures of adjusted income before tax, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS are presented to enhance the comparability of financial results between periods.



Non-GAAP Financial Measure Reconciliations		For the three months ended March 31,20242023		
As reported		(\$ In Thousands, exc	ept for per sha	ure data)
Income before income taxes	\$	114,567	\$	96,173
Income tax expense		25,517		21,715
Net income	\$	89,050	\$	74,458

Adjustments		
Net realized investment losses	—	33
Adjusted income before tax	\$ 114,567 \$	96,206
Income tax expense on adjustments ⁽¹⁾	—	7
Adjusted net income	\$ 89,050 \$	74,484
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	82,099	84,840
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$ 1.08 \$	0.88

Marginal tax impact of non-GAAP adjustments is calculated based on our statutory U.S. federal corporate income tax rate of 21%, except for those items that are not eligible for an income tax deduction.

Explanation and Reconciliation of Our Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We believe the use of the non-GAAP measures of adjusted income before tax, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS enhances the comparability of our fundamental financial performance between periods, and provides relevant information to investors. These non-GAAP financial measures align with the way the company's business performance is evaluated by management. These measures are not prepared in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as alternatives to GAAP measures of performance. These measures have been presented to increase transparency and enhance the comparability of our fundamental operating trends across periods. Other companies may calculate these measures differently; their measures may not be comparable to those we calculate and present.

Adjusted income before tax is defined as GAAP income before tax, excluding the pre-tax effects of net realized gains or losses from our investment portfolio, periodic costs incurred in connection with capital markets transactions, and other infrequent, unusual or non-operating items in the periods in which such items are incurred.

Adjusted net income is defined as GAAP net income, excluding the after-tax effects of net realized gains or losses from our investment portfolio, periodic costs incurred in connection with capital markets transactions, and other infrequent, unusual or non-operating items in the periods in which such items are incurred. Adjustments to components of pre-tax income are tax effected using the applicable federal statutory tax rate for the respective periods.

Adjusted diluted EPS is defined as adjusted net income divided by adjusted weighted average diluted shares outstanding. Adjusted weighted average diluted shares outstanding is defined as weighted average diluted shares outstanding, adjusted for changes in the dilutive effect of non-vested shares that would otherwise have occurred had GAAP net income been calculated in accordance with adjusted net income. There will be no adjustment to weighted average diluted shares outstanding in the years that non-vested shares are anti-dilutive under GAAP.

Although adjusted income before tax, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted EPS exclude certain items that have occurred in the past and are expected to occur in the future, the excluded items: (1) are not viewed as part of the operating performance of our primary activities; or (2) are impacted by market, economic or regulatory factors and are not necessarily indicative of operating trends, or both. These adjustments, and the reasons for their treatment, are described below.

- Net realized investment gains and losses. The recognition of the net realized investment gains or losses can vary significantly across periods as the timing is highly discretionary and is influenced by factors such as market opportunities, tax and capital profile, and overall market cycles that do not reflect our current period operating results.
- Capital markets transaction costs. Capital markets transaction costs result from activities that are undertaken to improve our debt profile or enhance
 our capital position through activities such as debt refinancing and capital markets



reinsurance transactions that may vary in their size and timing due to factors such as market opportunities, tax and capital profile, and overall market cycles.

Other infrequent, unusual or non-operating items. Items that are the result of unforeseen or uncommon events, and are not expected to recur with frequency in the future. Identification and exclusion of these items provides clarity about the impact special or rare occurrences may have on our current financial performance. Past adjustments under this category include infrequent, unusual or non-operating adjustments related to severance, restricted stock modification and other expenses incurred in connection with the CEO transition announced in September 2021 and the effects of the release of the valuation allowance recorded against our net federal and certain state net deferred tax assets in 2016 and the re-measurement of our net deferred tax assets in connection with tax reform in 2017. We believe such items are infrequent or non-recurring in nature, and are not indicative of the performance of, or ongoing trends in, our primary operating activities or business.

Consolidated balance sheets	March 31, 2024 December 31, 2023		ecember 31, 2023	
	(In Thousands))
Total investment portfolio	\$	2,393,525	\$	2,371,021
Cash and cash equivalents		139,726		96,689
Premiums receivable		75,362		76,456
Deferred policy acquisition costs, net		62,801		62,905
Software and equipment, net		30,308		30,252
Reinsurance recoverable		27,880		27,514
Prepaid federal income taxes		235,286		235,286
Other assets		41,224		40,384
Total assets	\$	3,006,112	\$	2,940,507
Debt	\$	398,001	\$	397,595
Unearned premiums		85,784		92,295
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		81,831		86,189
Reserve for insurance claims and claim expenses		127,182		123,974
Deferred tax liability, net		322,651		301,573
Other liabilities ⁽¹⁾		12,282		12,877
Total liabilities		1,027,731		1,014,503
Total shareholders' equity		1,978,381		1,926,004
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	3,006,112	\$	2,940,507

(1) "Reinsurance funds withheld" has been reclassified as "Other liabilities" in the prior period.

Total cash and investments were \$2.5 billion as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. Cash and investments at March 31, 2024 included \$91.9 million held by NMIH. The increase in total cash and investments reflects the addition of incremental cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by share repurchase activity and an increase in the unrealized loss position of our fixed income portfolio primarily tied to changes in interest rates during the three months ended March 31, 2024.

Premiums receivable was \$75.4 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$76.5 million as of December 31, 2023. The decrease was primarily driven by the settlement of previously outstanding receivables, partially offset by the growth of our monthly premium policies in force, where premiums are generally paid one month in arrears.

Net deferred policy acquisition costs were \$62.8 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$62.9 million as of December 31, 2023. The decrease was primarily driven by the recognition of previously deferred policy acquisition costs between the respective balance sheet dates, and was partially offset by the deferral of certain costs associated with the origination of new policies.

Reinsurance recoverable was \$27.9 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$27.5 million as of December 31, 2023. The increase was driven by an increase in ceded losses recoverable under our QSR Transactions.

Prepaid federal income taxes were \$235.3 million as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. Prepaid federal income taxes represent tax and loss bonds purchased in connection with our claimed tax deduction for our statutory contingency reserve position. See Item 1, "Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 8, Income Taxes."

Other assets were \$41.2 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$40.4 million as of December 31, 2023. The increase was primarily driven by an increase in prepaid expenses, partially offset by a reduction in our right-of-use assets tied to the amortization of the operating lease for our corporate headquarters.

Unearned premiums were \$85.8 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$92.3 million as of December 31, 2023. The decrease was driven by the amortization of existing unearned premiums through earnings in accordance with the expiration of risk on related single premium policies and the cancellations of other single premium policies, partially offset by single premium policy originations during the three months ended March 31, 2024.

Accounts payable and accrued expenses were \$81.8 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$86.2 million as of December 31, 2023. The decrease was primarily driven by the settlement of previously accrued compensation expenses and premium taxes payable, partially offset by an increase in accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes which is payable semi-annually in June and December.

Reserve for insurance claims and claim expenses was \$127.2 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$124.0 million as of December 31, 2023. The increase was primarily driven by the establishment of initial reserves on newly defaulted loans during the three months ended March 31, 2024, as well as an increase in the average case reserve held against previously defaulted loans that aged in their delinquent status. The increase in the reserves for insurance claims and claim expenses was partially offset by the release of a portion of the reserves we established for anticipated claims payments in prior periods (in connection with cure activity and ongoing analysis of recent loss development trends), as well as the payment of previously reserved claims during the period. See "*Insurance Claims and Claim Expenses*," above for further details.

Net deferred tax liability was \$322.7 million as of March 31, 2024, compared to \$301.6 million as of December 31, 2023. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the claimed deductibility of our statutory contingency reserve, partially offset by the increase in unrealized losses recorded in other comprehensive income. For further information regarding income taxes and their impact on our results of operations and financial position, see Item 1, *"Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 8, Income Taxes."*

The following table summarizes our consolidated cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities:

Consolidated cash flows	For the three months ended March 31,		
	 2024 2023		
Net cash provided by (used in):	 (In Thor	usands)	
Operating activities	\$ 111,574	\$	89,835
Investing activities	(37,752)		(33,751)
Financing activities	(30,785)		(17,406)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,037	\$	38,678

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$111.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$89.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. Cash provided by operating activities increased during the three months ended March 31, 2024, primarily due to an increase in our net premium receipts, growth in our investment income and a reduction in technology service costs paid under our long-term IT services agreement with TCS, partially offset by an increase in short-term employee incentive payments, premium taxes paid and net claim settlement costs.

Cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 reflects the purchase of fixed and short-term maturities with cash provided by operating activities, and the reinvestment of coupon payments, maturities and sale proceeds within our investment portfolio.

Cash used in financing activities was \$30.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$17.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023. Cash used in financing activities primarily relates to the repurchase of common stock and taxes paid on the net share settlement of equity awards for certain employees.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

NMIH serves as the holding company for our insurance subsidiaries and does not have any significant operations of its own. NMIH's principal liquidity demands include funds for (i) payment of certain corporate expenses; (ii) payment of certain reimbursable expenses of its insurance subsidiaries; (iii) payment of the interest related to the Notes and 2021 Revolving Credit Facility; (iv) tax payments to the Internal Revenue Service; (v) capital support for its subsidiaries; (vi) repurchase of its common stock; and (vii) payment of dividends, if any, on its common stock. NMIH is not subject to any limitations on its ability to pay dividends except those generally applicable to corporations that are incorporated in Delaware. Delaware law provides that dividends are only payable out of a corporation's surplus or recent net profits (subject to certain limitations).

As of March 31, 2024, NMIH had \$91.9 million of cash and investments. NMIH's principal sources of net cash are dividends from its subsidiaries and investment income. NMIC has the capacity to pay \$96.3 million of aggregate ordinary dividends to NMIH during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024. NMIH also has access to \$250 million of undrawn revolving credit capacity under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility. See Item 1, *"Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 4, Debt."*

On February 10, 2022, our Board of Directors authorized a \$125 million share repurchase program (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes) effective through December 31, 2023. On July 31, 2023, our Board of Directors authorized a new \$200 million share repurchase program (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes) effective through December 31, 2025. Concurrent with the new authorization, our Board of Directors also approved an extension of our existing \$125 million share repurchase program through December 31, 2025 to align its remaining tenor with that of the new \$200 million program. The authorization provides NMIH the flexibility, based on market and business conditions, stock price and other factors, to repurchase stock from time to time through open market repurchases, privately negotiated transactions, or other means, including pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plans.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, NMIH repurchased 0.8 million shares of common stock at a total cost of \$25.3 million, including associated costs and applicable taxes. As of March 31, 2024, NMIH had \$151.8 million of repurchase authority remaining.

NMIH has entered into tax and expense-sharing agreements with its subsidiaries which have been approved by the Wisconsin OCI, with such approvals subject to change or revocation at any time. Among such agreements, the Wisconsin OCI has approved the allocation of interest expense on the Notes and the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility to NMIC to the extent proceeds from such offering and facility are distributed to NMIC or used to repay, redeem or otherwise defease amounts raised by NMIC under prior credit arrangements that have previously been distributed to NMIC.

The Notes mature on June 1, 2025 and bear interest at a rate of 7.375%, payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1. The 2021 Revolving Credit Facility matures on the earlier of (x) November 29, 2025 or (y) if any existing senior secured notes remain outstanding on such date, February 28, 2025, and accrues interest at a variable rate equal to, at our discretion, (i) a Base Rate (as defined in the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility, subject to a floor of 1.00% per annum) plus a margin of 0.375% to 1.875% per annum, or (ii) the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate (as defined in the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility) plus a margin of 1.375% to 2.875% per annum, with the margin in each of (i) or (ii) based on our applicable corporate credit rating at the time. Borrowings under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general corporate purposes, including to support the growth of our new business production and operations.

Under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility, NMIH is required to pay a quarterly commitment fee on the average daily undrawn amount of 0.175% to 0.525%, based on the applicable corporate credit rating at the time. As of March 31, 2024, the applicable commitment fee was 0.225%.

We are subject to certain covenants under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility, including: a maximum debt-to-total capitalization ratio of 35%, a requirement to maintain compliance with the PMIERs financial requirements (subject to any GSE approved waivers), and minimum consolidated net worth and statutory capital requirements (respectively, as defined therein). We were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2024.

NMIC and Re One are subject to certain capital and dividend rules and regulations prescribed by jurisdictions in which they are authorized to operate and by the GSEs. Under Wisconsin law, NMIC and Re One may pay dividends up to specified levels (*i.e.*, "ordinary" dividends) with 30 days' prior notice to the Wisconsin OCI. Dividends in larger amounts, or "extraordinary" dividends, are subject to the Wisconsin OCI's prior approval. Under Wisconsin insurance laws, an extraordinary dividend is defined as any payment or distribution that, together with other dividends and distributions made within the preceding twelve months, exceeds the lesser of (i) 10% of the insurer's statutory policyholders' surplus as of the preceding December 31 or (ii) adjusted statutory net income for the twelve-month period ending the preceding December 31. NMIC has the capacity to pay

\$96.3 million of aggregate ordinary dividends to NMIH during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2024.

As an *approved insurer* under PMIERs, NMIC would generally be subject to additional restrictions on its ability to pay dividends to NMIH if it failed to meet the financial requirements prescribed by PMIERs. Approved insurers that fail to meet the prescribed PMIERs financial requirements are not permitted to pay dividends without prior approval from the GSEs.

NMIH may require liquidity to fund the capital needs of its insurance subsidiaries. NMIC's capital needs depend on many factors including its ability to successfully write new business, establish premium rates at levels sufficient to cover claims and operating costs, access the reinsurance markets and meet *minimum required asset* thresholds under the PMIERs and minimum state capital requirements (respectively, as defined therein).

As an approved mortgage insurer and Wisconsin-domiciled carrier, NMIC is required to satisfy financial and/or capitalization requirements stipulated by each of the GSEs and the Wisconsin OCI. The financial requirements stipulated by the GSEs are outlined in the PMIERs. Under the PMIERs, NMIC must maintain available assets that are equal to or exceed a minimum *risk-based required asset* amount, subject to a minimum floor of \$400 million. At March 31, 2024, NMIC reported \$2,822 million *available assets* against \$1,562 million net *risk-based required assets* for a \$1,260 million "excess" funding position.

The *risk-based required asset* amount under PMIERs is determined at an individual policy-level based on the risk characteristics of each insured loan. Loans with higher risk factors, such as higher LTVs or lower borrower FICO scores, are assessed a higher charge. Non-performing loans that have missed two or more payments are generally assessed a significantly higher charge than performing loans, regardless of the underlying borrower or loan risk profile; however, special consideration is given under PMIERs to loans that are delinquent on homes located in an area declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be a Major Disaster zone eligible for Individual Assistance. In June 2020, the GSEs issued guidance (which was subsequently amended and restated) on the risk-based treatment of loans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the guidance, non-performing loans that are subject to a forbearance program granted in response to a financial hardship related to COVID-19 will benefit from a 70% *risk-based required asset* haircut for the duration of the forbearance period and subsequent repayment plan or trial modification period.

NMIC's PMIERs minimum *risk-based required asset* amount is also adjusted for its reinsurance transactions (as approved by the GSEs). Under NMIC's quota share reinsurance treaties, it receives credit for the PMIERs *risk-based required asset* amount on ceded RIF. As its gross PMIERs *risk-based required asset* amount on ceded RIF increases, the PMIERs credit for ceded RIF automatically increases as well (in an unlimited amount). Under NMIC's ILN and XOL Transactions, it generally receives credit for the PMIERs *risk-based required asset* amount on ceded RIF to the extent such requirement is within the subordinated coverage (excess of loss detachment threshold) afforded by the transaction.

NMIC is also subject to state regulatory minimum capital requirements based on its RIF. Formulations of this minimum capital vary by state, however, the most common measure allows for a maximum ratio of RIF to statutory capital (commonly referred to as RTC) of 25:1. The RTC calculation does not assess a different charge or impose a different threshold RTC limit based on the underlying risk characteristics of the insured portfolio. Non-performing loans are treated the same as performing loans under the RTC framework. As such, the PMIERs generally imposes a stricter financial requirement than the state RTC standard.

As of March 31, 2024, NMIC had a RTC ratio of 11.7:1 with \$31.1 billion of performing primary RIF, net of reinsurance, and \$2.6 billion of total statutory capital, including contingency reserves. Re One has no risk in force remaining and no longer reports a RTC ratio.

NMIC's principal sources of liquidity include (i) premium receipts on its insured portfolio and new business production, (ii) interest income on its investment portfolio and principal repayments on maturities therein, and (iii) existing cash and cash equivalent holdings. At March 31, 2024, NMIC had \$2.4 billion of cash and investments, including \$76.9 million of cash and cash equivalents. NMIC's principal liquidity demands include funds for the payment of (i) reimbursable holding company expenses, (ii) premiums ceded under our reinsurance transactions (iii) claims payments, and (iv) taxes as due or otherwise deferred through the purchase of tax and loss bonds. NMIC's cash inflow is generally significantly in excess of its cash outflow in any given period. During the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2024, NMIC generated \$340 million of cash flow from operations and received an additional \$240 million of cash flow on the maturity, sale and redemption of securities held in its investment portfolio. NMIC is not a party to any contracts (derivative or otherwise) that require it to post an increasing amount of collateral to any counterparty and NMIC's principal liquidity demands (other than claims payments) generally develop along a scheduled path (*i.e.*, are of a contractually predetermined amount and due at a contractually predetermined date). NMIC's only use of cash that develops along an unscheduled path is claims payments. Given the relatively small size of our current population of defaulted policies, the generally extended duration of the default-to-foreclosure-to-claim cycle, and the potential availability of forbearance,

foreclosure moratorium and other borrower assistance programs (which were broadly applied in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and serve to further extend the default-to-foreclosure-to-claim cycle timeline), we do not expect NMIC to use a meaningful amount of cash to settle claims in the near-term.

Debt and Financial Strength Ratings

NMIC's financial strength is rated "A-" by Fitch Ratings (Fitch), "A3" by Moody's and "BBB+" by S&P. NMIH's Notes are rated "BBB+" by Fitch and "Baa3" by Moody's, and its long-term counter-party credit profile is "BB+" by S&P. The outlook for all ratings provided by Fitch, Moody's and S&P is stable.

Consolidated Investment Portfolio

The primary objectives of our investment activity are to generate investment income and preserve capital, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to cover our operating needs. We aim to achieve diversification by type, quality, maturity, and industry. We have adopted an investment policy that defines, among other things, eligible and ineligible investments; concentration limits for asset types, industry sectors, single issuers, and certain credit ratings; and benchmarks for asset duration.

Our investment portfolio is comprised entirely of fixed maturity instruments. As of March 31, 2024, the fair value of our investment portfolio was \$2.4 billion and we held an additional \$139.7 million of cash and cash equivalents. Pre-tax book yield on the investment portfolio for the three months ended March 31, 2024 was 2.9%. Book yield is calculated as period-to-date net investment income divided by the average amortized cost of the investment portfolio. The yield on our investment portfolio is likely to change over time based on movements in interest rates, credit spreads, the duration or mix of our holdings and other factors.

The following tables present a breakdown of our investment portfolio and cash and cash equivalents by investment type and credit rating:

Percentage of portfolio's fair value	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Corporate debt securities	60 %	61 %
Municipal debt securities	25	25
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government agencies	7	7
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	6	5
Asset-backed securities	2	2
Total	100 %	100 %
Investment portfolio ratings at fair value ⁽¹⁾	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
AAA ⁽²⁾	6 %	9 %
AA ⁽³⁾	36	34
A ⁽³⁾	45	44
BBB ⁽³⁾	13	13

BB ⁽⁴⁾	
Total	

Excluding certain operating cash accounts.
 Includes short-term securities rated A-1+.

(3) Includes +/- ratings.

(4) We held one security with a BB+ rating at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, which is not identifiable in the table due to rounding.

All of our investments are rated by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. If three or more ratings are available, we assign the middle rating for classification purposes, otherwise we assign the lowest rating.

100 %

100 %

Investment Securities - Allowance for credit losses

We did not recognize an allowance for credit loss for any security in the investment portfolio as of March 31, 2024 or December 31, 2023, and we did not record any provision for credit loss for investment securities during the three months ended March 31, 2024 or 2023.

As of March 31, 2024, the investment portfolio had gross unrealized losses of \$190.2 million, of which \$187.5 million

were associated with securities that had been in an unrealized loss position for a period of twelve months or longer. As of December 31, 2023, the investment portfolio had gross unrealized losses of \$184.3 million, of which \$183.1 million were associated with securities that had been in an unrealized loss position for a period of twelve months or longer.

We evaluated the securities in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2024, assessing their credit ratings as well as any adverse conditions specifically related to the security. Based upon our assessment of the amount and timing of cash flows to be collected over the remaining life of each instrument, we believe the unrealized losses as of March 31, 2024 are not indicative of the ultimate collectability of the current amortized cost of the securities. Rather, the unrealized losses on securities held as of March 31, 2024 were primarily driven by fluctuations in interest rates, and to a lesser extent, movements in credit spreads following the purchase of those securities.

Critical Accounting Estimates

We use accounting principles and methods that conform to GAAP. We are required to apply significant judgment and make material estimates in the preparation of our financial statements and with regard to various accounting, reporting and disclosure matters. Assumptions and estimates are required to apply these principles where actual measurement is not possible or practical. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and assumptions. Our actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe that the assumptions and estimates associated with revenue recognition, our investment portfolio, deferred policy acquisition costs, premium deficiency reserves, and reserves for insurance claims and claim expenses have the greatest potential impact on our consolidated financial statements. Therefore, we consider these to be our critical accounting estimates. There have not been any material changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates as compared to the critical accounting policies and estimates described in our 2023 10-K.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We own and manage a large investment portfolio of various holdings, types and maturities. NMIH's principal source of operating cash is investment income. The assets within the investment portfolio are exposed to the same factors that affect overall financial market performance.

We manage market risk via a defined investment policy implemented by our treasury function with oversight from our Board's Risk Committee. Important drivers of our market risk exposure monitored and managed by us include but are not limited to:

- Changes to the level of interest rates. Increasing interest rates may reduce the value of certain fixed-rate bonds held in the investment portfolio. Higher rates may cause variable rate assets to generate additional income. Decreasing rates will have the reverse impact. Significant changes in interest rates can also affect persistency and claim rates of our insurance portfolio, and as a result we may determine that our investment portfolio needs to be restructured to better align it with future liabilities and claim payments. Such restructuring may cause investments to be liquidated when market conditions are adverse. Additionally, the changes in SOFR based interest rates affect the interest expense related to the Company's debt.
- Changes to the term structure of interest rates. Rising or falling rates typically change by different amounts along the yield curve. These changes
 may have unforeseen impacts on the value of certain assets.
- *Market volatility/changes in the real or perceived credit quality of investments.* Deterioration in the quality of investments, identified through changes to our own or third-party (*e.g.*, rating agency or investment advisors) assessments, will reduce the value and potentially the liquidity of investments.
- *Concentration risk.* If the investment portfolio is highly concentrated in one asset, or in multiple assets whose values are highly correlated, the value of the total portfolio may be greatly affected by the change in value of just one asset or a group of highly correlated assets.
- *Prepayment risk*. Bonds may have call provisions that permit debtors to repay prior to maturity when it is to their advantage. This typically occurs when rates fall below the interest rate of the debt.

The carrying value of our investment portfolio as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 was \$2.4 billion, of which 100% was invested in fixed maturity securities. The primary market risk to our investment portfolio is interest rate risk associated with investments in fixed maturity securities. We mitigate the market risk associated with our fixed maturity securities portfolio by matching the duration of our fixed maturity securities with the expected duration of the liabilities that those securities are intended to support.

As of March 31, 2024, the duration of our fixed income portfolio, including cash and cash equivalents, was 3.85 years, which means that an instantaneous parallel shift (movement up or down) in the yield curve of 100 basis points would result in a change of 3.85% in fair value of our fixed income portfolio. Excluding cash, our fixed income portfolio duration was 3.86 years, which means that an instantaneous parallel shift (movement up or down) in the yield curve of 100 basis points would result in a change of 3.85% in fair value of our fixed income portfolio.

We are also subject to market risk related to the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility and the ILN Transactions. As discussed in Item 1, "*Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 4, Debt*" the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at a variable rate and, as a result, increases in market interest rates would generally result in increased interest expense on any outstanding drawn balance.

The risk premium amounts under the ILN Transactions are calculated by multiplying the outstanding reinsurance coverage amount at the beginning of any payment period by a coupon rate, which is the sum of one-month SOFR, as applicable, and a risk margin, and then subtracting actual investment income earned on the trust balance during that payment period. An increase in one-month SOFR, as applicable, would generally increase the risk premium payments, while an increase to money market rates, which directly affect investment income earned on the trust balance, would generally decrease them. Although we expect the two rates to move in tandem, to the extent they do not, it could increase or decrease the risk premium payments that otherwise would be due.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of March 31, 2024, pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Management applied its judgment in assessing the costs and benefits of such controls and procedures, which by their nature, can provide only reasonable assurance regarding management's control objectives. Management does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent or detect all errors and fraud. A control system, irrespective of how well it is designed and operated, can only provide reasonable assurance and cannot guarantee that it will succeed in its stated objectives.

Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of March 31, 2024, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Certain lawsuits and claims arising in the ordinary course of business may be filed or pending against us or our affiliates from time to time. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, we establish accruals for all lawsuits, claims and expected settlements when we believe it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. When a loss contingency is not both probable and estimable, we do not establish an accrual. Any such loss estimates are inherently uncertain, based on currently available information and are subject to management's judgment and various assumptions. Due to the inherent subjectivity of these estimates and unpredictability of outcomes of legal proceedings, any amounts accrued may not represent the ultimate resolution of such matters.

To the extent we believe any potential loss relating to such lawsuits and claims may have a material impact on our liquidity, consolidated financial position, results of operations, and/or our business as a whole and is reasonably possible but not probable, we will disclose information relating to any such potential loss, whether in excess of any established accruals or where there is no established accrual. We will also disclose information relating to any material potential loss that is probable but not reasonably estimable. Where reasonably practicable, we will provide an estimate of loss or range of potential loss. No disclosures are generally made for any loss contingencies that are deemed to be remote.

As we have previously disclosed, we were named as a defendant in one litigation case that involves refunds of mortgage insurance premiums under the Homeowners Protection Act. In September 2023, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia granted our motion to dismiss the case. Subsequently, the plaintiff filed a notice of appeal in October 2023, appealing the District Court's decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The appeal is currently pending. Based upon information available to us and our review of lawsuits and claims filed or pending against us to date, we have not recognized a material accrual liability for these matters, nor do we currently expect it is reasonably possible that these matters will result in a material liability to the Company. However, the outcome of litigation and other legal and regulatory matters is inherently uncertain, and it is possible that one or more of such matters currently pending or threatened could have an unanticipated material adverse effect on our liquidity, consolidated financial position, results of operations, and/or our business as a whole, in the future.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Risk factors that affect our business and financial results are discussed in Part I, Item 1A of our 2023 10-K. As of the date of this report, we are not aware of any material changes in our risk factors from the risk factors disclosed in our 2023 10-K. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described herein and in our 2023 10-K, which have the potential to affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects in a material and adverse manner. The risks described herein and in our 2023 10-K are not the only risks we face, as there are additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial which may in the future adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides information about purchases of NMI Holdings, Inc. common stock by us during the three months ended March 31, 2024.

(\$ In Thousands, except for per share data)	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price	Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽¹⁾	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Program ⁽¹⁾
Period:					
1/1/2024 to 1/31/2024	231,062	\$	29.78	231,062	\$ 170,058
2/1/2024 to 2/29/2024	218,546		29.98	218,546	163,506
3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024	390,601		30.09	390,601	151,751
Total	840,209			840,209	

(1) On February 10, 2022, our Board of Directors approved a \$125 million share repurchase program effective through December 31, 2023, excluding associated costs and applicable taxes. On July 31, 2023, our Board of Directors approved an extension of the \$125 million repurchase program through December 31, 2025. The Board also approved a new \$200 million share repurchase program (excluding associated costs and applicable taxes) effective through December 31, 2025. As of March 31, 2024, no repurchase authority remained available under the February 2022 share repurchase program and \$151.8 million repurchase authority remained under the July 2023 share repurchase program. See Part I, Item 1, "Financial Statements - Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 9, Stockholder's Equity" for additional information.

Item 5. Other Information

On April 29, 2024, 2024, NMIH entered into a new credit agreement with Royal Bank of Canada as administrative agent and the lenders party thereto that provides for a new five-year \$250 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility) that is intended to replace our existing four-year \$250 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility), which is scheduled to mature in November 2025. The availability of borrowings under the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions, including the (i) termination of commitments under the 2021 Revolving Credit Facility and (ii) redemption or satisfaction and discharge of our outstanding Notes (the date such closing conditions are satisfied, the Closing Date). The 2024 Revolving Credit Facility will mature on the fifth anniversary of the Closing Date.

Borrowings under the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility may be used for general corporate purposes, including to support growth, new business production and operations, and will accrue interest at a variable rate equal to, at our discretion, (i) a Base Rate (as defined in the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility) subject to a floor of 1.00% per annum plus a margin of 0.375% to 1.875% per annum, or (ii) the Adjusted Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (as defined in the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility) plus a margin of 1.375% to 2.875% per annum, with the margin in each of (i) or (ii) based on our applicable corporate credit rating at the time. Upon close of the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility, we will be required to pay a quarterly commitment fee on the average daily undrawn amount of 0.175% to 0.525%, based on the applicable corporate credit rating at the time.

We will be subject to certain covenants under the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility, including a maximum debt-to-total capitalization ratio of 35%, compliance with the PMIERs financial requirements (subject to any GSE approved waivers), and a minimum consolidated net worth requirement (as defined therein).

The 2024 Revolving Credit Facility contains customary negative and affirmative covenants that will apply upon closing, including covenants that limit, among other things, our ability to (i) incur indebtedness, (ii) incur liens on property, (iii) make restricted payments, (iv) sell assets, (v) make certain loans or investments, (vi) merge or consolidate and (vii) enter into transactions with affiliates, in each case subject to certain exceptions. The 2024 Revolving Credit Facility contains customary events of default. The foregoing summary of the 2024 Revolving Credit Facility does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the credit agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.31 and incorporated herein by reference.



Item 6. Exhil Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Form S-1 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-191635), filed on October 9, 2013)
3.2	Fourth Amended and Restated By-Laws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to our Form 8-K, filed on November 10, 2022)
4.1	Indenture, dated as of June 19, 2020, among NMI Holdings, Inc., NMI Services, Inc. as the Initial Guarantor, and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee and Notes Collateral Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on June 19, 2020)
4.2	Description of Securities (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to our Form 10-8, filed on February 16, 2022)
10.1 ~	<u>NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan</u> (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form S-1 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-191635), filed on October 9, 2013)
10.2 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For CEO and CFO) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to our Form S-1 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-191635), filed on October 9, 2013)
10.3 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For Management) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to our Form S-1 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-191635), filed on October 9, 2013)
10.4 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For Non-Employee Directors) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to our Form S-1 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-191635), filed on October 9, 2013)
10.5 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For CEO/CFO) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 17, 2017)
10.6 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For Employees) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 17, 2017)
10.7 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (For Employees) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to our Form 10-Q, filed on May 2, 2019)
10.8 ~	<u>NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan</u> (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A to our 2022 Annual Proxy Statement, filed on March 29, 2022)
10.9~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For CEO) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to our Form 10-Q filed on August 1, 2017)
10.10 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement (For Executive Officers and Employees) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to our Form 10-Q filed on August 1, 2017)
10.11 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Performance Based) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.38 to our Form 10-Q, filed on May 7, 2020)
10.12 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (For Independent Directors) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.33 to our Form 10-Q, filed on May 2, 2019)
10.13 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (For Independent Directors) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 15, 2024)
10.14 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (For Employees) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.34 to our Form 10-Q, filed on May 2, 2019)
10.15 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (For Executives) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 15, 2024)
10.16 ~	Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (For Employees) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 15, 2024)

- Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Performance Based)) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 15, 2024) 10.17~
- Form of NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (For Employees) 10.18~ (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to our Form 10-Q, filed on May 2, 2019)
- Form of Indemnification Agreement between NMI Holdings, Inc. and its directors and certain executive officers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on November 25, 2014) 10.19~
- 10.20 ~ MI Holdings, Inc. Severance Benefit Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on February 17, 2016)
- <u>NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated Change in Control Severance Benefit Plan</u> (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to our Form 10-Q, filed on October 30, 2018) 10.21 ~
- 10.22 ~ NMI Holdings, Inc. Clawback Policy (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 8-K, filed on February 23, 2017)
- Offer Letter by and between NMI Holdings, Inc. and William Leatherberry, dated July 11, 2014 (incorporated herein by reference to 10.23 ~ Exhibit 10.10 to our Form 10-Q, filed on April 28, 2016)
- 10.24 ~ Employment Letter by and between NMI Holdings, Inc. and Bradley M. Shuster, effective as of January 1, 2019 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on December 28, 2018)
- Offer Letter by and between NMI Holdings, Inc. and Adam Pollitzer, dated September 9, 2021 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on September 9, 2021) 10.25 ~
- Offer letter by and between NMI Holdings, Inc. and Ravi Mallela, dated December 20, 2021 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on December 21, 2021) 10.26~
- Offer Letter by and between NMI Holdings, Inc. and Aurora Swithenbank, dated March 1, 2024 (incorporated herein by reference to 10.27~ Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K, filed on March 4, 2024)
- 10.28 ~ Separation Agreement by and between NMI Holdings, Inc. and Ravi Mallela, dated March 1, 2024 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to our Form 8-K, filed on March 4, 2024)
- Commitment Letter dated July 12, 2013 for Bulk Fannie Mae-Paid Loss-on-Sale Mortgage Insurance on the Portfolio of approximately \$5.46 billion Purchased by Fannie Mae and Identified by Fannie Mae as Deal No. 2013 MIRT 01 and by the Company as Policy No. P-10.29 +0001-01 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to our Form S-1 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-191635), filed on October 9, 2013)
- Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 29, 2021, by and among the Company, the lender parties thereto and 10.30 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Form 8-K filed on November 30, 2021)
- 10.31 * Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024, by and among the Company, the lenders party hereto, and Royal Bank of Canada, as the Agent
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of NMI Holdings, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to our Form 10-Q, filed on October 30, 2015)
- <u>Guaranteed Securities by Subsidiary Guarantor (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 22.1 to our Form 10-K, filed on February 16, 2022)</u> 22.1
- Principal Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 311
- Principal Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 31.2
- Certifications of CEO and CFO Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 32.1 # 2002
- NMI Holdings, Inc. Compensation Recovery Policy, Effective September 13, 2023 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 97.1 to our 97.1 Form 10-K, filed on February 15, 2024)
- The following financial information from NMI Holdings, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 101 (Unaudited) formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language):
 - (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2024 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2023;
 - (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 (Unaudited);
 - (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 (Unaudited); and



(v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited). The instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

- 104 The cover page from NMI Holdings, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).
- * Filed herewith
- \sim $\;$ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or contract.
- + Confidential treatment granted as to certain portions, which portions have been filed separately with the SEC.
- # In accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release No. 34-47986, the certifications furnished in Exhibit 32.1 hereto are deemed to accompany this Form 10-Q and will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

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.

NMI HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: April 30, 2024

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NMI HOLDINGS, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED

2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

Section 1. Purpose; Definitions

The purpose of this Plan is to give the Company a competitive advantage in attracting, retaining and motivating officers, employees, directors and/or consultants and to provide the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates with a compensation plan providing incentives for future performance of services directly linked to the profitability of the Company's businesses and increases in Company shareholder value.

For purposes of this Plan, the following terms are defined as set forth below:

(a) "Affiliate" means a corporation or other entity controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Company.

(b) "*Applicable Exchange*" means the NASDAQ or such other securities exchange as may at the applicable time be the principal market for the Common Stock.

(c) "Award" means a Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Performance Unit, Other Stock-Based Award or Cash-Based Award granted pursuant to the terms of this Plan.

- (d) "Award Agreement" means a written or electronic document or agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of a specific Award.
- (e) "Beneficial Ownership" shall have the meaning given in Rule 13d3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.
- (f) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (g) "Business Combination" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(e)(iii).
- (h) "Cash-Based Award" means an Award denominated in a dollar amount.
- (i) "Cause" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, (1) "Cause" as defined in any Individual

Agreement to which the Participant is a party as of the Grant Date, or (2) if there is no such Individual Agreement or if it does not define Cause: (A) conviction of, or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* by, the Participant for committing a felony under federal law or the law of the state in which such action occurred, (B) willful and deliberate failure on the part of the Participant to perform his or her employment duties in any material respect, (C) dishonesty in the course of fulfilling the Participant's employment duties, (D) a material violation of the Company's ethics and compliance program or (E) prior to a Change in Control, such other events as shall be determined by the Committee. Notwithstanding the general rule of Section 2(c), following a Change in Control, any determination by the Committee as to whether "Cause" exists shall be subject to *de novo* review.

(j) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(e).

(k) "*Code*" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto, the Treasury Regulations thereunder and other relevant interpretive guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service or the Treasury Department. Reference to any specific section of the Code shall be deemed to include such regulations and guidance, as well as any successor provision of the Code.

(1) "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor agency.

- (m) "Committee" means the Committee referred to in Section 2.
- (n) "Common Stock" means common stock, no par value per share, of the Company.
- (o) "Company" means NMI Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or its successor.
- (p) "Corporate Transaction" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(d).

(q) "*Disability*" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, the Company or an Affiliate having cause to terminate a Participant's employment or service on account of "disability," as defined in any existing Individual Agreement, or, in the absence of such an Individual Agreement or if it does not define disability, a condition entitling the Participant to receive benefits under a long-term disability plan of the Company or an Affiliate or, in the absence of such a plan, the complete and permanent inability by reason of illness or accident to perform the duties of the occupation at which a Participant was employed or served when such disability commenced or, as determined by the Committee, based upon medical evidence acceptable to it. Notwithstanding the above, with respect to each Award that constitutes a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, the foregoing definition shall apply for purposes of vesting of such Award, provided that such Award shall not be settled until the earliest of: (i) the Participant's "disability" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and (ii) the date such Award would otherwise be settled pursuant to the terms of the Award Agreement.

(r) "Disaffiliation" means a Subsidiary's or Affiliate's ceasing to be a Subsidiary or Affiliate for any reason (including, without limitation, as a result of a public offering, or a spinoff or sale by the Company, of the stock of the Subsidiary or Affiliate) or a sale of a division of the Company and its Affiliates.

(s) "Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 13(a).

(t) *"Eligible Individuals"* means any director, officer, employee or consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or any prospective employee and consultant who has accepted an offer of employment or consultancy from the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, who are or will be responsible for, or contribute to, the management, growth or profitability of the business of the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

(u) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto.

(v) *"Fair Market Value"* means, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, the closing price of a Share on the Applicable Exchange on the date of measurement or, if Shares were not traded on the Applicable Exchange on such measurement date, then on the next preceding date on which Shares were traded on the Applicable Exchange, as reported by such source as the Committee may select. If there is no regular public trading market for such Common Stock, the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock shall be determined by the Committee in good faith and, to the extent applicable, such determination shall be made in a manner that satisfies Sections 409A and Sections 422(c)(1) of the Code.

- (w) "Free-Standing SAR" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(b).
- (x) "Full-Value Award" means any Award other than a Cash-Based Award, Stock Option or Stock Appreciation

Right.

(y) "*Grant Date*" means (i) the date on which the Committee by resolution selects an Eligible Individual to receive a grant of an Award and determines the number of Shares, or the formula for earning a number of Shares, to be subject to such Award or the cash amount subject to such Award, or (ii) such later date as the Committee shall provide in such resolution.

(z) "Incentive Stock Option" means any Stock Option designated in the applicable Award Agreement as an "incentive stock option" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, and that in fact so qualifies.

(aa) "Incumbent Board" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(e)(ii).

(bb) "Individual Agreement" means an employment, consulting or similar agreement between a Participant and the

Company or one of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, and, after a Change in Control, a change in control or salary continuation agreement between a Participant and the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates. If a Participant is party to both an employment agreement and a change in control or salary continuation agreement, the employment agreement shall be the relevant "Individual Agreement" prior to a Change in Control, and the change in control or salary continuation agreement shall be the relevant "Individual Agreement" after a Change in Control.

(cc) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means any Stock Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.

(dd) "Other Stock-Based Award" means Awards of Common Stock and other Awards that are valued in whole or in part by reference to, or are otherwise based upon, Common Stock, including (without limitation) unrestricted stock, dividend equivalents, and convertible debentures.

- (ee) "Outstanding Common Stock" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(e)(i).
- (ff) "Outstanding Company Voting Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(e)(i).
- (gg) "Participant" means an Eligible Individual to whom an Award is or has been granted.

(hh) "Performance Goals" means the performance goals established by the Committee in connection with the grant of an Award. Such goals shall be based on the attainment of specified levels of one or more of the following measures: new insurance written ("NIW") volume, insurance in force levels ("IIF"), policies in force, market share, premiums written, premiums earned, investment income, total operating revenue (excluding net realized investment gains (losses) and gain (loss) from change in fair value of warrant liability), total underwriting expense, total incurred or paid losses, loss ratio, expense ratio, combined ratio, cost/expense management, net income (loss) (including earnings before tax, earnings before interest and tax and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization), operating earnings (loss) (excluding net realized investment gains (losses) and gain (loss) from change in fair value of warrant liability), return on equity or assets, book value, book value including net operating loss ("NOL") carry forward, return on investment portfolio (absolute and relative to a benchmark), cash flow (excluding net realized investment gains (losses) and gain (loss) from change in fair value of warrant liability), capital management/liquidity, average premium ("BPS") of portfolio, earned premium yield of portfolio, average FICO score of portfolio, average LTV of portfolio, delinquency rate of portfolio, objective customer service measures or indices, employee management, common stock share price, and total return to shareholders, in each case with respect to the Company or any one or more Subsidiaries, divisions, business units or business segments thereof, either in absolute terms or relative to the performance of one or more other companies (including an index covering multiple companies).

(ii) "Performance Period" means that period established by the Committee at the time any Performance Unit or Cash-Based Award is granted or at any time thereafter during which any Performance Goals specified by the Committee with respect to such Award are to be measured.

(jj) "*Performance Unit*" means any Award granted under Section 8 of a unit valued by reference to a designated amount of cash or other property other than Shares, which value may be paid to the Participant by delivery of such property as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, or any combination thereof, upon achievement of such Performance Goals during the Performance Period as the Committee shall establish at the time of such grant or thereafter.

- (kk) "Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(e)(i).
- (II) "Plan" means the NMI Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as set forth

herein and as hereinafter amended from time to time.

- (mm) "Replaced Award" has the meaning set forth in Section 11(b)
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- (oo) "Restatement Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 13(a).
- (pp) "Restricted Stock" means an Award granted under Section 6.
- (qq) "Restricted Stock Unit" has the meaning set forth in Section 7(a).
- (rr) "Restriction Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(c)(ii).
- (ss) "Section 16(b)" has the meaning set forth in Section 12(d).
- (tt) "Share" means a share of Common Stock.
- (uu) "Stock Appreciation Right" means an Award granted under Section 5(b) or 5(c).
- (vv) "Stock Option" means an Award granted under Section 5(a).
- (ww) "Subsidiary" means any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity

during any period in which at least a 50% voting or profits interest is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or any successor to the Company.

(xx) "Tandem SAR" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(b).

(yy) "*Term*" means the maximum period during which a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right may remain outstanding, subject to earlier termination upon Termination of Employment or otherwise, as specified in the applicable Award Agreement.

(zz) "Termination of Employment" means the termination of the applicable Participant's employment with, or

performance of services for, the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, (i) if a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates but such Participant continues to provide services to the Company and its Affiliates in a non-employee capacity, such change in status shall not be deemed a Termination of Employment and (ii) a Participant employed by, or performing services for, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate or a division of the Company and its Affiliates shall also be deemed to incur a Termination of Employment if, as a result of a Disaffiliation, such Subsidiary, Affiliate or division ceases to be a Subsidiary, Affiliate or division, as the case may be, and the Participant does not immediately thereafter become an employee of, or service provider for, the Company or another Subsidiary or Affiliate. Temporary absences from employment because of illness, vacation or leave of absence and transfers among the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates shall not be considered Terminations of Employment. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, with respect to any Award that constitutes a "non-qualified deferred compensation plan" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, a Participant shall not be considered to have experienced a "Separation from Service" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code (a "Separation from Service").

In addition, certain other terms used herein have definitions given to them in the first place in which they are used.

Section 2. Administration

(a) Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Board directly, or if the Board elects, by the Compensation Committee or such other committee of the Board as the Board may from time to time designate, which committee shall be

composed of not less than two directors, and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. All references in this Plan to the "Committee" refer to the Board as a whole, unless a separate committee has been designated or authorized consistent with the foregoing.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan, the Committee shall have absolute authority:

(i) To select the Eligible Individuals to whom Awards may from time to time be granted;

(ii) To determine whether and to what extent Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Units, Other Stock-Based Awards, Cash-Based Awards or any combination thereof are to be granted hereunder;

(iii) To determine the number of Shares to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;

(iv) To approve the form of any Award Agreement and determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted hereunder, including, but not limited to, the exercise price (subject to Section 5(d)), any vesting condition, restriction or limitation (which may be related to the performance of the Participant, the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate) and any vesting acceleration or forfeiture waiver regarding any Award and the shares of Common Stock relating thereto, based on such factors as the Committee shall determine;

(v) To modify, amend or adjust the terms and conditions of any Award (subject to Sections 5(d) and 13(d)), at any time or from time to time, including, but not limited to, Performance Goals;

(vi) To determine to what extent and under what circumstances Common Stock and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred;

(vii) To determine under what circumstances an Award may be settled in cash, Shares, other property or a combination of the foregoing;

(viii) To determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances cash, Shares and other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award under this Plan shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the Participant;

(ix) To adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices governing this Plan as it shall from time to time deem advisable;

(x) To establish any "blackout" period that the Committee in its sole discretion deems necessary or advisable, but in no event shall such blackout period conflict with or be more permissive than the blackout period determined under the Company's Insider Trading Policy as may be in effect from time to time;

(xi) To interpret the terms and provisions of this Plan and any Award issued under this Plan (and any Award Agreement relating thereto);

(xii) To decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award; and

(xiii) To otherwise administer this Plan.

(b) Procedures.

(i) The Committee may act only by a majority of its members then in office, except that the Committee may, except to the extent prohibited by applicable law or the listing standards of the Applicable Exchange and subject to Section 11, allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its

members and may (to the extent permitted by applicable law) delegate all or any part of its responsibilities and powers to any person or persons selected by it. Any such allocation or delegation may be revoked by the Committee at any time.

(ii) Subject to Section 12(c), any authority granted to the Committee may be exercised by the full Board. To the extent that any permitted action taken by the Board conflicts with action taken by the Committee, the Board action shall control.

(c) Discretion of Committee. Subject to Section 1(i), any determination made by the Committee or pursuant to delegated authority under the provisions of this Plan with respect to any Award shall be made in the sole discretion of the Committee or such delegate at the time of the grant of the Award or, unless in contravention of any express term of this Plan, at any time thereafter. All decisions made by the Committee or any appropriately delegated officer pursuant to the provisions of this Plan shall be final, binding and conclusive on all persons, including the Company, Participants and Eligible Individuals.

(d) Cancellation or Suspension. Subject to Section 5(d), the Committee shall have full power and authority to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances any Award shall be canceled or suspended.

(e) Award Agreements. The terms and conditions of each Award, as determined by the Committee, shall be set forth in a written (or electronic) Award Agreement, which shall be delivered to the Participant receiving such Award upon, or as promptly as is reasonably practicable following, the grant of such Award; *provided, however*, that the terms of a Cash-Based Award may, but are not required to, be set forth in an Award Agreement. The effectiveness of an Award shall be subject to the Award Agreement being signed by the Company and the Participant receiving the Award unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement. Award Agreements may be amended only in accordance with Section 13(d) hereof.

Section 3. Common Stock Subject to Plan

(a) Plan Maximums. The maximum number of Shares that may be granted pursuant to Awards under this Plan shall be 8,250,000 Shares (which amount includes, for the avoidance of doubt the number of Shares subject to outstanding awards and otherwise available for issuance under the Prior Plan). The maximum number of Shares that may be granted pursuant to Stock Options intended to be Incentive Stock Options shall be 6,000,000 Shares. Shares subject to an Award under this Plan may be authorized and unissued Shares.

(b) Individual Limits.

(i) No Participant may be granted Performance Units (other than Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights) covering in excess of 1,000,000 Shares during any calendar year. No Participant may be granted Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights covering in excess of 1,000,000 Shares during any calendar year.

(ii) During any given calendar year, no Participant who is a non-employee member of the Board may be granted Awards (other than Cash-Based Awards) with a value in excess of \$600,000 in respect of such Board service. For purposes of this Section 3(b)(ii), the value of an Option or Stock Appreciation right shall be determined in accordance with the Black-Scholes or other pricing model used to determine Option values in the Company's most recent report on Form 10-K and the value of any Award of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Performance Units or Other Stock-Based Awards shall be determined based on the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares on the grant date of the Award.

(c) Rules for Calculating Shares Delivered. To the extent that any Award is forfeited, terminates, expires or lapses instead of being exercised, or any Award is settled for cash, the Shares subject to such Awards not delivered as a result thereof shall again be available for Awards under this Plan. If the tax withholding obligations relating to any Award are satisfied by delivering Shares (either actually or through a signed document affirming the Participant's ownership and delivery of such Shares) or withholding Shares relating to such Award, the net number of Shares subject to the Award after payment of

the tax withholding obligations shall be deemed to have been granted for purposes of the first sentence of Section 3(a), and the number of Shares delivered or withheld to satisfy the tax withholding obligations shall again be available for Awards under the Plan. If any Shares subject to a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right are not delivered to a Participant because the Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right is exercised through a reduction of Shares subject to the Award (i.e., "net exercised"), the number of Shares that are not delivered to the Participant shall no longer be available for issuance under the Plan. If any Shares are reacquired by the Company as consideration for the exercise of a Stock Option or a Stock Appreciation Right, such Shares shall no longer be available for issuance under the Plan.

(d) Adjustment Provisions.

(i) In the event of a merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or shares, stock rights offering, liquidation, disposition for consideration of the Company's direct or indirect ownership of a Subsidiary or Affiliate (including by reason of a Disaffiliation), or similar event affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (each, a "<u>Corporate Transaction</u>"), the Committee or the Board may in its discretion make such substitutions or adjustments as it deems appropriate and equitable to (i) the aggregate number and kind of Shares or other securities reserved for issuance and delivery under this Plan, (ii) the various maximum limitations set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b) upon certain types of Awards and upon the grants to individuals of certain types of Awards, (iii) the number of Shares considered delivered based on the type of Award granted as set forth in Section 3(c), (iv) the number and kind of Shares or other securities subject to outstanding Awards; (v) the Performance Goals applicable to outstanding Awards; and (vi) the exercise price of outstanding Awards.

(ii) In the event of a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, share combination, or recapitalization or similar event affecting the capital structure of the Company, or a Disaffiliation, separation or spinoff, in each case without consideration, or other extraordinary dividend of cash or other property to the Company's shareholders, the Committee or the Board shall make such substitutions or adjustments as it deems appropriate and equitable to (A) the aggregate number and kind of Shares or other securities reserved for issuance and delivery under this Plan, (B) the various maximum limitations set forth in Sections 3(a) and 3(b) upon certain types of Awards and upon the grants to individuals of certain types of Awards, (C) the number and kind of Shares or other securities subject to outstanding Awards; (D) the Performance Goals applicable to outstanding Awards; and (E) the exercise price of outstanding Awards.

(iii) In the case of Corporate Transactions, such adjustments may include, without limitation, (1) the cancellation of outstanding Awards in exchange for payments of cash, property or a combination thereof having an aggregate value equal to the value of such Awards, as determined by the Committee or the Board in its sole discretion (it being understood that in the case of a Corporate Transaction with respect to which shareholders of Common Stock receive consideration other than publicly traded equity securities of the ultimate surviving entity, any such determination by the Committee that the value of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall for this purpose be deemed to equal the excess, if any, of the value (as determined by the Board) of the consideration being paid for each Share pursuant to such Corporate Transaction over the exercise price of such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall conclusively be deemed valid); (2) the substitution of other property (including, without limitation, cash or other securities of the Company and securities of entities other than the Company) for the Shares subject to outstanding Awards; and (3) in connection with any Disaffiliation, arranging for the assumption of Awards, or replacement of Awards with new awards based on other property or other securities (including, without limitation, other securities of the Company and securities of entities other than the Company), by the affected Subsidiary, Affiliate, or division or by the entity that controls such Subsidiary, Affiliate, or division following such Disaffiliation (as well as any corresponding adjustments to Awards that remain based upon Company securities). The Committee may adjust the Performance Goals applicable to any Awards to reflect any unusual or non-recurring events and other extraordinary items, impact of charges for restructurings, discontinued operations, and the cumulative effects of accounting or tax changes, each as defined by generally accepted accounting principles or as

identified in the Company's financial statements, notes to the financial statements, management's discussion and analysis or other the Company's filings with the Commission.

(iv) Any adjustments made pursuant to this Section 3(d) to Awards that are considered "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made in compliance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code; and (ii) any adjustments made pursuant to Section 3(d) to Awards that are not considered "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be made in such a manner as to ensure that after such adjustments, either (A) the Awards continue not to be subject to Section 409A of the Code or (B) there does not result in the imposition of any penalty taxes under Section 409A of the Code in respect of such Awards.

(v) Any adjustment under this Section 3(d) need not be the same for all Participants.

Section 4. Awards

(a) Eligibility. Awards may be granted under this Plan to Eligible Individuals; provided, however, that Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries or parent corporation (within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code).

(b) Vesting. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan to the contrary, Awards granted under the Plan (i)

that vest based upon the continued service of the applicable Participant shall vest over a minimum service period of one year and (ii) that vest based on the attainment of Performance Goals shall vest over a minimum Performance Period of one year; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (x) the Committee may, in its discretion, determine that such restrictions may lapse (in whole or in part) in the event of a Participant's death or disability or other termination of employment or services or upon a Change in Control and (y) up to 5% of the total number of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 3(a) may be subject to Awards granted after the Restatement Effective Date which do not meet the preceding vesting or acceleration limitations.

(c) Dividends. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan to the contrary, no dividends (whether payable in cash or Common Stock) shall be paid in respect of an Award of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Performance Units or Other Stock-Based Awards until the restrictions and risks of forfeiture applicable to the underlying Award (or portion thereof) have lapsed; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide that any such dividends may be accumulated and paid upon the date on which such restrictions or risks of forfeiture have lapsed in respect of the associated Award.

Section 5. Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights

(a) Types of Stock Options. Stock Options may be granted alone or in addition to other Awards granted under this Plan and may be of two types: Incentive Stock Options and Nonqualified Stock Options. The Award Agreement for a Stock Option shall indicate whether the Stock Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option.

(b) Types and Nature of Stock Appreciation Rights. Stock Appreciation Rights may be "Tandem SARs," which are granted in conjunction with a Stock Option, or "Free-Standing SARs," which are not granted in conjunction with a Stock Option. Upon the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Participant shall be entitled to receive an amount in cash, Shares, or both, in value equal to the product of (i) the excess of the Fair Market Value of one Share over the exercise price of the applicable Stock Appreciation Right, multiplied by (ii) the number of Shares in respect of which the Stock Appreciation Right has been exercised. The applicable Award Agreement shall specify whether such payment is to be made in cash or Common Stock or both, or shall reserve to the Committee or the Participant the right to make that determination prior to or upon the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right.

(c) Tandem SARs. A Tandem SAR may be granted at the Grant Date of the related Stock Option. A Tandem SAR shall be exercisable only at such time or times and to the extent that the related Stock Option is exercisable in accordance with the provisions of this Section 5, and shall have the same exercise price as the related Stock Option. A Tandem SAR shall terminate or be forfeited upon the exercise or forfeiture of the related Stock Option, and the related Stock Option shall terminate or be forfeiture of the Tandem SAR.

(d) Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share subject to a Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR shall be determined by the Committee and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, and shall not be less than the Fair Market Value of a share of the Common Stock on the applicable Grant Date. In no event may any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under this Plan be amended, other than pursuant to Section 3(d), to decrease the exercise price thereof, be canceled in exchange for cash or other Awards or in conjunction with the grant of any new Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR with a lower exercise price, or otherwise be subject to any action that would be treated, under the Applicable Exchange listing standards or for accounting purposes, as a "repricing" of such Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR, unless such amendment, cancellation, or action is approved by the Company's shareholders.

(e) Term. The Term of each Stock Option and each Free-Standing SAR shall be fixed by the Committee, but no Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR shall be exercisable more than 10 years after its Grant Date.

(f) Exercisability. Except as otherwise provided herein, Stock Options and Free-Standing SARs shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee.

(g) Method of Exercise. Subject to the provisions of this Section 5, Stock Options and Free-Standing SARs may be exercised, in whole or in part, at any time during the Term thereof by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR to be purchased.

In the case of the exercise of a Stock Option, such notice shall be accompanied by payment in full of the aggregate purchase price (which shall equal the product of such number of Shares subject to such Stock Options multiplied by the applicable exercise price) per Share by certified or bank check, wire transfer, or such other instrument or method as the Company may accept. If provided for in the applicable Award Agreement as approved by the Committee, payment in full or in part may also be made as follows:

(i) In the form of unrestricted Common Stock (by delivery of such shares or by attestation) already owned by the Participant of the same class as the Common Stock subject to the Stock Option (based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the date the Stock Option is exercised); *provided, however*, that, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the Participant shall only have the right to make a payment in the form of already owned shares of Common Stock of the same class as the Common Stock subject to the Stock Option if such right is set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

(ii) To the extent permitted by applicable law, by delivering a properly executed exercise notice to the Company, together with a copy of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sale necessary to pay the purchase price, and, if requested, by the amount of any federal, state, local or foreign withholding taxes. To facilitate the foregoing, the Company may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, enter into agreements for coordinated procedures with one or more brokerage firms.

(iii) By instructing the Company to withhold a number of such shares having a Fair Market Value (based

on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the date the applicable Stock Option is exercised) equal to the product of (A) the exercise price per Share multiplied by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock in respect of which the Stock Option shall have been exercised.

(h) Delivery; Rights of Shareholders. A Participant shall not be entitled to delivery of Shares pursuant to the exercise of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right until the exercise price therefor has been fully paid and applicable taxes have been withheld. Except as otherwise provided in Section 5(1), a Participant shall have all of the rights of a shareholder of

the Company holding the class or series of Common Stock that is subject to such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right (including, if applicable, the right to vote the applicable Shares), when the Participant (i) has given written notice of exercise, (ii) if requested, has given the representation described in Section 15(a) and (iii) in the case of a Stock Option, has paid in full for such Shares.

(*i*) Nontransferability of Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights. No Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR shall be transferable by a Participant other than, for no value or consideration, (i) by will or by the laws of descent and distribution; or (ii) in the case of a Nonqualified Stock Option or Free-Standing SAR, as otherwise expressly permitted by the Committee including, if so permitted, pursuant to a transfer to such Participant's family members, whether directly or indirectly or by means of a trust or partnership or otherwise (for purposes of this Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, "family member" shall have the meaning given to such term in General Instructions A.1(a)(5) to Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor thereto). A Tandem SAR shall be transferable only with the related Stock Option as permitted by the preceding sentence. Any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable, subject to the terms of this Plan, only by the Participant, the guardian or legal representative of the Participant, or any person to whom such Stock Option is transferred pursuant to this Section 5(i), it being understood that the term "holder" and "Participant" include such guardian, legal representative and other transferee; *provided, however*, that the term "Termination of Employment" shall continue to refer to the Termination of Employment of the original Participant.

(j) Termination of Employment. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee or provided in the applicable Award Agreement, upon a Participant's Termination or Employment, his or her Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall be treated as set forth below:

(*i*) Termination by Reason of Death. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment by reason of death, any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right held by such Participant shall immediately vest in full and may thereafter be exercised until the earlier of (A) the third anniversary of such Participant's Termination of Employment and (B) the expiration of the stated full Term thereof. In the event of Termination of Employment by reason of death, if an Incentive Stock Option is exercised after the expiration of the post-termination exercise periods that apply for purposes of Section 422 of the Code, such Stock Option will thereafter be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option.

(*ii*) Termination by Reason of Disability. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment by reason of Disability, any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right held by such Participant shall immediately vest in full and may thereafter be exercised until the earlier of (A) the third anniversary of such Participant's Termination of Employment and (B) the expiration of the stated full Term thereof. In the event of Termination of Employment by reason of Disability, if an Incentive Stock Option is exercised after the expiration of the exercise periods that apply for purposes of Section 422 of the Code, such Stock Option will thereafter be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option.

(*iii*) Termination by the Company for Cause. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment for Cause, any Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights held by such Participant, whether vested or unvested, shall thereupon terminate.

(iv) Other Termination. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment for any reason other than death, Disability, or for Cause, and except as otherwise set forth in this Section 5(j), any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right held by such Participant, to the extent it was then exercisable at the time of termination, or, subject to Section 4(b), on such accelerated basis as the Committee may determine, may be exercised for the lesser of (A) 90 days following the date of such Termination of Employment and (B) the balance of the stated full Term thereof.

(v) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Section 5(j) and subject to Section 4(b), the Committee shall have the power, in its discretion, to apply different rules concerning the consequences of a Termination

of Employment, *provided* that if such rules are less favorable to the Participant than those set forth above, such rules are set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

(k) Additional Rules for Incentive Stock Options. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, no Stock Option which is intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option may be granted to any Eligible Employee who at the time of such grant owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary, unless at the time such Stock Option is granted the exercise price is at least 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share and such Stock Option by its terms is not exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date such Stock Option is granted. In addition, the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Common Stock (determined at the time a Stock Option for the Common Stock is granted) for which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by an optionee during any calendar year, under all of the incentive stock option plans of the Company and of any Subsidiary, may not exceed \$100,000. To the extent a Stock Option that by its terms was intended to be an Incentive Stock Option exceeds this \$100,000 limit, the portion of the Stock Option in excess of such limit shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option.

(1) Dividends and Dividend Equivalents. Dividends (whether paid in cash or Shares) and dividend equivalents may not be paid or accrued on Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights; provided that Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights may be adjusted under certain circumstances in accordance with the terms of Section 3(d).

Section 6. Restricted Stock

(a) Administration. Shares of Restricted Stock are actual Shares issued to a Participant and may be awarded either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under this Plan. The Committee shall determine the Eligible Individuals to whom and the time or times at which grants of Restricted Stock will be awarded, the number of shares to be awarded to any Eligible Individual, the conditions for vesting, the time or times within which such Awards may be subject to forfeiture and any other terms and conditions of the Awards, in addition to those contained in Section 6(c).

(b) Book Entry Registration or Certificated Shares. Shares of Restricted Stock shall be evidenced in such manner as the Committee may deem appropriate, including book-entry registration or issuance of one or more stock certificates. If any certificate is issued in respect of shares of Restricted Stock, such certificates shall be registered in the name of the Participant and shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Award, substantially in the following form:

The transferability of this certificate and the shares of stock represented hereby are subject to the terms and conditions (including forfeiture) of the NMI Holdings, Inc. 2014 Amended and Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan and an Award Agreement. Copies of such Plan and Agreement are on file at the offices of NMI Holdings, Inc.

The Committee may require that the certificates evidencing such shares be held in custody by the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed and that, as a condition of any Award of Restricted Stock, the applicable Participant shall have delivered a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the Common Stock covered by such Award.

(c) Terms and Conditions. Shares of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the applicable Award Agreement (including the vesting or forfeiture provisions applicable upon a Termination of Employment):

(i) The Committee shall, prior to or at the time of grant, condition (A) the vesting of an Award of Restricted Stock upon the continued service of the applicable Participant, or (B) the grant or vesting of an Award of Restricted Stock upon the attainment of Performance Goals or (C) the grant or vesting of an Award of Restricted Stock upon the attainment of Performance Goals and the continued service of the applicable Participant. The conditions for grant or vesting and the other provisions of Restricted Stock Awards (including without limitation any applicable Performance Goals) need not be the same with respect to each recipient.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, during the period, if any, set by the Committee, commencing with the date of such Restricted Stock Award for which such vesting restrictions apply (the "<u>Restriction Period</u>"), and until the expiration of the Restriction Period, the Participant shall not be permitted to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber Shares of Restricted Stock.

(d) Rights of a Shareholder. Except as provided in this Section 6 and the applicable Award Agreement, the applicable Participant shall have, with respect to the Shares of Restricted Stock, all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company holding the class or series of Common Stock that is the subject of the Restricted Stock, including, if applicable, the right to vote the Shares and the right to receive any dividends. As determined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement and subject to Section 15(e), (A) cash dividends on the class or series of Common Stock that is the subject of the Restricted Stock, and shall be held subject to the vesting of the underlying Restricted Stock, or held subject to meeting Performance Goals applicable only to dividends, and (B) dividends payable in Common Stock shall be paid in the form of Restricted Stock, or held subject to meeting Performance Goals applicable only to dividends.

(e) Delivery of Unlegended Certificates. If and when any applicable Performance Goals are satisfied and the Restriction Period expires without a prior forfeiture of the Shares of Restricted Stock for which legended certificates have been issued, unlegended certificates for such Shares shall be delivered to the Participant upon surrender of the legended certificates.

(f) Termination of Employment. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee or provided in the applicable Award Agreement, upon a Participant's Termination or Employment, his or her Restricted Stock shall be treated as set forth below:

(*i*) *Termination by Reason of Death or Disability*. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment by reason of death or Disability, the restrictions, including any Performance Goals, applicable to any Restricted Stock shall lapse (with respect to Performance Goals, be deemed earned in full based on the applicable target level), and such Restricted Stock shall become free of all restrictions and become fully vested and transferable to the full extent of the original grant.

(ii) Other Termination. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment for any reason other than death or Disability during the Restriction Period or before the requisite service period or applicable Performance Goals are satisfied, all Shares still subject to restriction shall be forfeited by the Participant.

Section 7. Restricted Stock Units

(a) Nature of Awards. Restricted stock units and deferred share rights (together, "<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>") are Awards denominated in Shares that will be settled, subject to the terms and conditions of the Restricted Stock Units, in an amount in cash, Shares, or both, based upon the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares.

(b) Terms and Conditions. Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the applicable Award Agreement (including the vesting or forfeiture provisions applicable upon a Termination of Employment):

(i) The Committee shall, prior to or at the time of grant, condition (A) the vesting of Restricted Stock Units upon the continued service of the applicable Participant, or (B) the grant or vesting of Restricted Stock Units upon the attainment of Performance Goals or (C) the grant or vesting of an Award of Restricted Stock Units upon the attainment of Performance Goals and the continued service of the applicable Participant. The conditions for grant or vesting and the other provisions of Restricted Stock Units (including without limitation any applicable Performance Goals) need not be the same with respect to each recipient. An Award of Restricted Stock Units shall be settled as and when the Restricted Stock Units vest, at a later time specified

by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, or, if the Committee so permits, in accordance with an election of the Participant.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, during the Restriction Period, if any, set by the Committee, the Participant shall not be permitted to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber Restricted Stock Units.

(iii) The Award Agreement for Restricted Stock Units shall specify whether, to what extent and on what terms and conditions the applicable Participant shall be entitled to receive payments of cash, Common Stock or other property corresponding to the dividends payable on the Common Stock (subject to Section 15(e) below).

(c) Rights of a Shareholder. A Participant to whom Restricted Stock Units are awarded shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to the Shares represented by the Restricted Stock Units unless and until Shares are actually delivered to the participant in settlement thereof. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and subject to Section 15(e), an Award of Restricted Stock Units shall be adjusted to reflect deemed reinvestment in additional Restricted Stock Units of the dividends that would be paid and distributions that would be made with respect to the Award of Restricted Stock Units if it consisted of actual Shares. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, if an adjustment to an Award of Restricted Stock Units is made pursuant to Section 3(d) as a result of any dividend or distribution, no increase to such Award (by means of deemed reinvestment in additional Restricted Stock Units) shall be made under this Section 7(c) as a result of the same dividend or distribution.

(d) Termination of Employment. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee or provided in the applicable Award Agreement, upon a Participant's Termination of Employment, his or her Restricted Stock Units shall be treated as set forth below:

(*i*) *Termination by Reason of Death or Disability*. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment by reason of death or Disability, the restrictions, including any Performance Goals, applicable to any Restricted Stock Units shall lapse (with respect to Performance Goals, be deemed earned in full based on the applicable target level), and such Restricted Stock Units shall become fully vested and settled to the full extent of the original grant.

(ii) Other *Termination*. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment for any reason other than death or Disability during the Restriction Period or before the applicable Performance Goals are satisfied, all unvested Restricted Stock Units shall be forfeited by the Participant.

Section 8. Performance Units

Performance Units may be issued hereunder to Eligible Individuals, for no cash consideration or for such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law, either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under this Plan. The Performance Goals to be achieved during any Performance Period and the length of the Performance Period shall be determined by the Committee upon the grant of each Performance Unit. The conditions for grant or vesting and the other provisions of Performance Units (including without limitation any applicable Performance Goals) need not be the same with respect to each recipient. Performance Units may be paid in cash, Shares, other property or any combination thereof, in the sole discretion of the Committee as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

Section 9. Other Stock-Based Awards

The Committee may grant Awards of Shares or related to Shares not otherwise described herein in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the terms of this Plan as the Committee shall determine. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, each such Other Stock-Based Award may (a) involve the transfer of actual Shares to Participants, either at the time of grant or thereafter, or payment in cash or otherwise of amounts based on the

value of Shares, (b) be subject to performance-based and/or service-based conditions, (c) be in the form of phantom stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, deferred share units or share-denominated performance units, or other Awards denominated in, or with a value determined by reference to, a number of Shares that is specified at the time of the grant of such Award, and (d) be designed to comply with applicable laws of jurisdictions other than the United States.

Section 10. Cash-Based Awards

The Committee may grant Awards to Eligible Individuals that are denominated and payable in cash in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the terms of this Plan as the Committee shall determine. With respect to a Cash-Based Award subject to Performance Goals, the Performance Goals to be achieved during any performance period and the length of the performance period shall be determined by the Committee upon the grant of such Cash-Based Award, or (b) the grant or vesting of Cash-Based Awards upon the attainment of Performance Goals or (c) the grant or vesting of a Cash-Based Awards upon the attainment of Performance Goals and the continued service of the applicable Participant.

Section 11. Change-in-Control Provisions

(a) General. The provisions of this Section 11 shall, subject to Section 3(d), apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, except to the extent the Committee specifically provides otherwise in an Award Agreement.

(b) Impact of Change in Control. Upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement: (i) all then-outstanding Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall become fully vested and exercisable, and all Full-Value Awards (other than performance-based Awards) shall vest in full, be free of restrictions, and be deemed to be earned and payable in an amount equal to the full value of such Award, except in each case to the extent that another Award meeting the requirements of Section 11(c) (any award meeting the requirements of Section 11(c), a "<u>Replacement Award</u>") is provided to the Participant pursuant to Section 3(d) to replace such Award (any award intended to be replaced by a Replacement Award, a "<u>Replaced Award</u>"), and (ii) any performance-based Award that is not replaced by a Replacement Award shall be deemed to be earned and payable in an amount equal to the full value of such performance-based Award (with all applicable Performance Goals deemed achieved at the greater of (x) the applicable target level and (y) the level of achievement of the Performance Goals for the Award as determined by the Committee not later than the date of the Change in Control, taking into account performance through the latest date preceding the Change in Control as to which performance can, as a practical matter, be determined (but not later than the end of the applicable Performance Period)).

(c) Replacement Awards. An Award shall meet the conditions of this Section 11(c) (and hence qualify as a Replacement Award) if: (i) it is of the same type as the Replaced Award; (ii) it has a value equal to the value of the Replaced Award as of the date of the Change in Control, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion consistent with Section 3(d); (iii) if the underlying Replaced Award was an equity-based award, it relates to publicly traded equity securities of the Company or the entity surviving the Company following the Change in Control; (iv) it contains terms relating to vesting (including with respect to a Termination of Employment) that are substantially identical to those of the Replaced Award; and (v) its other terms and conditions are not less favorable to the Participant than the terms and conditions of the Replaced Award (including the provisions that would apply in the event of a subsequent Change in Control) as of the date of the Change in Control. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Replacement Award may take the form of a continuation of the applicable Replaced Award if the requirements of the preceding sentence are satisfied. The determination whether the conditions of this Section 11(c) are satisfied shall be made by the Committee, as constituted immediately before the Change in Control, in its sole discretion.

(d) Termination of Employment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary and unless otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement (or other severance, change in control or employment agreement), upon a Termination of Employment of a Participant by the Company other than for Cause within 24 months following a Change in Control, (i) all Replacement Awards held by such Participant shall vest in full, be free of restrictions, and be deemed to be earned in full (with respect to Performance Goals, unless otherwise agreed in connection with the Change in Control, at the greater of (x) the applicable target level and (y) the level of achievement of the Performance Goals

for the Award as determined by the Committee taking into account performance through the latest date preceding the Termination of Employment as to which performance can, as a practical matter, be determined (but not later than the end of the applicable Performance Period)), and (ii) unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right held by the Participant as of the date of the Change in Control that remains outstanding as of the date of such Termination of Employment may thereafter be exercised until the expiration of the stated full Term of such Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

(e) Definition of Change in Control. For purposes of this Plan, a "Change in Control" shall mean the happening of any of the following events:

(i) An acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 30% or more of either (1) the then outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (2) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company, (2) any acquisition by the Company, or (4) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (iii) of this Section 11(e); or

(ii) A change in the composition of the Board such that the individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; *provided*, *however*, that, for purposes of this Section 11(e), any individual who becomes a member of the Board subsequent to the Effective Date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of those individuals who are members of the Board and who were also members of the Incumbent Board (or deemed to be such pursuant to this proviso) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board; *provided further*, that any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board shall not be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or

(iii) The consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or securities of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (1) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a non- corporate entity, equivalent securities), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (2) no Person (excluding any entity resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 30% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent securities) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination, and (3) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent body or committee) of the entity resulting from such

Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) The approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Section 12. Section 16(b); Section 409A

(a) The provisions of this Plan are intended to ensure that no transaction under this Plan is subject to (and all such transactions will be exempt from) the short-swing recovery rules of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act ("Section 16(b)"). Accordingly, the composition of the Committee shall be subject to such limitations as the Board deems appropriate to permit transactions pursuant to this Plan to be exempt (pursuant to Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) from Section 16(b), and no delegation of authority by the Committee shall be permitted if such delegation would cause any such transaction to be subject to (and not exempt from) Section 16(b).

(b) The Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or an exemption or exclusion therefrom and, with respect to amounts that are subject to Section 409A of the Code, it is intended that this Plan be administered in all respects in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. Each payment under any Award that constitutes non-qualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code. In no event may a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment to be made under any Award that constitutes non-qualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company), amounts that constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code that would otherwise be payable by reason of a Participant's Separation from Service during the six-month period immediately following such Separation from Service. If the Participant dies following the Separation from Service and prior to the payment of any amounts delayed on account of Section 409A of the Code, such amounts shall be paid to the personal representative of the Participant's estate within 30 days following the date of the Participant's death.

Section 13. Term, Amendment and Termination

(a) Effectiveness. The Plan was approved by the Board on March 21, 2014, and became effective upon approval by the Company's shareholders on May 8, 2014 (the "Effective Date"). The first amendment and restatement of the Plan was approved by the Board on February 9, 2017 and became effective upon approval by the Company's shareholders on May 11, 2017. This second amendment and restatement of the Plan was approved by the Board on March 16, 2022, and it will be effective as of the date of such approval by the Company's shareholders (the "Restatement Effective Date").

(b) Termination. The Plan will terminate on the tenth anniversary of the Restatement Effective Date. Awards outstanding as of such date shall not be affected or impaired by the termination of this Plan.

(c) Amendment of Plan. The Board or the Committee may amend, alter, or discontinue this Plan, but no amendment, alteration or discontinuation shall be made which would materially impair the rights of the Participant with respect to a previously granted Award without such Participant's consent, except such an amendment made to comply with applicable law, including without limitation Section 409A of the Code, Applicable Exchange listing standards or accounting rules. In addition, no amendment shall be made without the approval of the Company's shareholders to the extent such approval is required by applicable law or the listing standards of the Applicable Exchange.

(d) Amendment of Awards. Subject to Section 5(d), the Committee may unilaterally amend the terms of any Award theretofore granted, but no such amendment shall without the Participant's consent materially impair the rights of any Participant with respect to an Award, except such an amendment made to cause this Plan or Award to comply with applicable law, Applicable Exchange listing standards or accounting rules.

Section 14. Unfunded Status of Plan

It is intended that this Plan constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. The Committee may authorize the creation of trusts or other arrangements to meet the obligations created under this Plan to deliver Common Stock or make payments; *provided*, *however*, that unless the Committee otherwise determines, the existence of such trusts or other arrangements is consistent with the "unfunded" status of this Plan.

Section 15. General Provisions

(a) Conditions for Issuance. The Committee may require each person purchasing or receiving Shares pursuant to an Award to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that such person is acquiring the Shares without a view to the distribution thereof. The certificates for such Shares may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan or agreements made pursuant thereto, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for Shares under this Plan prior to fulfillment of all of the following conditions: (i) listing or approval for listing upon notice of issuance, of such Shares on the Applicable Exchange; (ii) any registration or other qualification of such Shares of the Company under any state or federal law or regulation, or the maintaining in effect of any such registration or other consent, approval, or permit from any state or federal governmental agency which the Committee shall, in its absolute discretion after receiving the advice of counsel, determine to be necessary or advisable.

(b) Additional Compensation Arrangements. Nothing contained in this Plan shall prevent the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements for its employees.

(c) No Contract of Employment. The Plan shall not constitute a contract of employment, and adoption of this Plan shall not confer upon any employee any right to continued employment, nor shall it interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to terminate the employment of any employee at any time.

(d) Required Taxes. No later than the date as of which an amount first becomes includible in the gross income of a Participant for federal, state, local or foreign income or employment or other tax purposes with respect to any Award under this Plan, such Participant shall pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Company regarding the payment of, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to such amount. Unless otherwise determined by the Company, withholding obligations may be settled with Common Stock, including Common Stock that is part of the Award that gives rise to the withholding requirement, having a Fair Market Value on the date of withholding of up to the maximum amount permitted to be withheld for tax purposes, but in no event less than the minimum amount required to be withheld for tax purposes, all in accordance with such procedures as the Committee establishes. The obligations of the Company under this Plan shall be conditional on such payment or arrangements, and the Company and its Affiliates shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment otherwise due to such Participant. The Committee may establish such procedures as it deems appropriate, including making irrevocable elections, for the settlement of withholding obligations with Common Stock; provided, however, unless otherwise subsequently determined by the Committee, with respect to a Participant subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the withholding of Shares by the Company or any of its Affiliates to satisfy tax, exercise price or other withholding obligations in respect of an Award shall be mandatory.

(e) Limitation on Dividend Reinvestment and Dividend Equivalents. Reinvestment of dividends in additional Restricted Stock at the time of any dividend payment, and the payment of Shares with respect to dividends to Participants holding Awards of Restricted Stock Units, shall only be permissible if sufficient Shares are available under Section 3 for such reinvestment or payment (taking into account then-outstanding Awards). If sufficient Shares are not available for such reinvestment or payment, such reinvestment or payment shall be made in the form of a grant of Restricted Stock Units equal in number to the Shares that would have been obtained by such payment or reinvestment, the terms of which Restricted Stock Units shall provide for settlement in cash and for dividend equivalent reinvestment in further Restricted Stock Units on the terms contemplated by this Section 15(e).

(f) Designation of Death Beneficiary. The Committee shall establish such procedures as it deems appropriate for a Participant to designate a beneficiary to whom any amounts payable in the event of such Participant's death are to be paid or by whom any rights of such eligible Individual, after such Participant's death, may be exercised.

(g) Subsidiary Employees. In the case of a grant of an Award to any employee of a Subsidiary, the Company may, if the Committee so directs, issue or transfer the Shares, if any, covered by the Award to the Subsidiary, for such lawful consideration as the Committee may specify, upon the condition or understanding that the Subsidiary will transfer the Shares to the employee in accordance with the terms of the Award specified by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Plan. All Shares underlying Awards that are forfeited or canceled revert to the Company.

(h) Governing Law and Interpretation. The Plan and all Awards made and actions taken thereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to principles of conflict of laws. The captions of this Plan are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect.

(i) Non-Transferability. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 5(i), 6(c)(ii) and 7(b)(ii) or as determined by the Committee, Awards under this Plan are not transferable except by will or by laws of descent and distribution.

(j) Recoupment Policy. Awards shall be subject to any incentive compensation recoupment policy established from time to time by the Company and in all events shall be subject to such forfeiture and recoupment provisions as may be required by applicable law or exchange rule or regulation.

EXHIBIT 10.31

CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of April 29, 2024

among

NMI HOLDINGS, INC., as the Company,

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as the Agent,

and

THE LENDERS PARTY HERETO

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS¹, BANK OF MONTREAL, CITIBANK, N.A. AND TRUIST SECURITIES, INC., as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

and

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Co-Documentation Agents

¹ RBC Capital Markets is a brand name for the capital markets business of Royal Bank of Canada and its Affiliates.

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CREDIT AGREEMENT

This CREDIT AGREEMENT is entered into as of April 29, 2024, by and among NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (together with its successors, the "**Company**"), the lenders from time to time party to this Agreement (collectively, the "**Lenders**"; individually, each a "**Lender**"), and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as administrative agent for the Lenders.

WHEREAS, the Company desires to obtain from the Lenders a revolving credit facility with revolving commitments in an amount equal to \$250,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Company intends to use the proceeds of the Revolving Facility for general corporate purposes of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements, provisions and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 Certain Defined Terms.

The following terms have the following meanings:

"Acquisition" means (i) any Investment by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in a Person (other than an existing Wholly-Owned Subsidiary) whereby such Person becomes a direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or is merged with and into the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) an acquisition by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of the property and assets of any Person (other than an existing Wholly-Owned Subsidiary) that constitutes all or substantially all of the assets of such Person or any division, line of business, book of business or business unit of such Person; <u>provided</u> that capital expenditures (as determined in accordance with GAAP) that do not, individually or as part of a series of related transactions, result in the acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets of any Person or any division, line of business, book of business or business unit of such Person shall be deemed not to be Acquisitions.

"Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR" means an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Daily Simple SOFR, *plus* (b) 0.10%; <u>provided</u> that if the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate as so determined would be less than the Floor, such rate shall be deemed to be equal to the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement.

"Adjusted Term SOFR Rate" means, for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum equal to (a) the Term SOFR Rate for such Interest Period, *plus* (b) 0.10%; <u>provided</u> that if the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate as so determined would be less than the Floor, such rate shall be deemed to be equal to the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement.

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

"Affiliate" means, as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by or is under common control with, such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if the controlling Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the

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direction of the management and policies of the other Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, membership interests, by contract or otherwise.

"Agent" means RBC, in its capacity as administrative agent under the Loan Documents, and its successors and permitted assigns in such capacity.

"Agent-Related Persons" means the initial Agent, any successor Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger and the Co-Documentation Agents, in each case together with their respective Affiliates, and the officers, directors, employees, agents and attorneys-in-fact of such Persons and Affiliates.

"Agent's Office" means the Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on <u>Schedule 10.02</u> or such other address or account as the Agent may from time to time specify.

"Agreement" means this Credit Agreement.

"Ancillary Documents" has the meanings set forth in Section 10.11.

"Annual Statement" means the annual statutory financial statement of any Insurance Subsidiary required to be filed with such Insurance Subsidiary's domiciliary insurance commissioner, which statement shall be in the form required by such Insurance Subsidiary's domiciliary jurisdiction or, if no specific form is so required, in the form of financial statements permitted by such domiciliary insurance commissioner to be used for filing annual statutory financial statements and shall contain the type of information permitted or required by such domiciliary insurance commissioner to be disclosed therein, together with all exhibits or schedules filed therewith.

"Anti-Corruption Laws" means the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and any applicable similar laws, rules or regulations issued, administered or enforced by any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Company.

"Anti-Money Laundering Laws" means any applicable provision of Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA Patriot Act) of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56) and The Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act (also known as the "Bank Secrecy Act," 31 U.S.C. §§ 5311-5330 and 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(s), 1820(b) and 1951-1959), any law or executive order relating thereto administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control, and any similar law, regulation, or executive order enacted in the United States after the date of this Agreement.

"Applicable Margin" and "Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage" mean, on any day, a percentage, *per annum*, determined by reference to the ratings of the Index Debt in effect on such day as set forth in the table below:

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Pricing Level	Index Debt S&P/Fitch/ Moody's	Applicable Margin for Term Benchmark Loans	Applicable Margin for Base Rate Loans	Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage
1	Greater than or equal to BBB/BBB/Baa2	1.375%	0.375%	0.175%
2	BBB- /BBB-/ Baa3	1.500%	0.500%	0.225%
3	BB+/BB+/ Ba1	1.750%	0.750%	0.300%
4	BB / BB/Ba2	2.000%	1.000%	0.350%
5	BB-// BB-/Ba3	2.500%	1.500%	0.450%
6	Less than or equal to $B+/B+/B1$	2.875%	1.875%	0.525%

; provided that in the event that (w) each Rating Agency shall have in effect a rating for the Index Debt and (i) the ratings for the Index Debt provided by at least two Rating Agencies fall within the same level, such level will apply and (ii) no two ratings from the Rating Agencies are within the same level, the second highest of the three ratings will apply, (x) two Rating Agencies shall have in effect a rating for the Index Debt and (i) the ratings by such Rating Agencies fall within the same level, such level will apply, (ii) the ratings by such Rating Agencies are split by one level, then the higher of the two ratings shall apply, (iii) the ratings by such Rating Agencies are split by one level, then the higher of the two ratings shall apply, (y) only one Rating Agency shall have in effect a rating for the Index Debt, such rating by such Rating Agency shall apply and (z) no ratings of the Index Debt has been obtained from any Rating Agency, the Index Debt shall deemed to have the lowest ratings set forth above and (iv) if any rating for the Index Debt shall be changed, such change shall be effective as of the date on which it is first announced by the applicable Rating Agency. Each change in the Applicable Margin or the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage shall apply during the period commencing on the effective date of such change and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change.

"Approved Electronic Communications" means any notice, demand, communication, information, document or other material that any of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries provides to the Agent pursuant to any Loan Document or the transactions contemplated therein which is distributed to the Agent or Lenders by means of electronic communications pursuant to <u>Section 10.02(b)</u>.

"Approved Fund" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

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"Asset Sale" means any Disposition of property or series of related Dispositions of property pursuant to Section 7.03(n).

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee substantially in the form of Exhibit D or in another form reasonably acceptable to the Agent.

"Attorney Costs" means and includes all reasonable fees, expenses and disbursements of any law firm or other external legal counsel.

"Availability Period" means the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments.

"Available Tenor" means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof), as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period for any term rate or otherwise, for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of "Interest Period" pursuant to clause (e) of Section 3.05.

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

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

"**Base Rate**" means, for any day, a rate *per annum* equal to the highest of (a) the NYFRB Rate *plus* 1/2 of 1%, (b) the Prime Rate, (c) the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for a one month Interest Period as published two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1%; provided that for the purpose of this definition, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for any day shall be based on the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m. Chicago time on such day (or any amended publication time for the Term SOFR Reference Rate, as specified by the CME Term SOFR Administrator in the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m. Chicago time on SOFR Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, respectively. If the Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to <u>Section 3.05</u> hereof (for the avoidance of doubt, only until the Benchmark Replacement has been determined pursuant to <u>Section 3.05(b)</u>), then the Base Rate as determined pursuant to the foregoing would be less than 1.00%, such rate shall be deemed to be 1.00% for purposes of this Agreement.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Loan that bears interest based on the Base Rate.

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"**Benchmark**" means, initially, the Term SOFR Rate; <u>provided</u> that if a Benchmark Transition Event, and the related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Term SOFR Rate, or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior Benchmark rate pursuant to <u>clause (b)</u> of <u>Section 3.05</u>.

"Benchmark Replacement" means, for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date:

(1) the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR;

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

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

"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment" means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Agent and the Company for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and/or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time.

"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement and/or any Term Benchmark Loan, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of "Base Rate," the definition of "Business Day," the definition of "U.S. Government Securities Business Day," the definition of "Interest Period," timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Agent in its reasonable discretion decides, after consultation with the Company, may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark and to permit the administration thereof by the Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Agent decides in its reasonable discretion that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of such Benchmark exists, in such other manner of

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administration as the Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Federal Reserve Board, the NYFRB, the CME Term SOFR Administrator, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

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

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

"Benchmark Unavailability Period" means, with respect to any Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to clauses (1) or (2) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with <u>Section 3.05</u> and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with <u>Section 3.05</u>.

"**Benefit Plan**" means any of (a) an "employee benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a "plan" as defined in Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such "employee benefit plan" or "plan."

"BHC Act Affiliate" of a party means an "affiliate' (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

"Borrowing" means a Revolving Borrowing.

"Borrowing Date" means the date of a Credit Extension.

"Business Day" means, any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for business in New York City or Chicago.

"Calculation Period" means, with respect to any ratio or calculation, the period for which such ratio or calculation is being calculated.

"Capital Adequacy Regulation" means any guideline, request or directive of any central bank or other Governmental Authority, or any other law, rule or regulation, whether or not having the force of law, in each case, regarding capital adequacy or liquidity of any bank or of any corporation controlling a bank.

"Capital and Surplus" means, as to any Insurance Subsidiary, as of any date, the total amount reported as "Surplus as Regards Policyholders" shown on line 37, page 3, column 1 (or such other line on which the equivalent information is provided on any other such Annual Statement) of the Annual Statement of such Insurance Subsidiary as of such date, or an amount determined in a consistent manner in accordance with SAP for any date other than one as of which an Annual Statement is prepared.

"Capital Stock" means any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock of a corporation, any and all equivalent ownership interests in a Person (other than a corporation), including partnership interests and membership interests, and any and all warrants,

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rights or options to purchase any of the foregoing; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, Capital Stock shall not be deemed to include debt convertible or exchangeable for any of the foregoing.

"**Capitalized Lease Liabilities**" means, with respect to any Person, all monetary obligations of such Person under any leasing or similar arrangement that, in accordance with GAAP, would be classified as a capitalized lease, and, for purposes of this Agreement, the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof, determined in accordance with GAAP, and the stated maturity thereof shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a penalty. For purposes of this definition, whenever in this Agreement is it necessary to determine whether a lease is a capital lease or an operating lease, such determination shall be made on the basis of GAAP as in effect on December 31, 2017.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

(a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States government or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition;

(b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits or overnight bank deposits having maturities of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition issued by any commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof having combined capital and surplus of not less than \$500,000,000 and a short term deposit rating of at least A-1 by S&P and P-1 by Moody's, or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issuers generally;

(c) commercial paper of an issuer rated at least A-1 by S&P and P-1 by Moody's at the time of acquisition thereof, or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issuers generally, and maturing within nine months from the date of acquisition;

(d) repurchase obligations of any Lender or of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of <u>clause (b)</u> of this definition, having a term of not more than 30 days, with respect to securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government;

(e) securities with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, by any political subdivision or taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth or territory or by any foreign government, the securities of which state, commonwealth, territory, political subdivision, taxing authority or foreign government (as the case may be) are rated at least A by S&P and A2 by Moody's;

(f) securities with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition backed by standby letters of credit issued by any Lender or any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of <u>clause (b)</u> of this definition; and

(g) shares of money market mutual or similar funds that invest exclusively in assets satisfying the requirements of $\underline{clauses (a)}$ through (<u>f</u>) of this definition.

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"Cash Management Obligations" means obligations owed by the Company or any Subsidiary in respect of any overdraft and related liabilities arising from treasury, depository and cash management services or any automated clearing house transfers of funds or in respect of any credit card or similar services.

"CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.

"Change of Control" means any acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the SEC under the Exchange Act) of 50% or more of the outstanding shares of Voting Stock of the Company.

"Closing Date" shall mean the first date on which each of the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 shall have been satisfied or waived.

"Closing Date Refinancing" has the meaning specified in Section 4.02(c).

"CME Term SOFR Administrator" means CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited as administrator of the forward-looking term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) (or a successor administrator).

"Co-Documentation Agents" means Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Huntington National Bank and U.S. Bank National Association.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"**Commitment**" means any Revolving Commitment. The amount of each Lender's Commitment as of the date hereof is set forth on <u>Schedule 1.01(A)</u> hereto.

"Commitment Letter" means that certain commitment letter dated as of March 27, 2024 between RBC and the Company.

"Company" has the meaning specified in the introduction to this Agreement.

"Compensation Period" has the meaning specified in Section 2.14(c)(ii).

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

"**Consolidated Net Income**" means for any period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Net Worth" means, as of any date of determination with respect to the Company, all amounts included, in conformity with GAAP, under shareholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of the last day of the most recently ended Fiscal Quarter of the Company for which financial statements have been (or were required to have been) delivered pursuant to Section 6.01, excluding the effect thereon of any accumulated other comprehensive income (or loss) or adjustments required under FASB ASC 320 and related taxes under FASB ASC 740, after appropriate deduction for any minority interests in Subsidiaries (to the extent minority interests are included in consolidated shareholders' equity). Consolidated Net Worth shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis; provided, that,

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for purposes of compliance with <u>Section 7.14</u>, unless such compliance is expressly required to be determined on a Pro Forma Basis, Consolidated Net Worth shall not be determined on a Pro Forma Basis.

"**Consolidated Total Assets**" means, as of any date of determination, the total assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, determined in accordance with GAAP, as set forth on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of the last day of the most recently ended Fiscal Quarter of the Company for which financial statements have been delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.01</u>.

"Consolidated Total Revenues" means, as of any date of determination, the total revenues of the Company and its Subsidiaries, determined in accordance with GAAP, as set forth on the consolidated statement or statements of operations of the Company for the four most recently ended Fiscal Quarters of the Company for which financial statements have been delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.01</u>.

"Contingent Obligation" means, without duplication, any agreement, undertaking or arrangement by which any Person guarantees, endorses or otherwise becomes or is contingently liable upon (by direct or indirect agreement, contingent or otherwise, to provide funds for payment, to supply funds to, or otherwise to invest in, a debtor, or otherwise to assure a creditor against loss) the debt, obligation or other liability of any other Person (other than by endorsements of instruments in the course of collection and indemnities under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business or in connection with any Acquisition or Disposition of property permitted under this Agreement and not in respect of Indebtedness), or guarantees the payment of dividends or other distributions upon the shares of any other Person; provided that the obligations of any Person under Reinsurance Agreements or in connection with Investments of Insurance Subsidiaries or Subsidiaries of Insurance Subsidiaries permitted by the applicable Department shall not be deemed Contingent Obligations of such Person. The amount of any Contingent Obligation of any Person shall (subject to any limitation set forth therein) be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Contingent Obligation is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by such Person in good faith.

"Contractual Obligation" means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, undertaking, contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other instrument, document or agreement to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"Conversion/Continuation Notice" means a Conversion/Continuation Notice substantially in the form of Exhibit C-2.

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

"Covered Entity" means any of the following:

- (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

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"Covered Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.18.

"Credit Extension" means the making, conversion or continuation of a Loan.

"Daily Simple SOFR" means, for any day (a "SOFR Rate Day"), a rate per annum equal SOFR for the day (such day "SOFR Determination Date") that is five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Day prior to (i) if such SOFR Rate Day is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, such SOFR Rate Day or (ii) if such SOFR Rate Day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding such SOFR Rate Day, in each case, as such SOFR is published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator's Website. Any change in Daily Simple SOFR due to a change in SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SOFR without notice to the Company.

"**Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio**" means, as of any date of determination, without duplication, the ratio of (a) the principal amount of all Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding on such date, other than (i) Indebtedness owing to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) Indebtedness of the kinds referred to in <u>clauses (d)</u> and (e) of the definition of "Indebtedness" and, for the avoidance of doubt, Securitization Indebtedness, to (b) Total Capitalization on such date.

"**Debtor Relief Laws**" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

"Default" means any event or circumstance that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, would (if not cured or otherwise remedied during such time) constitute an Event of Default.

"Default Right" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

"Defaulting Lender" means, subject to Section 2.16(b), any Lender that (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Agent and the Company in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (which conditions precedent, together with the applicable Default, if any, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Company or the Agent in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lenders' obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with the applicable default, if any, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) has failed, within three Business Days after written request by the Agent or the Company, to confirm in writing to the Agent or the Company that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Agent), or (d) the Agent has received notification that such Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof (i) is the subject of a Bail-In Action, (ii) is insolvent, or is

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generally unable to pay its debts as they become due, or has admitted in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become due, or has made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or (iii) is the subject of a bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation or similar proceeding, or a receiver, trustee, conservator, intervenor or sequestrator or the like has been appointed for such Lender or its direct or indirect parent company has taken any action in furtherance of or indicating its consent to or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Capital Stock in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender.

"Department" means, with respect to any Insurance Subsidiary, the Governmental Authority of such Insurance Subsidiary's state of domicile with which such Insurance Subsidiary is required to file its Annual Statement.

"**Disposition**" means the sale, assignment, leasing as lessor (other than in the ordinary course), transfer, contribution, conveyance, issuance or other disposal of, or granting of options, warrants or other rights with respect to, any of a Person's assets (including any transaction pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction and, in the case of any Restricted Subsidiary, the issuance or sale of its Capital Stock). The terms "**Dispose of**," "**Disposing of**" and "**Disposed of**" shall have correlative meaning.

"Disqualified Capital Stock" means any Capital Stock which, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or upon the happening of any event, (a) matures (excluding any maturity as the result of an optional redemption by the issuer thereof) or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the Latest Maturity Date, (b) is convertible into or exchangeable (unless at the sole option of the issuer thereof) for (i) debt securities or (ii) any Capital Stock referred to in <u>clause (a)</u> above, in each case at any time on or prior to date that is 91 days after the Latest Maturity Date, or (c) contains any repurchase obligation which may come into effect prior to payment in full of all Obligations; <u>provided</u>, however, that (x) any Capital Stock that would not constitute Disqualified Capital Stock but for provisions thereof giving holders thereof (or the holders of any security into or for which such Capital Stock is convertible, exchangeable or exercisable) the right to require the issuer thereof to redeem such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change in control or an asset sale occurring prior to the date that is 91 days after the Latest Maturity Date shall not constitute Disqualified Capital Stock if such Capital Stock provides that the issuer thereof will not redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions prior to the repayment in full of the Obligations, and (y) if such Capital Stock is issued to any employee or to any Plan for the benefit of employees of the Company or the Subsidiaries or by any such Plan to such employees, such Capital Stock shall not constitute Disqualified Capital Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Company or any Subsidiary in order to satisfy applicable compulsory statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's ter

"**Disqualified Lender**" means (i) any insurance company or any other Person identified by the Company by written notice to the Agent prior to the Effective Date, (ii) any competitor of the Company and its subsidiaries identified by the Company from time to time by written notice to the Agent, and (iii) any Affiliate of any such identified person described in the foregoing <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> that is clearly identifiable as an Affiliate solely on the basis of its name or that the Agent knows is an Affiliate of any

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such identified person; <u>provided</u> that the Agent shall be permitted to disclose such list of Disqualified Lenders to any Lender on a confidential basis subject to <u>Section 10.08</u> upon the request of such Lender.

"Dollars," "dollars" and "\$" each means lawful money of the United States.

"**Domestic Subsidiary**" means a Subsidiary that is (a) organized or incorporated in the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and (b) not a Foreign Subsidiary.

"EEA Financial Institution" means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in <u>clause (a)</u> of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in <u>clauses (a)</u> or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

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

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

"Effective Date" means April 29, 2024.

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

"Eligible Assignee" means (a) a Lender; (b) an Affiliate of a Lender; (c) an Approved Fund; and (d) any other Person (other than a natural person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural person) or a Disqualified Lender or Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute a Disqualified Lender) approved by (i) the Agent and (ii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company (each such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that (x) notwithstanding the foregoing, "Eligible Assignee" shall not include any of the Company's Subsidiaries or any Defaulting Lender, (y) the Company shall be deemed to have approved an assignee unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received notice thereof and (z) any assignment to the Company shall be subject to the terms of <u>Section 10.07(c)</u>.

"Environment" means ambient air, indoor air, surface water, groundwater, drinking water, soil, surface and subsurface strata, and natural resources such as wetlands, flora and fauna.

"Environmental Claims" means all written claims, complaints, notices or inquiries, by any Governmental Authority or other Person alleging potential liability or responsibility for violation of any Environmental Law, or for release or injury to the environment or threat to public health, personal injury (including sickness, disease or death), property damage, natural resources damage, or otherwise alleging liability or responsibility for damages (punitive or otherwise), cleanup, removal, remedial or response costs, restitution, civil or criminal penalties, injunctive relief or other type of relief, resulting from or based upon the presence, placement, or Release (including intentional or unintentional, negligent or non-negligent, sudden or non-sudden or accidental or non-accidental placement, spills, leaks, discharges,

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emissions or releases) of any Hazardous Material at, in, under or from property, whether or not owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, excluding, in any case, liabilities or claims arising under any insurance contract or policy, reinsurance agreement or retrocession agreement relating to any of the foregoing where the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is the insurer.

"Environmental Laws" means all Requirements of Law relating to pollution or protection of the Environment or the release of any materials into the Environment, including those related to hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public systems.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage or treatment of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Materials or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code).

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Single Employer Pension Plan; (b)(i) with respect to any Single Employer Pension Plan, the failure to satisfy the minimum funding standard under Sections 412 or 430 of the Code and Sections 302 or 303 of ERISA, whether or not waived, (ii) the failure to make by its due date a required installment under Section 430(i) of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA with respect to any Single Employer Pension Plan or (iii) the failure to make a required contribution to a Multiemployer Plan; (c) a withdrawal by the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate from a Single Employer Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or the imposition of liability on the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate due to the cessation of operations which is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (d) a complete or partial withdrawal by the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or the reorganization or insolvency of a Multiemployer Plan under Section 4241 or 4245 of ERISA; (e) the termination under Section 4041(c) or 4041A of ERISA of a Single Employer Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (f) an event or condition that would reasonably be expected to constitute grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Single Employer Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (g) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than required plan contributions and PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Sections 4006 and 4007 of ERISA, upon the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate; or (h) a Multiemployer Plan is determined to be in "critical" or "endangered" status under Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 of ERISA, or, with respect to any Single Employer Pension Plan, a determination that it is "at risk" under Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA or (i) the imposition of a Lien under Section 430(k) of the Code or Section 303(k) or 4068 of ERISA.

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

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Excluded Taxes" means, with respect to the Agent, any Lender or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Company under any Loan Document, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of the recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are imposed as a result of a present or former connection between the recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document), (b) in the case of a Lender other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Company under <u>Section 10.14</u>, any United States federal withholding Tax imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender pursuant to any law in effect at the time such Lender becomes a party hereto, acquires the applicable interest in the Loan or designates a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from the Company with respect to such withholding Tax pursuant to <u>Section 3.01(a)</u>, (c) any Tax that is attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with <u>Section 3.01(f)</u> and (d) any United States federal withholding Tax that is imposed pursuant to FATCA.

"Existing Credit Agreement" means that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of November 29, 2021, by and among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and the other parties thereto, as the same may have been amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time prior to the Closing Date.

"Existing Facility" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Existing Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Existing Secured Notes" means the Company's 7.375% senior secured notes due 2025.

"Existing Secured Notes Collateral Agent" means the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, in its capacity as trustee and collateral agent under the Existing Secured Notes.

"Existing Secured Notes Indenture" means the indenture dated as of June 19, 2020 by and among the Company, the guarantors party thereto and the Existing Secured Notes Collateral Agent.

"Existing Secured Notes Obligations" means the "Notes Obligations" as such term is defined in the Existing Secured Notes Indenture.

"Extended Facility" means any Extended Revolving Facility.

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"Extended Loan" means any Extended Revolving Loan.

"Extended Maturity Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Extended Revolving Commitment" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Extended Revolving Facility" means the Extended Revolving Commitments and Extended Revolving Loans established pursuant to an Extension.

"Extended Revolving Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Extension" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Extension Amendment" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(f).

"Extension Offer" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Facility" means any Revolving Facility.

"FATCA" means current Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with (including any Treasury regulations or other official administrative guidance promulgated thereunder).

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day's federal funds transactions by depositary institutions (as determined in such manner as the NYFRB shall set forth on its public website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the federal funds effective rate; provided, that if the Federal Funds Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

"Federal Home Loan Bank" means the FHLBank System created by the Federal Home Loan Bank Act of 1932.

"Fee Letter" means that certain fee letter dated as of March 27, 2024 between RBC and the Company.

"Financial Covenants" means the covenants set forth in Sections 7.11, 7.13 and 7.14.

"Fiscal Quarter" means any fiscal quarter of a Fiscal Year.

"Fiscal Year" means any period of twelve consecutive calendar months ending on December 31.

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings, Inc.

"**Floor**" means the Benchmark rate Floor, if any, provided in this Agreement initially (as of the execution of this Agreement, the modification, amendment or renewal of this Agreement or otherwise) with respect to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt the initial Floor for each of Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR shall be 0.00%.

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"Foreign Lender" means any Lender that is not a U.S. Person within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"Foreign Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that (a) is not organized or incorporated in the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, (b) directly or indirectly, holds no material assets other than equity interests of one or more entities described in <u>clause (a)</u> of this definition or (c) is a Subsidiary of an entity described in <u>clauses (a)</u> or (b) of this definition.

"**FRB**" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.

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

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth from time to time in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (or agencies with similar functions of comparable stature and authority within the U.S. accounting profession), that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination.

"Government-Sponsored Enterprise" means the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and any other financial services entity established by any Governmental Authority and engaged in the purchase of mortgage loans.

"Governmental Authority" means any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof, any central bank (or similar monetary or regulatory authority) thereof, any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing or regulatory functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national body exercising such powers or functions, such as the European Union or the European Central Bank) and any corporation or other entity owned or controlled, through stock or capital ownership or otherwise, by any of the foregoing, including any board of insurance, insurance department or insurance commissioner.

"Hazardous Material" means: (a) any "hazardous substance," as defined by CERCLA; (b) any "hazardous waste," as defined by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; (c) petroleum and any petroleum product; or (d) any other pollutant, contaminant, chemical, material, waste or substance in any form that is subject to regulation or, as to which, liability or standards of conduct can be imposed under any Environmental Law.

"Historical Statutory Statements" has the meaning specified in Section 5.11(b).

"**Immaterial Subsidiary**" means any Non-Insurance Subsidiary that (a) has assets with an aggregate fair market value less than 2.50% of Consolidated Total Assets, (b) has aggregate revenues (disregarding, for the avoidance of doubt, revenue from Affiliates) less than 2.50% of Consolidated Total Revenues, (c) is not integral to the business or operations of the Company or its Subsidiaries (other than Immaterial Subsidiaries), and (d) has no Subsidiaries (other than Immaterial Subsidiaries).

"Increased Amount Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15(a).

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"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication: (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money or in respect of loans or advances; (b) all indebtedness of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments; (c) all indebtedness in respect of letters of credit, whether or not drawn, and bankers' acceptances and letters of guaranty issued for the account or upon the application or request of such Person; (d) all Capitalized Lease Liabilities of such Person; (e) the liabilities (if any) of such Person in respect of Swap Contracts as determined by reference to the Swap Termination Value thereof; (f) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services that are included as liabilities in accordance with GAAP (other than accrued expenses incurred and trade accounts payable in each case in the ordinary course of business) and all obligations secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person, but only to the extent of the lesser of the obligations secured or the value of the property to which such Lien is attached (including obligations arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements); (g) all Disqualified Capital Stock of such Person, valued, as of the date of determination, at the greater of the maximum aggregate amount that would be payable upon maturity, redemption, repayment or mandatory repurchase thereof (or of Disqualified Capital Stock or Indebtedness into which such Disqualified Capital Stock is convertible or exchangeable); (h) any obligations of a partnership of the kind referred to in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (g) above or <u>clause (i)</u> below in which such Person is a general partner unless such obligations are expressly made non-recourse to such Person; and (i) all Contingent Obligations of such Person with respect to Indebtedness or obligations of others of the kinds referred to in clauses (a) through (h) above. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, "Indebtedness" shall not include (1) liabilities in respect of unearned premium on insurance policies written by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (2) obligations in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 at any time outstanding owed to payroll service providers in respect of advances made to or on behalf of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries or to employees of the Company or Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

"Indemnified Liabilities" has the meaning specified in Section 10.05.

"Indemnified Person" has the meaning specified in Section 10.05.

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

"Independent Auditor" has the meaning specified in Section 6.01(a).

"Index Debt" means senior, unsecured, long-term indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company that is not guaranteed by any other person or subject to any other credit enhancement.

"**Insolvency Proceeding**" means, with respect to any Person, (a) any case, action or proceeding with respect to such Person before any court or other Governmental Authority relating to bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, liquidation, conservation, rehabilitation, receivership, dissolution, winding-up or relief of debtors or (b) any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, composition, marshalling of assets for creditors or other similar arrangement in respect of its creditors generally or any substantial portion of its creditors, in any case, undertaken under U.S. Federal, state or foreign law, including title 11 of the United States Code.

"Insurance Business" means one or more aspects of the business of (a) selling or underwriting insurance or (b) reinsurance.

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"Insurance Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is authorized or admitted to carry on or transact Insurance Business in any jurisdiction and is regulated by the insurance department or similar regulatory authority of such jurisdiction.

"Interest Election Request" means a request by the Company to convert or continue a Revolving Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.05, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit C-2 or any other form approved by the Agent.

"Interest Payment Date" means (a) with respect to any Base Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each calendar quarter and (b) with respect to any Term Benchmark Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three months' duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of three months' duration after the first day of such Interest Period, and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means with respect to any Term Benchmark Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter (in each case, subject to the availability for the Benchmark applicable to the relevant Loan or Commitment), as the Company may elect; *provided*, that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day, (ii) any Interest Period that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period and (iii) no tenor that has been removed from this definition pursuant to <u>Section 3.05(e)</u> shall be available for specification in such Loan Notice or Interest Election Request. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and, in the case of a Revolving Borrowing, thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

"Interest Type" means, when used with respect to any Loan, whether the rate of interest on such Loan is determined by reference to the Base Rate or the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate.

"Investment" means any advance, loan, extension of credit (by way of guaranty or otherwise) or capital contribution to, or purchase (including purchases financed with equity) of any Capital Stock, bonds, notes, obligations, debentures or other debt securities of, or any other investment in, any Person, in each case excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, transactions pursuant to Reinsurance Agreements. For purposes of covenant compliance, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested, without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment, but shall be reduced by the amount equal to any returns in respect of such Investment received by the investor thereof in the same form as the original Investment (or in cash).

"IRS" means the Internal Revenue Service or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions under the Code.

"Joinder Agreement" means an agreement among the Company, the Agent, and one or more lenders, establishing New Revolving Commitments and effecting such other amendments hereto and to the other Loan Documents as are contemplated by <u>Section 2.15</u>.

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"Joint Bookrunners" means RBCCM, Bank of Montreal, Citibank, N.A. and Truist Securities, Inc..

"Joint Lead Arrangers" means RBCCM, Bank of Montreal, Citibank, N.A. and Truist Securities, Inc..

"Latest Maturity Date" means, at any date of determination, the latest maturity or expiration date applicable to any Facility or Extended Revolving Facility at such time under this Agreement.

"Lenders" has the meaning specified in the introduction to this Agreement and includes any other Person that shall have become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption in accordance with <u>Section 10.07</u>, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption.

"Lending Office" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender specified as its "Lending Office" or "Domestic Lending Office", as the case may be, on <u>Schedule 10.02</u> or in its administrative questionnaire delivered to the Agent, or such other office or offices or office of a third party or sub-agent, as appropriate, as such Lender may from time to time notify the Company and the Agent.

"License" means any license, certificate of authority, permit or other authorization that is required to be obtained from any Governmental Authority in connection with the operation, ownership or transaction of the Insurance Business of the Company's Insurance Subsidiaries.

"Lien" means any security interest, mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, charge or deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other) or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever in respect of any property (including those created by, arising under or evidenced by, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and the interest of a lessor under a capital lease or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing), but not including the interest of a lessor under an operating lease or a licensor under a license that does not otherwise secure an obligation.

"Limited Condition Transaction" means any Acquisition, Investment, Asset Sale or other transaction the consummation of which is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third party financing.

"Loan" means any Revolving Loan.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement and amendments of and joinders to this Agreement that are deemed pursuant to their terms to be Loan Documents for purposes hereof, all Notes, the Commitment Letter and the Fee Letter.

"Loan Notice" means a notice of Credit Extension substantially in the form of Exhibit C-1.

"Margin Stock" means "margin stock" as such term is defined in Regulation T, U or X of the FRB.

"Material Acquisition" means any Acquisition by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries in a transaction or series of related transactions for consideration exceeding \$25,000,000.

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"Material Adverse Effect" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the business, properties, results of operations or financial condition of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability of the Company to perform under any Loan Document; or (c) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against the Company of any Loan Document.

"**Material Disposition**" means any disposition of assets by the Company or its Subsidiaries in a transaction or series of related transactions for consideration exceeding \$25,000,000, other than any such disposition by any Insurance Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of an Insurance Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business consistent with the investment policy approved by the board of directors of such Subsidiary.

"**Maturity Date**" means, except to the extended pursuant to <u>Section 2.17</u>, (i) with respect to Revolving Loans (other than Extended Revolving Loans), the fifth anniversary of the Closing Date and (ii) with respect to Extended Revolving Loans, the maturity date of such Extended Revolving Loans, as specified in the applicable Joinder Agreement or Extension Amendment.

"Minimum Extension Condition" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.18(c)(iv).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and any Person succeeding to its rating agency business.

"**Multiemployer Plan**" means a "multiemployer plan," within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate makes, is making or is obligated to make contributions or, during the preceding six calendar years, has made, or been obligated to make, contributions.

"NAIC" means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or any successor thereto, or in the absence of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or such successor, any other association, agency or other organization performing advisory, coordination or other like functions among insurance departments, insurance commissioners and similar Governmental Authorities of the various states of the United States toward the promotion of uniformity in the practices of such Governmental Authorities.

"Net Income" means, for any Person for any Calculation Period, the net income (or loss) of such Person for such period as determined in accordance with GAAP.

"New Revolving Commitments" has the meaning specified in Section 2.16(a).

"New Revolving Loan Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 2.16(a).

"New Revolving Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 2.16(a).

"NMIC" means National Mortgage Insurance Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation.

"Non-Consenting Lender" means a Lender that does not consent to an amendment or waiver pursuant to <u>Section 10.01</u> that requires the consent of all or all affected Lenders, or of all or all affected Lenders with respect to a Facility, as applicable, in order to become effective and as to which Lenders holding more than 50% of the aggregate Revolving Exposure of all Lenders, or more than 50% of the Revolving Exposure of all Lenders in respect of such Facility have consented.

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"Non-Defaulting Lender" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Non-Insurance Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is not an Insurance Subsidiary.

"Note" has the meaning specified in Section 2.08(b).

"NYFRB" means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"**NYFRB Rate**" means, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate in effect on such day (or for any day that is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day); <u>provided</u>, that if none of such rates are published for any day that is a Business Day, the term "NYFRB Rate" shall mean the rate for a federal funds transaction quoted at 11:00 a.m., on such day received by the Agent from a federal funds broker of recognized standing selected by it; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that if any of the aforesaid rates shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

"NYFRB's Website" means the website of the NYFRB at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source.

"**Obligations**" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, the Company arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against the Company of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Obligations of the Company under the Loan Documents include (a) the obligation to pay principal, interest, charges, expenses, fees, Attorney Costs, indemnities and other amounts payable by the Company under any Loan Document and (b) the obligation of the Company to reimburse any amount in respect of any of the foregoing that any Lender in its sole discretion, may elect to pay or advance on behalf of the Company.

"OCI" means the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Wisconsin.

"Organization Documents" means (i) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws of such corporation, (ii) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement, and (iii) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization or organization of such entity, or (iv) in the case of <u>clauses (i), (ii)</u> and <u>(iii)</u> as they may relate to any Foreign Subsidiary, the equivalent or comparable constituent documents with respect to such Foreign Subsidiary.

"Other Taxes" means any present or future recording, stamp, court or documentary, intangible or filing Taxes or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under this Agreement or any other Loan Document or from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are, with respect to any recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such recipient and the

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jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document), imposed with respect to an assignment.

"**Overnight Bank Funding Rate**" means, for any day, the rate comprised of both overnight federal funds and overnight eurodollar transactions denominated in Dollars by U.S.-managed banking offices of depository institutions, as such composite rate shall be determined by the NYFRB as set forth on the NYFRB's Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as an overnight bank funding rate.

"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07(C).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07(C).

"Patriot Act" has the meaning specified in Section 10.17.

"Payment" has the meaning specified in Section 9.14.

"Payment Notice" has the meaning specified in Section 9.14.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions under ERISA.

"**Pension Plan**" means a pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA that the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate sponsors or maintains, or to which it makes, is making or is obligated to make contributions, or in the case of a multiple employer plan (as described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA) has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"Permitted Acquisition" means any Acquisition by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, if each of the following conditions is met:

(a) no Default or Event of Default then exists or would result therefrom;

(b) after giving effect to such acquisition on a Pro Forma Basis, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be in compliance with the Financial Covenants;

(c) the Person or business to be acquired shall be, or shall be engaged in, primarily a business of the type that the Company and its Subsidiaries are permitted to be engaged in under <u>Section 7.06</u> and the property to be acquired is to be used in a business primarily of the type that the Company and its Subsidiaries are permitted to be engaged in under <u>Section 7.06</u>; and

(d) prior to the date that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries enters into a definitive agreement with respect to such Acquisition, the board of directors of the Person to be acquired shall not have indicated publicly its opposition to the consummation of such acquisition (which opposition has not been publicly withdrawn);

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provided, that in the case of any Limited Condition Transaction, compliance with <u>clauses (a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.05</u>.

"**Permitted Swap Obligations**" means all obligations (contingent or otherwise) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary existing or arising under Swap Contracts; <u>provided</u> that each of the following criteria is satisfied: (a) such obligations are (or were) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with liabilities, commitments or assets held by such Person, or changes in the value of securities issued by such Person in conjunction with a securities repurchase program not otherwise prohibited hereunder, and not for purposes of speculation or taking a "market view" and (b) such Swap Contracts do not contain any provision ("walk-away" provision) exonerating the non-defaulting party from its obligation to make payments on outstanding transactions to the defaulting party.

"**Person**" means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture or Governmental Authority or other entity of whatever nature.

"**Plan**" means an employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries sponsors or maintains or to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries makes, is making or is obligated to make, contributions and includes any Pension Plan.

"Plan Asset Regulations" means 29 CFR § 2510.3-101 et seq., as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA, as amended from time to time.

"**PMIERs**" means the Private Mortgage Insurer Eligibility Requirements published by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal National Mortgage Association, as may be amended from time to time.

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

"**Pro Forma Basis**" means, with respect to compliance with any test or covenant hereunder, that such test or covenant hereunder shall be calculated in connection with any event or transaction as follows: (i) in the case of any Material Acquisition or Material Disposition, including pro forma adjustments only to the extent consistent with Article 11 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act and using for purposes of determining such compliance (x) in the case of any Material Acquisition, the historical financial statements of all entities or assets so acquired or to be acquired (subject to adjustments on a Pro Forma Basis for applicable events of such entities or with respect to such assets during the applicable period, in accordance with this definition) and (y) the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries, which shall be reformulated as if such Material Acquisition or Material Disposition, and any other Material Acquisitions or Material Dispositions that have been consummated during such period, had been consummated on the first day of such period; (ii) in the case of any incurrence or prepayment or repayment of Indebtedness (other than under revolving credit facilities in the ordinary course of business), assuming such Indebtedness was incurred, prepaid or repaid on the first day of such period and assuming

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that such Indebtedness bears interest during the portion of such period prior to the date of incurrence at, in the case of Indebtedness bearing interest at a floating rate, the weighted average of the interest rates applicable to outstanding Loans during such period and, in the case of Indebtedness bearing interest at a fixed rate, such fixed rate; (iii) in the case of the declaration or payment of any dividend or any issuance of equity or capital contribution, assuming such dividend had been declared and paid or such equity had been issued or such capital contribution made on the first day of such period; and (iv) making such other pro forma adjustments as would be permitted or required by Regulation S-X under the Securities Act; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such compliance calculation shall take into account other cost savings measures identified by the Company which the Agent, in its reasonable business judgment, deems reasonably identifiable and factually supportable, and which cost savings measures have been certified by a Responsible Officer.

"Pro Rata Share" means (i) with respect to all payments, computations and other matters relating solely with respect to a particular Facility and a Lender, the percentage obtained by dividing (a) the Revolving Exposure of that Lender with respect to the Revolving Facility, by (b) the aggregate Revolving Exposure of all Lenders with respect to the Revolving Facility; and (ii) for all other purposes with respect to each Lender, the percentage obtained by dividing (A) an amount equal to the sum of the Revolving Exposure of that Lender under all Facilities, by (B) an amount equal to the sum of the aggregate Revolving Exposure of all Lenders under all Facilities.

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

"QFC" has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

"QFC Credit Support" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.23

"Quarterly Statement" means the quarterly statutory financial statement of any Insurance Subsidiary required to be filed with such Insurance Subsidiary's domiciliary insurance commissioner or, if no specific form is so required, in the form of financial statements permitted by such domiciliary insurance commissioner to be used for filing quarterly statutory financial statements and shall contain the type of financial information permitted by such domiciliary insurance commissioner to be disclosed therein, together with all exhibits or schedules filed therewith.

"Rating Agency" means each of Fitch, Moody's and S&P.

"RBC" means Royal Bank of Canada.

"RBCCM" means RBC Capital Markets².

"**Reference Time**" with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (1) if such Benchmark is the Term SOFR Rate, 5:00 a.m. (Chicago time) on the day that is two Business Days preceding the date of such setting, (2) if such Benchmark is Daily Simple SOFR, then four Business Days prior to such setting or (3) if such Benchmark is none of the Term SOFR Rate or Daily Simple SOFR, the time determined by the Agent in its reasonable discretion.

² RBC Capital Markets is a brand name for the capital markets business of Royal Bank of Canada and its Affiliates.

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"**Refinance**" means, with respect to any Indebtedness, to refinance, refund, renew, replace, exchange or extend such Indebtedness. The term "**Refinancing**" shall have a correlative meaning.

"Refinancing Indebtedness" means with respect to any Indebtedness ("Refinanced Debt"), any Refinancing of such Indebtedness; <u>provided</u> that (a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) thereof does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Refinanced Debt except by an amount equal to unpaid accrued interest and premium thereon (including any make-whole or other prepayment premium) *plus* other reasonable amounts paid, and fees and expenses incurred, in connection with such Refinancing and as otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 7.01 (it being understood that any such Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred shall constitute Indebtedness under the relevant provision of Section 7.01 pursuant to which it shall be incurred and not Refinancing Indebtedness shall have a final maturity date equal to or later than the final maturity date of, and, if applicable, a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Refinanced Debt, (c) such Refinancing Indebtedness pursuant to Section 7.01, and (d) such Refinanced Debt shall be repaid, defeased or satisfied and discharged or terminated, as applicable, and all accrued interest, fees and premiums (if any) in connection therewith shall be paid, substantially concurrently with the incurrence of such Refinancing Indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.09</u>.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07(c).

"**Reinsurance Agreement**" means any agreement, contract, treaty, certificate or other arrangement by which any Insurance Subsidiary agrees to cede to, or assume from, another insurer all or part of the liability assumed or assets held by it under one or more insurance, annuity, reinsurance or retrocession policies, agreements, contracts, treaties, certificates or similar arrangements. Reinsurance Agreements shall include, but not be limited to, any agreement, contract, treaty, certificate or other arrangement that is treated as such by the applicable Department.

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

"Release" means any release, spill, emission, discharge, deposit, disposal, leaking, pumping, pouring, dumping, emptying, injection, migration or leaching into or through the Environment.

"Relevant Governmental Body" means, the Federal Reserve Board and/or the NYFRB, the CME Term SOFR Administrator, as applicable, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the NYFRB or, in each case, any successor thereto.

"**Reportable Event**" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations thereunder, other than any such event for which the 30-day notice requirement under ERISA has been waived in regulations issued by the PBGC.

"**Required Lenders**" means, as of any date of determination, one or more Lenders having or holding Revolving Exposure constituting in the aggregate more than 50% of the aggregate Revolving Exposure of all Lenders outstanding as of such date; <u>provided</u> that the Revolving Exposure of any Defaulting Lender will be disregarded for purposes of such determination.

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"**Requirement of Law**" means, as to any Person, any law (statutory or common), treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or of a Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or legally binding upon the Person or any of its property or to which the Person or any of its property is subject.

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

"**Responsible Officer**" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, secretary or controller of the Company. Any document delivered under any Loan Document that is signed by a Responsible Officer of the Company shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of the Company and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf the Company.

"Restricted Payments" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.08.

"**Restricted Subsidiary**" means any subsidiary other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that upon the occurrence of any Unrestricted Subsidiary ceasing to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary, such subsidiary shall be included in the definition of "Restricted Subsidiary."

"**Revolving Borrowing**" means Revolving Loans of the same Interest Type, made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Term Benchmark Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect.

"**Revolving Commitment**" means the commitment of a Lender to make Revolving Loans hereunder in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.01(A)</u> or in the applicable Assignment and Assumption, Joinder Agreement, or Extension Amendment, as applicable, subject to any adjustment or reduction pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof. The aggregate amount of the Revolving Commitments as of the Effective Date is \$250,000,000.

"**Revolving Commitment Period**" means the period from after the Effective Date to but excluding the Revolving Commitment Termination Date.

"**Revolving Commitment Termination Date**" means the earliest to occur of (i) the Maturity Date with respect to the Revolving Loans, (ii) the date the Revolving Commitments are permanently reduced to zero pursuant to <u>Section 2.09</u>, and (iii) the date of the termination of the Revolving Commitments pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>.

"**Revolving Exposure**" means, with respect to any Lender as of any date of determination, (i) prior to the termination of the Revolving Commitments, that Lender's Revolving Commitment; and (ii) after the termination of the Revolving Commitments, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Loans of that Lender.

"**Revolving Facility**" means the Revolving Loans and the Revolving Commitments therefor. Following the establishment of any Extended Revolving Facility, the Revolving Loans and Revolving Commitments thereunder will be considered a separate Revolving Facility hereunder.

"Revolving Lender" means a Lender having a Revolving Commitment.

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"**Revolving Loan**" means any loan made by a Lender to the Company pursuant to <u>Section 2.02(a)</u> (including any New Revolving Loan, or any Extended Revolving Loan, as applicable).

"**Revolving Loan Note**" means a promissory note in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, as it may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., together with any Person succeeding thereto by merger, consolidation or acquisition of all or substantially all of its assets, including substantially all of its business of rating securities.

"Sanctioned Country" means, at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (at the time of this Agreement, the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, the so-called Luhansk People's Republic, Crimea, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson Regions of Ukraine, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

"**Sanctioned Person**" means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, His Majesty's Treasury, any European Union member state, or the Government of Canada, (b) any Person operating, organized, or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person owned or controlled by any such Person or Persons described in the foregoing <u>clauses (a)</u> or <u>(b)</u>.

"Sanctions" means all economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state, His Majesty's Treasury, or the Government of Canada.

"SAP" means, with respect to any Insurance Subsidiary, the statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the insurance commissioner (or other similar authority) in the jurisdiction of such Insurance Subsidiary for the preparation of annual statements and other financial reports by insurance companies of the same type as such Insurance Subsidiary that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of filing of such statement or report.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Securitization Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of an entity or Subsidiary formed for the primary purpose of reinsuring or insuring, or purchasing or otherwise acquiring mortgage loans, receivables, insurance policies or other similar financial assets from the Company, one of the Subsidiaries of the Company and/or third parties, financing such purchases or otherwise facilitating the financing thereof (including by securitization) and conducting activities related thereto so long as (x) the principal and interest on such Indebtedness is not guaranteed by the Company or any of the other Subsidiaries of the Company and such Indebtedness is without recourse to the Company or any of the other Subsidiaries of representations, warranties, covenants and related indemnities that are customary for securitization financings and similar transactions; or (ii) in connection with any mortgage insurance, other insurance products, or similar credit enhancements), (y) the Company and its applicable Subsidiaries have received all applicable regulatory approvals required for such

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transaction, and (z) such transaction is permitted by the investment policy approved by the board of directors (or a committee thereof) of the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, or otherwise approved by the board of directors (or a committee thereof) of the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable.

"Similar Line of Business" means any business conducted or proposed to be conducted by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries on the Effective Date or any business that is similar, related, complementary, incidental or ancillary thereto or a reasonable extension, development or expansion thereof.

"Single Employer Pension Plan" means a pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA, other than a Multiemployer Plan, that the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate sponsors or maintains, or to which the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions or would reasonably be expected to have liability, including any liability by reason of having been a substantial employer within the meaning of Section 4063 of ERISA at any time during the preceding five years or by reason of being deemed to be a contributing sponsor under Section 4069 of ERISA.

"SOFR" means a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the SOFR Administrator.

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

"SOFR Administrator's Website" means the NYFRB's website, currently at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

"SOFR Determination Date" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Daily Simple SOFR".

"SOFR Rate Day" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Daily Simple SOFR".

"Solvent" means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination, that on such date (a) the fair value of the assets of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person; (b) the present fair salable value of the assets of such Person is greater than or equal to the total amount that will be required to pay the probable liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person as they become absolute and matured, (c) the capital of such Person is not unreasonably small in relation to its business as contemplated on such date, and (d) such Person has not and does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or other obligations, including current obligations, beyond its ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise). The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

"Springing Covenant End Date" shall mean the date that is twenty-four (24) months after the Closing Date so long as the Index Debt is rated at least BBB- or Baa3 (as applicable) from at least two of the Rating Agencies at all times during the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on such date.

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"**Statutory Surplus**" means, as to any Insurance Subsidiary, as of any date, "surplus as regards policyholders," which is the amount corresponding to the amount shown on page 3, line 37, column 1 (or such other line on which the equivalent information is provided on any other such Annual Statement) of the Annual Statement of such Insurance Subsidiary as of such date, or an amount determined in a consistent manner in accordance with SAP for any date other than the one as of which an Annual Statement is prepared.

"**Subsidiary**" of a Person means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, trust, association or other unincorporated organization of which or in which such Person and such Person's Subsidiaries own directly or indirectly more than 50% of (a) the combined voting power of all classes of stock having general voting power under ordinary circumstances to elect a majority of the board of directors, if it is a corporation, (b) the voting or managing interests (which shall mean the general partner in the case of a partnership), if it is a partnership, joint venture or similar entity, (c) the beneficial interest, if it is a trust, association or other unincorporated organization or (d) the membership interest, if it is a limited liability company. Unless otherwise specified, "Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary of the Company.

"Supported QFC" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.23.

"Surplus Debentures" means, as to any Insurance Subsidiary or Subsidiary of an Insurance Subsidiary, debt securities of such Subsidiary issued to the Company or any other Subsidiary the proceeds of which are permitted to be included, in whole or in part, as Capital and Surplus of such issuing Subsidiary as approved and permitted by the applicable Department.

"Swap Contract" means any agreement relating to any transaction (whether or not arising under a master agreement) that is a rate swap, basis swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, equity or equity index swap or option, bond, note or bill option, interest rate option, futures contract, forward foreign exchange transaction, cap, collar or floor transaction, currency swap, cross-currency rate swap, swaption, currency option, credit derivative transaction or any other similar transaction (including any option to enter into any of the foregoing) or any combination of the foregoing, and any master agreement relating to or governing any or all of the foregoing.

"Swap Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s) and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in <u>clause</u> (<u>a</u>), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined by the Company based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include any Lender).

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

"Term Benchmark" when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate.

"Term SOFR Determination Day" has the meaning assigned to it under the definition of Term SOFR Reference Rate.

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"**Term SOFR Rate**" means, with respect to any Term Benchmark Borrowing and for any tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, the Term SOFR Reference Rate at approximately 5:00 a.m., Chicago time, two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the commencement of such tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, as such rate is published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator.

"Term SOFR Reference Rate" means, for any day and time (such day, the "Term SOFR Determination Day"), with respect to any Term Benchmark Borrowing denominated in Dollars and for any tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period, the rate per annum determined by the Agent as the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR. If by 5:00 pm (New York City time) on such Term SOFR Determination Day, the "Term SOFR Reference Rate" for the applicable tenor has not been published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Rate has not occurred, then the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such Term SOFR Determination Day will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate was published by the CME Term SOFR Administrator, so long as such first preceding Business Day is not more than five (5) Business Days prior to such Term SOFR Determination Day.

"**Total Capitalization**" means, without duplication, (a) the amount described in <u>clause (a)</u> of the definition of "Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio" *plus* (b) the Total Shareholders' Equity.

"**Total Shareholders' Equity**" means the total common and preferred shareholders' equity of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as determined in accordance with GAAP (calculated excluding (i) unrealized gains (losses) on securities as determined in accordance with FASB ASC 320 (Investments–Debt and Equity Securities) and related taxes under FASB ASC 740, (ii) any charges taken to write off any goodwill included on the Company's balance sheet on March 31, 2024 to the extent such charges are required by FASB ASC 320 (Investments–Debt and Equity Securities) and ASC 350 (Intangibles–Goodwill and Others) and (iii) any changes in the value of warrants existing on the March 31, 2024 for the purchase of the Company's Capital Stock).

"**Transactions**" means the (i) execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Loan Documents to which it is to be a party, (ii) the consummation of the Closing Date Refinancing and (iii) payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the foregoing.

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

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

"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

"Unfunded Pension Liability" means the excess of a Pension Plan's benefit liabilities under Section 4001(a)(16) of ERISA over the current value of that Pension Plan's assets, determined in

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accordance with the assumptions used for funding the Pension Plan pursuant to Section 430 of the Code for the applicable plan year.

"Uniform Commercial Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to to time in the State of New York.

"United States" and "U.S." each means the United States of America.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary designated by the board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to <u>Section 6.15</u> subsequent to the date hereof. The Company may designate any Subsidiary (including any existing Subsidiary and any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its subsidiaries owns any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on any property of, the Company or any Subsidiary (other than any subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated or any other Unrestricted Subsidiary); <u>provided</u> that (i) each of (A) the Subsidiary to be so designated and (B) its subsidiaries has not at the time of designation, and does not thereafter, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender thereof has recourse to any of the assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than guarantees permitted pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u>), (ii) the Company may not designate any Insurance Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary and (iii) for the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no Unrestricted Subsidiaries on the Closing Date.

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" means any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities.

"U.S. Special Resolution Regime" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.23.

"Voting Stock" of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person entitling the holders thereof (whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock or other relevant equity interest has voting power by reason of any contingency) to vote in the election of the board of directors or similar governing body of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing: (a) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (ii) the number of years (calculated to the nearest onetwelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

"Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" means any Person in which all of the Capital Stock (other than directors' and national citizen qualifying shares or similar *de minimis* holdings by another Person, in each case, as required by law) is owned, beneficially and of record, by the Company, or by one or more of the other Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries, or both.

"Write-Down and Conversion Powers" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom,

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any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

Section 1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions.

(a) The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms.

(b) The words "hereof," "herein," "hereunder" and similar words refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement; and subsection, Schedule and Exhibit references are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.

(c) (i) The term "**documents**" includes any and all instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, indentures, notices and other writings, however evidenced.

(ii) The term "including" is not limiting and means "including without limitation."

(iii) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "**from**" means "from and including," the words "**to**" and "**until**" each mean "to but excluding" and the word "**through**" means "to and including."

(d) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein or the context requires otherwise, (i) references to agreements (including this Agreement) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent amendments and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent such amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of any Loan Document, (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing or interpreting the statute or regulation, (iii) any reference herein to a Person shall be construed to include such Person's permitted successors and assigns and (iv) the word "**property**" shall be construed to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(e) The captions and headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

(f) This Agreement and other Loan Documents may use several different limitations, tests or measurements to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, tests and measurements are cumulative and shall each be performed in accordance with their terms.

(g) This Agreement and the other Loan Documents are the result of negotiations among, and have been reviewed by counsel to, the Agent, the Company and the other parties, and are the products of all parties. Accordingly, they shall not be construed against any party merely because of such party's involvement in their preparation.

Section 1.03 <u>Classification of Loans</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by class (e.g., a "Revolving Loan") or by Interest Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Loan" or an "Base Rate Loan") or by class and Interest Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark

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Loan" or an "Base Rate Revolving Loan"). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by class (e.g., a "Revolving Borrowing") or by Interest Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Borrowing" or an "Base Rate Borrowing") or by class and Interest Type (e.g., a "Term Benchmark Borrowing").

Section 1.04 Accounting Principles.

(a) Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, all accounting terms not expressly defined herein shall be construed, and all financial computations required under this Agreement shall be made, in accordance with GAAP as in effect from time to time, consistently applied. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining compliance with any covenant (including the computation of any financial covenant) contained herein, Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be deemed to be carried at 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof, and the effects of FASB ASC 825 and FASB ASC 470-20 on financial liabilities shall be disregarded.

(b) References herein to particular columns, lines or sections of any Person's Annual Statement shall be deemed, where appropriate, to be references to the corresponding column, line or section of such Person's Quarterly Statement, or if no such corresponding column, line or section exists or if any report form changes, then to the corresponding item referenced thereby. In the event the columns, lines or sections of the Annual Statement or Quarterly Statement referenced herein are changed or renumbered from the columns, lines and sections applicable to the Annual Statement for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2023, or the Quarterly Statement for the Fiscal Quarter ended September 30, 2023, all such references shall be deemed references to such column, line or section as so renumbered or changed.

(c) In the event of any Material Acquisition or Material Disposition, determinations of compliance with the financial covenants contained herein for any applicable Calculation Period shall be made on a Pro Forma Basis.

(d) If, at any time after the date of this Agreement, any material change is made to GAAP (other than a change to GAAP governing the determination, for purposes of the definition of "Capitalized Lease Liabilities," whether a lease is a lease is a capital lease or an operating lease, which determination shall be made on the basis of GAAP as in effect on December 31, 2017) or the Company's accounting practices that would affect in any material respect the determination of compliance with the covenants set forth in this Agreement, the Company shall notify the Agent of the change and the Company and the Agent shall negotiate in good faith to amend such covenant, subject to the approval of the Required Lenders, to restore the Company and the Lenders to the position they occupied before the implementation of such material change in GAAP or accounting practices; provided that until so amended, (i) such determination shall continue to be made in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Company shall provide to the Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of any applicable ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.

(e) Any calculations of any financial ratios or Consolidated Net Worth hereunder shall exclude the results of operations, investments in and assets and liabilities of Unrestricted Subsidiaries during any period such Unrestricted Subsidiaries are Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

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Section 1.05 Limited Condition Transactions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in connection with any Limited Condition Transaction or any transaction (including incurrence of indebtedness) to be undertaken in connection therewith, at the option of the Company, the determination of whether each condition or requirement set forth in Section 7.01(a)(vii) and the definition of "Permitted Acquisition" with respect to (1) compliance with the Financial Covenants, shall be satisfied if at the time of the execution of the definitive agreement with respect to such Limited Condition Transaction, the Company is in compliance with such Financial Covenants (after giving effect to such Limited Condition Transaction and any related transactions on a Pro Forma Basis), (2) the absence of a Default or Event of Default (or any type of Default or Event of Default), shall be satisfied if at the time of the execution of the definiting, and (3) the satisfaction of the condition set forth in Section 4.03(b), shall be satisfied if at the time of the execution of the definitive agreement with respect to such Limited Condition Transaction, the condition set forth in Section 4.03(b) is satisfied.

Section 1.06 Divisions.

For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

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Section 2.01 <u>Commitments</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans to the Company from time to time during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that will not result (after giving effect to any application of proceeds of such Borrowing pursuant to <u>Section 2.09</u>) in such Lender's Revolving Loans exceeding such Lender's Commitment. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company may borrow, prepay and reborrow Revolving Loans.

Section 2.02 Loans and Borrowings.

(a) Each Revolving Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Revolving Loans made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan required to be made by it shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligations hereunder; provided that the Commitments of the Lenders are several and no Lender shall be responsible for any other Lender's failure to make Loans as required.

(b) Subject to <u>Section 3.05</u>, each Revolving Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of Base Rate Loans or Term Benchmark Loans, as the Company may request in accordance herewith. Each Lender at its option may make any Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan; provided that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Company to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

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(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Term Benchmark Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$2,500,000. At the time that each Base Rate Revolving Borrowing is made, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$2,500,000; *provided* that a Base Rate Revolving Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to the entire unused balance of the total Commitments. Borrowings of more than one Interest Type may be outstanding at the same time; provided that there shall not at any time be more than a total of eight (8) Term Benchmark Borrowings outstanding.

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

Section 2.03 <u>Requests for Revolving Borrowings</u>. To request a Revolving Borrowing, the Company shall notify the Agent of such request by submitting a Loan Notice (a) in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing or (b) in the case of a Base Rate Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Business Day of the proposed Borrowing. Each such Loan Notice shall be irrevocable and shall be signed by a Responsible Officer of the Company. Each such Loan Notice shall specify the following information:

- (i) the aggregate amount of the requested Borrowing;
- (ii) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;
- (iii) whether such Borrowing is to be a Base Rate Borrowing or a Term Benchmark Borrowing;

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

(v) the location and number of the Company's account to which funds are to be disbursed, which shall comply with the requirements of <u>Section 2.04</u>.

If no election as to the Interest Type of Revolving Borrowing is specified, then the requested Revolving Borrowing shall be a Base Rate Borrowing. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Term Benchmark Borrowing, then the Company shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. Promptly following receipt of a Loan Notice in accordance with this Section, the Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

Section 2.04 Funding of Borrowings.

(a) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof solely by wire transfer of immediately available funds, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, to the account of the Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders. The Agent will make such Loans available to the Company by promptly crediting the funds so received in the aforesaid account of the Agent to an account of the Company maintained with the Agent in New York City and designated by the Company in the applicable Loan Notice.

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(b) Unless the Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Company a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing awailable to the Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Company severally agree to pay to the Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Company to but excluding the date of payment to the Agent, at (1) in the case of such Lender, the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (2) in the case of the Company, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If such Lender pays such amount to the Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing.

Section 2.05 Interest Elections.

(a) Each Revolving Borrowing initially shall be of the Interest Type specified in the applicable Loan Notice and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in such Loan Notice. Thereafter, the Company may elect to convert such Borrowing to a different Interest Type or to continue such Borrowing and, in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section. The Company may elect different options with respect to different portions of the affected Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders holding the Loans comprising such Borrowing, and the Loans comprising each such portion shall be considered a separate Borrowing.

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the Company shall notify the Agent of such election by the time that a Loan Notice would be required under Section 2.03 if the Company were requesting a Revolving Borrowing of the Interest Type resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election. Each such Interest Election Request shall be irrevocable and shall be signed by a Responsible Officer of the Company.

(c) Each Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.03:

(i) the Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to clauses (iii) and (iv) below shall be specified for each resulting Borrowing);

(ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) whether the resulting Borrowing is to be a Base Rate Borrowing or a Term Benchmark Borrowing; and

(iv) if the resulting Borrowing is a Term Benchmark Borrowing, the Interest Period to be applicable thereto after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period".

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If any such Interest Election Request requests a Term Benchmark Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the Company shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

(d) Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request, the Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) If the Company fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Term Benchmark Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, then, unless such Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, at the end of such Interest Period such Borrowing shall be deemed to have an Interest Period that is one month. Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Agent, at the request of the Required Lenders, so notifies the Company, then, so long as an Event of Default is continuing (1) no outstanding Revolving Borrowing may be converted to or continued as a Term Benchmark Borrowing and (2) unless repaid, each Term Benchmark Borrowing shall be converted to a Base Rate Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

Section 2.06 Pro Rata Shares.

All Loans shall be made by the applicable Lenders simultaneously and in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares of the applicable Facility, it being understood that no Lender shall be responsible for any default by any other Lender in such other Lender's obligation to make a Loan requested hereunder nor shall any Revolving Commitment of any Lender be increased or decreased as a result of a default by any other Lender in such other Lender's obligation to make a Loan requested hereunder.

Section 2.07 [Reserved].

Section 2.08 Notes; Loan Accounts.

(a) Each Loan made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more loan accounts or records maintained by such Lender and by the Agent in the ordinary course of business. The loan accounts or records maintained by the Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of the Loans made by the Lenders to the Company and the interest and payments thereon absent manifest error. Any failure so to record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Company hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Loans. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the accounts and records of the Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

(b) Upon the request of any Lender made through the Agent, instead of or in addition to loan accounts, the Loans made by each Lender may be evidenced by one or more Revolving Loan Notes, substantially the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, hereto (each such note, a "**Note**"). Each Lender shall endorse on the schedules annexed to its Note the date, amount and maturity of each Loan deemed made by it and the amount of each payment of principal made by the Company with respect thereto. Each such Lender is irrevocably authorized by the Company to endorse its Note and each Lender's record shall be conclusive absent manifest error; <u>provided</u> that the failure of a Lender to make, or an error in making, a notation thereon with respect to any Loan shall not limit or otherwise affect the obligations of the Company hereunder or under any such Note to such Lender.

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Section 2.09 Repayment of Loans.

Each Revolving Commitment shall expire on the applicable Revolving Commitment Termination Date and all Revolving Loans and all other amounts owed hereunder with respect to the Revolving Loans and the Revolving Commitments shall be paid in full on such date.

Section 2.10 Optional and Mandatory Prepayments and Reductions of Commitments.

(a) <u>Optional Prepayments</u>. The Company will have the right at any time to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, in minimum amounts of \$500,000 or any multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire outstanding principal amount of such Borrowing), subject to the provisions of this Section.

(b) Voluntary Commitment Reductions.

(i) The Company may, upon not less than three Business Days' prior written or telephonic notice to the Agent, at any time and from time to time terminate in whole or permanently reduce in part, without premium or penalty, the Revolving Commitments; provided that any such partial reduction of the Revolving Commitments shall be in an aggregate minimum amount of \$2,500,000 and integral multiples of \$500,000 and the Company shall not terminate or reduce the Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Loans in accordance with Section 2.09, any Lender's Revolving Loans would exceed its Revolving Commitment.

(ii) The Company's notice to the Agent shall designate the date (which shall be a Business Day and which notice may provide that such reduction is conditioned upon the occurrence of a specific event) of such termination or reduction and the amount of any partial reduction, and shall reduce the Revolving Commitment of each Lender under the applicable Revolving Facility proportionately to its Pro Rata Share thereof.

(c) <u>Mandatory Prepayments</u>. If for any reason, the aggregate Revolving Loans exceed the aggregate Revolving Commitments on any date, the Company shall upon notice thereof, within one (1) Business Day from such notice, prepay Loans in an amount necessary to eliminate such excess.

(d) Notice of Prepayments. The Company shall notify the Agent in writing of any optional prepayment of Loans hereunder: (i) in the case of a Term Benchmark Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) three Business Days before the date of such prepayment and (ii) in the case of a Base Rate Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the prepayment date. Each such notice shall be irrevocable (provided that such notice may state that it is conditional upon the satisfaction of one or more conditions specified therein) and shall specify the prepayment date. Promptly following receipt of any such notice, the Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each prepayment of a Revolving Loan shall be applied ratably to the Revolving Loans of each Lender.

(e) <u>Application of Prepayments of Loans to Base Rate Loans and Term Benchmark Loans</u>. Any prepayment shall be applied first to Base Rate Loans to the full extent thereof before application to Term Benchmark Loans, in each case in a manner which minimizes the amount of any payments required to be made by the Company pursuant to <u>Section 3.04</u>.

Section 2.11 Interest.

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(a) The Loans comprising each Base Rate Borrowing shall bear interest at the Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin.

(b) The Loans comprising each Term Benchmark Borrowing shall bear interest in the case of a Term Benchmark Loan, at the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Margin.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by the Company hereunder is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest, after as well as before judgment, at a rate per annum equal to (i) in the case of overdue principal or interest of any Loan, 2% plus the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Section or (ii) in the case of any other amount, 2% plus the rate applicable to Base Rate Loans as provided in <u>clause (a)</u> of this Section.

(d) Accrued interest on each Revolving Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Revolving Loan and, upon termination of the Commitments; <u>provided</u> that interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable on demand (i) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than a prepayment of a Base Rate Revolving Loan prior to the end of the Availability Period), accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (ii) in the event of any conversion of any Term Benchmark Loan prior to the end of the current Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion.

(e) Interest computed by reference to the Term SOFR Rate or Daily Simple SOFR hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days. Interest computed by reference to the Base Rate at times when the Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year). In each case interest shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). All interest hereunder on any Loan shall be computed on a daily basis based upon the outstanding principal amount of such Loan as of the applicable date of determination. The applicable Base Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR Rate, Term SOFR Rate, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR or Daily Simple SOFR shall be determined by the Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

Section 2.12 Fees.

(a) The Company agrees to pay to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders having Revolving Commitments, commitment fees equal to (i) commencing with the date that is ninety-one (91) days after the Effective Date, if the Closing Date has not occurred prior to such date, and ending on the day immediately prior to the Closing Date, (1) the aggregate Revolving Commitments, times (2) the Applicable Revolving Commitments exceeds the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Revolving Loans, times (2) the Applicable Revolving Commitment Fee Percentage.

All fees referred to in this <u>Section 2.12(a)</u> shall be paid to the Agent at the Agent's Office and upon receipt, the Agent shall promptly distribute to each such Lender its Pro Rata Share thereof. All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due and in dollars in immediately available funds. Fees paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

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(b) All fees referred to in Section 2.12(a) shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year) and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed. All fees referred to in this Section 2.12(a) shall be calculated pursuant to the second sentence of Section 2.12(a) and shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of March, June, September and December of each year during the Revolving Commitment Period, commencing on the first such date to occur after the earlier of (x) the Closing Date and (y) the date that is ninety-one (91) says after the Effective Date, and on the Revolving Commitment Termination Date.

(c) In addition to the foregoing, the Company shall pay to the Agent, for its own account, fees payable in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon by the Company and the Agent (including, without limitation, as set forth in any fee letter by and between the Company and the Joint Lead Arrangers). Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

Section 2.13 [Reserved].

Section 2.14 Payments Generally.

(a) All payments to be made by the Company under the Loan Documents shall be made without condition or deduction for any defense, set-off, recoupment or counterclaim. Except as otherwise expressly provided in any Loan Document, all payments to be made by the Company under any Loan Document shall be made to the Agent for the account of the Lenders at the Agent's Office, and shall be made in dollars and in immediately available funds, no later than 3:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the date specified in such Loan Document. The Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender under the applicable Facility its Pro Rata Share (or other applicable share as expressly provided herein) of such payment in like funds as received. Any payment received by the Agent later than 3:00 p.m. (New York City time) shall be deemed to have been received on the following Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue.

(b) Subject to the provisions set forth in the definition of "Interest Period" herein, whenever any payment is due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the following Business Day, and such extension of time shall in such case be included in the computation of interest or fees, as the case may be.

(c) Unless the Company or any Lender has notified the Agent, prior to the date any payment is required to be made by it to the Agent hereunder, that the Company or such Lender, as the case may be, will not make such payment, the Agent may assume that the Company or such Lender, as the case may be, has timely made such payment and may (but shall not be so required to), in reliance thereon, make available a corresponding amount to the Person entitled thereto. If and to the extent that such payment was not in fact made to the Agent in immediately available funds, then:

(i) if the Company failed to make such payment, each applicable Lender shall forthwith on demand repay to the Agent the portion of such assumed payment that was made available to such Lender in immediately available funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such amount was made available by the Agent to such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Agent in immediately available funds at the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect; and

(ii) if any Lender failed to make such payment, such Lender shall forthwith on demand pay to the Agent the amount thereof in immediately available funds, together with

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interest thereon for the period from the date such amount was made available by the Agent to the Company to the date such amount is recovered by the Agent (the "**Compensation Period**") at the customary rate set by the Agent for the correction of errors among banks for three Business Days and thereafter at the Base Rate. If such Lender pays such amount to the Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in the applicable Credit Extension. If such Lender does not pay such amount forthwith upon the Agent's demand therefor, the Agent may make a demand therefor upon the Company, and the Company shall pay such amount to the Agent, together with interest thereon for the Compensation Period at a rate *per annum* equal to the applicable rate for Base Rate Loans to the applicable Credit Extension. Nothing herein shall be deemed to relieve any Lender from its obligation to fulfill its Commitments or to prejudice any rights that the Agent or the Company may have against any Lender as a result of any default by such Lender hereunder.

A notice of the Agent to any Lender or the Company with respect to any amount owing under this <u>subsection (c)</u> shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(d) If any Lender makes available to the Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this <u>Article 2</u>, and such funds are not made available to the Company by the Agent because the conditions to the extension of Loans set forth in <u>Article 4</u> are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, the Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.

(e) The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Loans are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Loan.

(f) Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.

Section 2.15 Sharing of Payments by Lenders.

(a) If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment (a) on account of any Obligations due and payable hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time resulting in such Lender receiving payment in excess of its ratable share (calculated according to the proportion of (i) the amount of such Obligations due and payable to such Lender at such time to (ii) the aggregate amount of the Obligations due and payable to all Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time of payments on account of the Obligations due and payable to all Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time obtained by all the Lenders at such time or (b) of or on account of any of Obligations owing (but not due and payable) to such Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time in excess of its ratable share (calculated according to the proportion of (i) the amount of Such Obligations owing (but not due and payable) to such Lender at such time in excess of its ratable share (calculated according to the proportion of (i) the amount of Such Obligations owing (but not due and payable) to all Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time to (ii) the aggregate amount of Obligations owing (but not due and payable) to all Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time of payments on account of Obligations owing (but not due and payable) to all Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time obtained by all the Lenders at such time, then in each case, such Lender shall (x) notify the Agent of such fact, and (y) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Obligations of the other Lenders due and payable or owing, as the case may be, or make such other

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adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of such excess payments shall be shared by all such Lenders; provided that:

(i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and

(ii) the provisions of this Section shall not be construed to apply to (1) any payment made by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (2) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans to any assignee or participant, including to the Company or any Subsidiary thereof pursuant to <u>Section 10.07(c)</u>.

(b) The Company consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Company rights of setoff and counterclaim (subject to <u>Section 10.09</u>) with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Company in the amount of such participation.

Section 2.16 Incremental Facilities.

(a) The Company may, by written notice to the Agent (A) from time to time following the Closing Date and prior to the Revolving Commitment Termination Date, request one or more increases to the then-existing Revolving Commitments (any such increase, "New **Revolving Commitments**," and the loans made pursuant thereto, "New Revolving Loans") in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$125,000,000 for all such increases following the Closing Date. Each such notice shall specify the date (each, an "Increased Amount Date") on which the Company proposes that the New Revolving Commitments shall be effective and the identity of each Lender or other Person that is an Eligible Assignee (each, a "New Revolving Loan Lender") to whom the Company proposes any portion of such New Revolving Commitments be allocated and the amounts of such allocations. If the Company elects to request that the Agent arrange the New Revolving Commitments, the Agent may elect or decline to arrange such New Revolving Commitments in its sole discretion, and any Lender approached to provide all or a portion of the New Revolving Commitments may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide a New Revolving Commitment. Such New Revolving Commitments, shall become effective as of such Increased Amount Date; provided that (1) no Default or Event of Default shall exist on such Increased Amount Date immediately before or after giving effect to such New Revolving Commitments; and (2) the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered officer's certificates and legal opinions substantially similar to those delivered on the Effective Date (as they may apply to such a transaction) to the extent reasonably requested by the Agent in connection with any such transaction.

(b) All New Revolving Commitments shall be effected pursuant to one or more Joinder Agreements executed and delivered by the Company, the New Revolving Loan Lender(s) and the Agent, each of which shall be recorded in the Register. Each Joinder Agreement may, without the consent of any other Lenders, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Agent, to effect the provisions of this <u>Section 2.16</u>. Each New Revolving Commitment shall be deemed for all purposes a Revolving Commitment, each New Revolving Loan shall be deemed for all purposes a Revolving Loan, and each New Revolving Loan Lender shall become a Lender hereunder. This <u>Section 2.16(b)</u> shall supersede any provisions of <u>Section 2.14</u> or <u>10.01</u> to the contrary.

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(c) On any Increased Amount Date on which New Revolving Commitments are effected, subject to the satisfaction of the foregoing terms and conditions, each of the existing Revolving Loan Lenders shall assign to each of the New Revolving Loan Lenders, and each of the New Revolving Loan Lenders shall purchase from each of the existing Revolving Loan Lenders, at the principal amount thereof (together with accrued interest), such interests in the Revolving Loans outstanding on such Increased Amount Date as shall be necessary in order that, after giving effect to all such assignments and purchases, such Revolving Loans will be held by then-existing Revolving Loan Lenders and New Revolving Loan Lenders ratably in accordance with their Revolving Commitments after giving effect to the addition of such New Revolving Commitments to the Revolving Commitments.

(d) The Agent shall notify Lenders promptly upon receipt of the Company's notice of each Increased Amount Date and in respect thereof (y) the New Revolving Commitments and the New Revolving Loan Lenders, and (z) in the case of each notice to any Revolving Loan Lender, the respective interests in such Revolving Loan Lender's Revolving Loans, in each case subject to the assignments contemplated by this Section 2.16.

Section 2.17 Defaulting Lenders.

(a) (i) <u>Defaulting Lender Waterfall</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law, any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article 8 or otherwise) or received by the Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 10.09 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Agent as follows: *first*, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Agent hereunder; second, as the Company may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Agent; third, if so determined by the Agent and the Company, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement; *fourth*, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; fifth, so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Company as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Company against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and sixth to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 4.03 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the applicable Commitments. Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(ii) <u>Certain Fees</u>.

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(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee pursuant to <u>Section 2.11(a)</u> for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Company shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender);

(B) With respect to any fees not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (A)</u> above, the Company shall not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.

(b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Company and the Agent agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon, as of the effective date specified in such notice, and subject to any conditions set forth therein, such Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans to be held pro rata by the Lenders in accordance with the applicable Commitments, whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Company while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that, except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender having been a Defaulting Lender.

Section 2.18 Maturity Extensions of Loans.

(a) The Company may from time to time, pursuant to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.18</u> agree with one or more Lenders (each an "**Existing Lender**") holding Loans and/or Commitments under a Facility (the "**Existing Facility**") to extend the Maturity Date of such Facility and to provide for other terms consistent with this <u>Section 2.18</u> (each such modification, an "**Extension**"; and any Revolving Commitments and Revolving Loans so extended, "**Extended Revolving Commitments**" and "**Extended Revolving Loans**," respectively) pursuant to one or more written offers (each an "**Extension Offer**") made from time to time by the Company to all Lenders under such Existing Facility on a pro rata basis (based on the Pro Rata Share of each Lender with respect to such Existing Facility) and on the same terms to each such Lender. In connection with each Extension, the Company will provide notification to the Agent (for distribution to the Existing Lenders), no later than 30 days prior to the Maturity Date of the applicable Existing Facility, of the requested new maturity date (the "**Extended Maturity Date**") for the Extended Facility and the due date for Lender responses. In connection with any Extension, each Existing Lender wishing to participate in such Existing Lender that does not respond to an Extension Offer by the applicable due date shall be deemed to have rejected such Extension. In connection with any Extension, the Company shall agree to such procedures, if any, as may be reasonably established by, or acceptable to, the Agent to accomplish the purposes of this <u>Section 2.18</u>.

(b) After giving effect to any Extension, the Loans and Commitments so extended shall cease to be a part of the Facility of which they were a part immediately prior to such Extension and shall be a new Facility hereunder; <u>provided</u> that no such Extension shall cause the total number of Facilities hereunder to exceed seven (7).

(c) The consummation and effectiveness of each Extension shall be subject to the following:

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(i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time any Extension Offer is delivered to the Lenders or at the time of such Extension (after giving effect to such Extension);

(ii) the Extended Loans and Extended Revolving Commitments of any Existing Lender established pursuant to any Extension shall have the same terms as the corresponding Loans and Commitments of such Existing Lender subject to the applicable Extension; except (A) the principal amount of such Loans and Commitments shall not be greater than the principal amount of the applicable Loans and Commitments under the applicable Existing Facility (except by an amount equal to unpaid accrued interest and premium thereon *plus* other reasonable amounts paid, and fees and expenses reasonably incurred, in connection with such Extension), (B) the Extended Maturity Date of such Loans and Commitments shall be not earlier than the Latest Maturity Date under the applicable Existing Facility at the time of such Extension, (C) the obligations under the Extended Facility shall not be guaranteed by any Subsidiary, (D) the Extended Facility shall be unsecured, (E) the all-in pricing (including, without limitation, margins, fees and premiums) with respect to the Extended Facility may be higher or lower than the all-in pricing (including, without limitation, margins, fees and premiums) for the applicable Existing Facility, and the Extended Facility may have such optional prepayment terms as may be agreed by the Company and the applicable Lenders thereof; (F) the Extended Facility shall share ratably with the applicable Existing Facility in any prepayment of Loans pursuant to Section 2.09 (or otherwise provide for less favorable prepayment treatment for such Extended Facility than for the Existing Facility); (G) the Extended Facility may, but shall not be required to, contain a "most favored nation" provision for the benefit of Lenders with respect to such Extended Facility; and (H) the other terms and conditions applicable to the Extended Facility may be terms different than those with respect to the Existing Facility, so long as such terms and conditions (1) are, in the good-faith judgment of the Company, not materially more favorable, on the whole, to the Lenders with respect to the Extended Facility than the terms and conditions applicable to the applicable Existing Facility at the time of such Extension, or (2) only apply after the Latest Maturity Date of the applicable Existing Facility or are acceptable to the Agent in its reasonable discretion; provided, further, that, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10.01, each Extension Amendment may, without the consent of any Lender other than the applicable extending Lenders, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Agent and the Company, to give effect to the provisions of this Section 2.18, including any amendments necessary to treat the applicable Loans and/or Commitments of the extending Lenders as a new Facility hereunder;

(iii) all documentation in respect of such Extension shall be consistent with the foregoing, and all written communications by the Company generally directed to the applicable Lenders in connection therewith shall be consistent with the foregoing and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;

(iv) a minimum amount in respect of such Extension (to be determined in the Company's discretion and specified in the relevant Extension Offer, but in no event less than \$25,000,000, unless another amount is agreed to by the Agent in its reasonable discretion) shall be satisfied (the "Minimum Extension Condition"); and

(v) no Extension shall become effective unless, on the proposed effective date of such Extension, the conditions set forth in <u>paragraphs (a), (b)</u> and (c) of Section 4.03 shall be satisfied (with all references in such paragraphs to the making of a Loan being deemed to be

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references to the Extension on the applicable date of such Extension), and the Agent shall have received a certificate to that effect dated the applicable date of such Extension and executed by a Responsible Officer of the Company.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, it is understood and agreed that the provisions of <u>Section 2.15</u> and <u>Section 10.01</u> will not apply to any payment of interest or fees in respect of any Extended Facility that have been extended pursuant to an Extension at a rate or rates different from those paid or payable in respect of any other Facility, in each case as is set forth in the relevant Extension Offer made pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 2.18</u> with respect to such Extensions of Loans.

(e) No Lender who rejects any request for an Extension shall be deemed a Non-Consenting Lender for purposes of <u>Section 10.14</u> as a result of such rejection.

(f) The Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize the Agent to enter into amendments (collectively, "**Extension Amendments**") to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary in order to effect the provisions of this <u>Section 2.18</u>, including to establish new Extended Facilities created pursuant to an Extension, on terms consistent with this <u>Section 2.18</u>. All such Extension Amendments entered into with the Company by the Agent hereunder shall be binding on the Lenders. Without limiting the foregoing, in connection with any Extension, (i) the Company and the appropriate Subsidiaries shall (at their expense) amend (and the Agent is hereby directed to amend) any Loan Document that the Agent reasonably requests to be amended to reflect the then-latest Extended Maturity Date (and to give effect to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.18</u> and (ii) the Company and the appropriate Subsidiaries shall deliver board resolutions, secretary's certificates, officer's certificates and other documents as shall reasonably be requested by the Agent in connection therewith and, if requested by the Agent, a legal opinion of counsel in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Agent.

(g) Promptly following the consummation and effectiveness of any Extension, the Company will furnish to the Agent (who shall promptly furnish to each Lender) written notice setting forth the Extended Maturity Date and material economic terms of the Extension and the aggregate principal amount of Extended Loans and Extended Revolving Commitments after giving effect to the Extension and attaching a copy of the fully executed Extension Amendment.

ARTICLE 3 TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

Section 3.01 Taxes.

(a) <u>Payments Free of Indemnified Taxes and Other Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Company hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without deduction or withholding for any Taxes except as required by applicable law, <u>provided</u> that if the Company or any applicable withholding agent shall be required by applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Company or the applicable withholding agent) to deduct or withhold any Indemnified Taxes from such payments, then, (i) the Company or the applicable withholding agent shall make such deductions or withholdings, (ii) the Company or the applicable withholding agent shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and (iii) the sum payable by the Company shall be increased as necessary so that after all required deductions or withholdings have been made (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Agent or Lender, as the case may be,

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receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions or withholdings been made.

(b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Company</u>. Without limiting the provisions of <u>subsection (a)</u> above, the Company shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) Indemnification by the Company. Without duplication of Section 3.01(a), the Company shall indemnify the Agent and each Lender, within 10 Business Days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes in respect of payments under any Loan Document (including Indemnified Taxes imposed on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) that are imposed on or payable by the Agent or such Lender (or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to the Agent or such Lender), as the case may be, and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate setting forth the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Company by a Lender (with a copy to the Agent), or by the Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by the Company to a Governmental Authority, the Company shall deliver to the Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.

(e) Indemnification by the Lenders. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Agent, within 10 Business Days after written demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Company has not already indemnified the Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Company to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 10.07(d) relating to the maintenance of a Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Agent under this paragraph (e).

(f) Status of Lenders. (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Company and the Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Company or the Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Company or the Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Company or the Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Company or the Agent as will enable the Company or the Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 3.01(f)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to

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any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(A) any Lender that is a "United States Person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code shall deliver to the Company and the Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company or the Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Company and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company or the Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(i) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(ii) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(iii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E-1</u> to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 - percent shareholder" of the Company within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Company, as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable; or

(iv) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E-2</u> or <u>Exhibit E-3</u>, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; <u>provided</u> that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E-4</u> on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Company and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or

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prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company or the Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Company or the Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Company and the Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Company or the Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Company or the Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>clause (D)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Company and the Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

Each Lender authorizes the Agent to deliver to the Company and to any successor Agent any documentation provided by such Lender to the Agent pursuant to this Section 3.01(f).

(g) <u>Treatment of Certain Refunds</u>. If the Agent or any Lender determines, in its good faith discretion, that it has received a refund (whether received in cash or applied as an offset against other Taxes due) of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by the Company or with respect to which the Company has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall promptly pay to the Company an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Company under this Section 3.01 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Agent or such Lender (including Taxes), as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that the Company, upon the request of the Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Company (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Agent or such Lender in the event the Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Such Lender or Agent, as the case may be, shall, at the Company's reasonable request, provide the Company with a copy of any notice of assessment or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Company of the requirement to repay such refund received from the relevant taxing authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (f), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (f) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts giving rise to such refund had never been paid. This subsection shall not be construed to require the Agent or any Lender to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the Company or any other Person.

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Section 3.02 Illegality.

(a) If any Lender reasonably and in good faith determines that the introduction of any Requirement of Law, or any change in any Requirement of Law, or in the interpretation or administration of any Requirement of Law, after the Effective Date, has made it unlawful, or that any central bank or other Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans, then, on notice thereof by the Lender to the Company through the Agent, any obligation of that Lender to make Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans shall be suspended until the Lender notifies the Agent and the Company that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist.

(b) If a Lender reasonably and in good faith determines that it is unlawful for such Lender to maintain any Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan after the Effective Date in the circumstances described in <u>Section 3.02(a)</u>, the Company shall, upon its receipt of written notice of such fact and demand from such Lender (with a copy to the Agent), prepay in full such Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans of that Lender then outstanding, together with interest accrued thereon and amounts required under <u>Section 3.04</u>, either on the last day of the Interest Period thereof, if the Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if the Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan. If the Company is required to so prepay any Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan, then concurrently with such prepayment, the Company shall borrow from the affected Lender, in the amount of such prepayment, a Base Rate Loan.

(c) If the obligation of any Lender to make or maintain Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans has been so terminated or suspended, the Company may elect, by giving notice to the Lender through the Agent, that all Loans which would otherwise be made or maintained by the Lender as Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans shall instead be Base Rate Loans.

(d) Before giving any notice to the Agent under this <u>Section 3.02</u>, the affected Lender shall designate a different Lending Office with respect to its Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans if such designation will avoid the need for giving such notice or making such demand and will not, in the judgment of the Lender, be illegal or otherwise materially disadvantageous to the Lender.

Section 3.03 Increased Costs and Reduction of Return.

(a) If any Lender reasonably and in good faith determines that, due to either (i) the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation of any law or regulation or (ii) the compliance by that Lender with any guideline promulgated by or any request from any central bank or other Governmental Authority (whether or not having the force of law) in each case after the Effective Date, there shall be any increase in the cost including Taxes (other than (i) Excluded Taxes and (ii) Indemnified Taxes that are covered by <u>Section 3.01</u>) to such Lender of agreeing to make or making, funding or maintaining any Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans, then the Company shall be liable for, and shall from time to time, promptly upon demand, pay to the Agent for the account of such Lender, additional amounts as are sufficient to compensate such Lender for such increased costs; <u>provided</u> that such Lender shall only be entitled to seek such additional amounts if such Lender is generally seeking the payment of similar additional amounts from similarly situated borrowers to whom it has extended credit (as certified by such Lender in the written demand required under this <u>Section 3.03(a)</u>). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all rules, regulations, orders, requests, guidelines or directives in connection therewith, and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on

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Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to have been adopted and to have taken effect after the date hereof.

(b) If any Lender reasonably and in good faith shall have determined that (i) the introduction of any Capital Adequacy Regulation, (ii) any change in any Capital Adequacy Regulation, (iii) any change in the interpretation or administration of any Capital Adequacy Regulation by any central bank or other Governmental Authority charged with the interpretation or administration thereof, or (iv) compliance by the Lender (or its Lending Office) or any corporation controlling the Lender with any Capital Adequacy Regulation, in each case after the Effective Date, affects or would affect the amount of capital or liquidity required or expected to be maintained by the Lender or any corporation controlling the Lender's desired return on capital) determines that the amount of such capital is increased as a consequence of its Commitment, Loans, credits or obligations under this Agreement, then, thirty (30) days after written demand by such Lender to the Company through the Agent, the Company shall pay to the Lender shall only be entitled to seek such additional amounts if such Lender is generally seeking the payment of similar additional amounts from similarly situated borrowers to whom it has extended credit (as certified by such Lender in the written demand required under this <u>Section 3.03(b)</u>); provided, further, that the Company shall not be required to compensate a Lender for any such increases in capital for any period more than 270 days prior to the date such Lender delivers such demand; provided, further, that if the circumstances giving rise to such claim have a retroactive effect, then such 270-day period shall be extended to include the period of such retroactive effect.

Section 3.04 Funding Losses.

The Company shall compensate each Lender, upon written request by such Lender (which request shall set forth the basis for requesting such amounts), for all reasonable losses, expenses and liabilities (including any interest paid or payable by such Lender to Lenders of funds borrowed by it to make or carry its Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans and any loss, expense or liability sustained by such Lender in connection with the liquidation or re-employment of such funds but excluding loss of anticipated profits) which such Lender has actually incurred (without duplication of any amounts to which such Lender is otherwise entitled pursuant to the other provisions of this <u>Article 3</u>):

(a) if for any reason (other than a default by such Lender) a Credit Extension of any Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan does not occur on a date specified therefor in a Loan Notice, or a conversion to or continuation of any Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan does not occur on a date specified therefor in a Conversion/Continuation Notice;

(b) if any prepayment or other principal payment of, or any conversion of, any of its Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans occurs on a date prior to the last day of an Interest Period applicable to that Loan;

(c) if any prepayment of any of its Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans is not made on any date specified in a notice of prepayment given by the Company; or

(d) due to an assignment of an Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto pursuant to <u>Section 10.14</u>.

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including any such loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain its Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained, but excluding any administrative fee or other amount chargeable by such Lender for the calculation of such loss. For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Company to the Lenders under this <u>Section 3.04</u> and under <u>Section 3.03(a)</u>, each Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan made by a Lender (and each related reserve, special deposit or similar requirement) shall be conclusively deemed to have been funded at the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate used in determining the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for such Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan (but without giving effect to the proviso to the definition of "Adjusted Term SOFR Rate") by a matching deposit or other borrowing for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loan is in fact so funded.

Section 3.05 Inability to Determine Rates.

(a) Subject to <u>clauses (b)</u>, (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this <u>Section 3.05</u>, if:

(i) the Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate or the Term SOFR Rate (including because the Term SOFR Reference Rate is not available or published on a current basis), for such Interest Period; or

(ii) the Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, the Adjusted Term SOFR Rate for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period;

then the Agent shall give notice thereof to the Company and the Lenders by telephone, telecopy or electronic mail as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until (x) the Agent notifies the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist with respect to the relevant Benchmark and (y) the Company delivers a new Interest Election Request in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.03</u>, any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Revolving Borrowing to, or continuation of any Revolving Borrowing as, a Term Benchmark Borrowing and any Loan Notice that requests a Term Benchmark Borrowing shall instead be deemed to be an Interest Election Request or a Loan Notice, as applicable, for a Base Rate Borrowing; provided that if the circumstances giving rise to such notice affect only one Interest Type of Borrowings, then all other Interest Types of Borrowings shall be permitted. Furthermore, if any Term Benchmark Loan is outstanding on the date of the Company's receipt of the notice from the Agent referred to in this <u>Section 3.05(a)</u> with respect to a Benchmark applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan, then until (x) the Agent notifies the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.03</u>, any Term Benchmark Loan shall on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan (or the next succeeding Business Day if such day is not a Business Day), be converted by the Agent to, and shall constitute, a Base Rate Loan on such day.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document (and any Swap Contract shall be deemed not to be a "Loan Document" for purposes of this <u>Section 3.05</u>), if a

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Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (1) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (2) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark Replacement for such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, the Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(d) The Agent will promptly notify the Company and the Lenders of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (iv) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to clause (f) below and (v) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 3.05, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 3.05.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Rate) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (i) above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for all Benchmark Replacement), then the Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for all Benchmark Replacement).

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(f) Upon the Company's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Company may revoke any request for a Term Benchmark Borrowing, conversion to or continuation of Term Benchmark Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Company will be deemed to have converted any request for a Term Benchmark Borrowing into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to a Base Rate Borrowing. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of Base Rate based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of the Base Rate. Furthermore, if any Term Benchmark Loan is outstanding on the date of the Company's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to a Benchmark applicable to such Term Benchmark Loan, then until such time as a Benchmark Replacement is implemented pursuant to this Section 3.05, any Term Benchmark Loan shall on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan (or the next succeeding Business Day if such day is not a Business Day), be converted by the Agent to, and shall constitute, a Base Rate Loan on such day.

Section 3.06 Certificates of Lenders.

Any Lender claiming reimbursement or compensation under this <u>Article 3</u> shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Agent) a certificate setting forth in reasonable detail the amount payable to the Lender hereunder and such certificate shall be conclusive and binding on the Company in the absence of demonstrable error. Such certificate shall set forth in reasonable detail the methodology used in determining the amount payable to the Lender.

Section 3.07 <u>Substitution of Lenders</u>.

If the Company receives notice from any Lender of a claim for compensation under <u>Section 3.01</u>, <u>3.02</u> or <u>3.03</u>, or any Lender invokes the provisions of <u>Section 3.02</u>, the Company may, upon notice to such Lender and the Agent, replace such Lender by causing such Lender to assign its Loans and Commitments (with the assignment fee to be paid by the Company in such instance) pursuant to <u>Section 10.07(b)</u> to one or more other Lenders or Eligible Assignees procured by the Company; <u>provided</u> that each such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it under the Loan Documents from the applicable assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Company (in the case of all other amounts). The Company shall release such Lender from its obligations under the Loan Documents. Any Lender being replaced shall execute and deliver an Assignment and Assumption with respect to such Lender's outstanding Loans and Commitments.

Section 3.08 Survival.

The agreements and obligations of the Company in <u>Section 3.01</u>, <u>Section 3.03</u>, <u>Section 3.04</u> and <u>Section 3.06</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of all other Obligations.

ARTICLE 4 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

Section 4.01 Conditions to Effective Date.

The effectiveness of this Agreement on the Effective Date is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

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(a) The Agent shall have received each of the following, each of which shall be originals or facsimiles or Adobe PDFs delivered by electronic mail (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer, each dated the Effective Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Effective Date) and each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and each of the Lenders:

(i) executed counterparts of this Agreement; and

(ii) a Note executed by the Company in favor of each Lender that has requested a Note at least three Business Days prior to the Effective Date;

(b) The Agent shall have received:

(i) copies of the resolutions of the board of directors, authorized subcommittee thereof, or other equivalent body of the Company authorizing the Transactions to which the Company is a party, certified as of the Effective Date by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company;

(ii) a certificate of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company certifying the names and true signatures of the officers of the Company authorized to execute, deliver and perform, as applicable, this Agreement and all other Loan Documents to be delivered by the Company hereunder;

(iii) the articles or certificate of incorporation of the Company as in effect on the Effective Date, certified by the Secretary of State of its state of incorporation or organization as of a recent date;

(iv) the bylaws or equivalent document of the Company as in effect on the Effective Date, certified by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Company as of the Effective Date; and

(v) a certificate of good standing for the Company from the Secretary of State (or similar, applicable Governmental Authority) of its state of incorporation or organization as of a recent date.

(c) [Reserved].

(d) The Agent shall have received a customary written opinion (addressed to the Agent and the Lenders and dated the Effective Date) from Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz LLP, counsel for the Company.

(e) [Reserved].

(f) The Agent shall have received a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer on behalf of the Company, dated as of the Effective Date, certifying as to the matters set forth in Sections 4.01(h).

(g) The Company shall have provided the documentation and other information to the Agent that are required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know-your-customer" rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act, to the extent the Company shall have received written requests therefor at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the Effective Date.

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(h) The representations and warranties of the Company contained in <u>Article 5</u> or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, (x) which are not qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct in all material respects and (y) which are qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct, in each case, on and as of the Effective Date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects, or true and correct, as the case may be, as of such earlier date.

Section 4.02 <u>Conditions to Closing Date</u>. The several obligation of the Lenders to make Loans on and after the Closing Date is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent on or prior to September 26, 2024:

(a) The Effective Date shall have occurred.

(b) [Reserved].

(c) (i) The Existing Credit Agreement shall have been or concurrently with the Closing Date shall be terminated (other than with respect to the terms thereof that expressly survive termination), and all principal and interest thereunder shall have been or shall be paid in full and (ii) Existing Secured Notes shall have been redeemed or satisfied and discharged, in accordance with the terms of the Existing Secured Notes Indenture (collectively, the "Closing Date Refinancing")

(d) The representations and warranties of the Company contained in <u>Article 5</u> (other than <u>Sections 5.05</u>, <u>5.11</u> and <u>5.17</u>) or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, (x) which are not qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct in all material respects and (y) which are qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct, in each case, on and as of the Closing Date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects, or true and correct, as the case may be, as of such earlier date.

(e) The Agent shall have been paid all accrued and unpaid fees, and reasonable costs and expenses to the extent then due and payable to the Agent on or before the Closing Date, including accrued and projected Attorney Costs of the Agent and other compensation contemplated by the Commitment Letter and Fee Letter, payable to RBC and RBCCM, to the extent invoiced three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date.

The Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders of the Closing Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans shall not become effective unless each of the foregoing conditions is satisfied (or waived pursuant to Section 10.01) at or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on September 26, 2024 (and, in the event such conditions are not so satisfied or waived, the Revolving Commitments shall terminate at such time).

Section 4.03 Conditions to All Other Loans.

The obligation of each Lender to make any Loans on any Borrowing Date (including any Loans to be made on the Closing Date) is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent (it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that the conversion or continuation of any Loan on any Borrowing Date shall not be subject to any such conditions):

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(a) No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date immediately before or after giving effect to the proposed Loan.

(b) The representations and warranties of the Company contained in Article 5 (other than Sections 5.05, 5.11 and 5.17) or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, (x) which are not qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct in all material respects and (y) which are qualified as to materiality shall be true and correct, in each case, on and as of the date of such Loan Notice, after giving effect to such Loan, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects, or true and correct, as the case may be, as of such earlier date.

(c) The Agent shall have received a Loan Notice in accordance with the requirements hereof.

(d) After giving effect to any such Loan that is a Revolving Loan, the aggregate Revolving Loans shall not exceed the Revolving Commitments then in effect.

Each Loan Notice (other than an Interest Election Request requesting only a conversion of Loans to the other Interest Type, or a continuation of Adjusted Term SOFR Rate Loans and other than a Loan Notice for a Borrowing on the Closing Date) submitted by the Company shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in <u>Sections 4.02(a)</u> and (b) have been satisfied (or waived) on and as of the date of the making of the Loan to which such Loan Notice relates.

Section 4.04 Determinations Under Section 4.01 and Section 4.02.

For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in <u>Section 4.01</u> and <u>Section 4.02</u>, each of the Lenders shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by, or acceptable or satisfactory to, the Lenders unless an officer of the Agent responsible for the Transactions shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the Effective Date or the Closing Date, as applicable, specifying its objection thereto.

ARTICLE 5 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Company represents and warrants to the Agent and each Lender as of the Effective Date and, other than in the case of Sections 5.05, 5.11 and 5.17, on the Closing Date and on the date of each Borrowing that:

Section 5.01 Corporate Existence and Power.

The Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries:

(a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization;

(b) has the corporate (or other organizational) power and authority and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to own its assets and carry on its business;

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(c) except as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.01</u>, is duly qualified and is licensed and in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; and

(d) except as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.01</u>, is in compliance with all Requirements of Law, except such orders, writs, injunctions or decrees as are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; except, in each case referred to in <u>clauses (a)</u> (other than with respect to the Company), (b), (c) and (d), to the extent that the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.02 Corporate Authorization; No Contravention.

The Transactions to be entered into by the Company are within its corporate or other organizational powers. The Transactions (including the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of each Loan Document to which it is a party) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action of the Company and do not and will not:

(a) contravene the terms of any of the Company's Organization Documents;

(b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or result in or require the creation of any Lien under, any document evidencing any material Contractual Obligation to which such the Company is a party, except to the extent that such conflicts, in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or

(c) violate any Requirement of Law or any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority to which the Company or its property is subject, except to the extent that such violations, in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.03 Governmental Authorization.

No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, the Company of each Loan Document to which it is a party, except (i) such as have been obtained and are in full force and effect (including without limitation, the approval of the Department of Insurance of the jurisdiction of the domicile of the Insurance Subsidiaries), and (ii) those the failure of which to obtain or make would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.04 Binding Effect.

Each Loan Document that has been delivered by the Company has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability.

Section 5.05 Litigation.

There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending, or to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, against the

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Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that: (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or (b) individually or in the aggregate would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No injunction, writ, temporary restraining order or any order of any nature has been issued by any court or other Governmental Authority purporting to enjoin or restrain the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or directing that the Transactions not be consummated as herein or therein provided.

Section 5.06 No Default.

No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the Transactions. As of the Effective Date, neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary is in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation in any respect that, individually or together with all such defaults, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.07 ERISA Compliance.

(a) Each Pension Plan is in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other federal or state law except to the extent that such non-compliance would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has either (i) received a favorable determination letter from the IRS and to the knowledge of the Company, nothing has occurred which would reasonably be expected to cause the loss of such qualification or (ii) with respect to the Pension Plans identified on Schedule 5.07, is in the process of requesting a favorable determination letter from the IRS as to its qualified status, and the Company is not aware of any fact or issue that would reasonably be expected to cause the IRS to fail to issue a favorable determination letter, except where such non-qualification would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company, its Restricted Subsidiaries and each ERISA Affiliate have made all required contributions to any Pension Plan subject to Section 412 of the Code, and no application for a funding waiver or an extension of any amortization period pursuant to Section 412 of the Code has been made with respect to any Pension Plan, except where such lack of contribution or application for funding waiver would not reasonably be expected.

(b) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 5.07</u>, there are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company, there has been no "prohibited transaction" (as defined in Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code) or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Pension Plan that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Except for occurrences or circumstances that individually or in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) since December 31, 2020, no ERISA Event has occurred or, to the knowledge of the Company, is reasonably expected to occur; (ii) no Single Employer Pension Plan is, or, to the knowledge of the Company, is reasonably expected to be, in "at risk" status (within the meaning of Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA); (iii) none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability (and no event has occurred that, with the giving of notice under Section 4219 of ERISA, would result in such liability) under Section 4201 of ERISA with respect to a Multiemployer Plan; and (iv) none of the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate has knowingly engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Section 4069(a) or 4212(c) of ERISA.

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Section 5.08 Margin Regulations.

Neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary is engaged principally, or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying Margin Stock.

Section 5.09 [Reserved].

Section 5.10 Taxes.

(a) The Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries has timely filed all federal Tax, material income Tax and other material Tax returns and reports required to be filed, and has paid all federal Tax, material income Tax and other material Taxes levied or imposed upon it or its properties, income or assets that have become due and payable (including in its capacity as a withholding agent), except (i) those that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with SAP or GAAP, as applicable, and (ii) those that would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no current or proposed Tax audit, assessment, deficiency or other claim or proceeding against the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except as would not be reasonably expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect (i) the Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries has made adequate provision in accordance with SAP or GAAP (as applicable) for all Taxes not yet due and payable and (ii) neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has ever participated in a "listed transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4.

Section 5.11 Financial Condition.

(a) The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries dated December 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the Fiscal Year ended on that date, reported on by BDO USA, LLP, independent public accountants:

(i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, subject, in the case of such unaudited financial statements, to ordinary, good faith year end and audit adjustments and the absence of footnote disclosure;

(ii) fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and changes in shareholders' equity of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and results of operations for the period covered thereby; and

(iii) show all material indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof.

(b) The December 31, 2023 Annual Statement of each Insurance Subsidiary, (the "Historical Statutory Statements"):

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(i) were prepared in accordance with SAP, except as may be reflected in the notes thereto; and

(ii) were, in all material respects, in compliance with applicable Requirements of Law when filed and present fairly in all material respects the financial condition of the respective Insurance Subsidiaries covered thereby as of the respective dates thereof and changes in Capital and Surplus of the respective Insurance Subsidiaries covered thereby for the respective periods then ended.

Except for liabilities and obligations disclosed or provided for in the Historical Statutory Statements (including, without limitation, reserves, policy and contract claims and statutory liabilities), no Insurance Subsidiary had, as of the date of its respective Historical Statutory Statements, any material liabilities or obligations of any nature whatsoever (whether absolute, contingent or otherwise and whether or not due) that, in accordance with SAP, would have been required to have been disclosed or provided for in such Historical Statutory Statement.

(c) The financial projections, budgets and estimates relating to the Company provided by the Company to the Agent prior to the date hereof in connection with this Agreement have been prepared in good faith based upon assumptions that are believed by the preparer thereof to be reasonable at the time that they were provided to the Agent, it being understood and agreed that (a) financial projections, budgets and estimates are as to future events and are not to be viewed as facts, (b) financial projections, budgets and estimates are subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the Company's control, (c) no assurance can be given that any particular financial projections, budgets or estimates will be realized and (d) actual results during the period or periods covered by any such projections, budgets or estimates may differ significantly from the projected, budgeted or estimated results and such differences may be material.

(d) Since December 31, 2023, there has been no material adverse change in the business, properties, results of operations or financial condition of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Section 5.12 Environmental Laws.

(a) All real properties owned or leased by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries have been, and continue to be, owned or leased by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in compliance with all Environmental Laws, except where failure to so comply would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, Environmental Claims against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, except for such Environmental Claims that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) The Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries have been issued and are in compliance with all permits, certificates, approvals, licenses and other authorizations required under any Environmental Law to own and operate their property or to conduct their businesses except where failure to obtain or comply with the foregoing would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

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Section 5.13 <u>Regulated Activities and Regulated Entities</u>.

None of the Company, any Person controlling the Company, or any Restricted Subsidiary, is (a) subject to regulation, or required to register, under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or (b) a "registered investment company" or a company "controlled" by a "registered investment company" or a "principal underwriter" of a "registered investment company" as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Section 5.14 Subsidiaries.

(a) The Capital Stock of each of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid and non-assessable. As of the date hereof, there is no existing option, warrant, call, right, commitment or other agreement to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party requiring, and there is no membership interest or other Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary outstanding which upon conversion or exchange would require, the issuance by any Restricted Subsidiary of any additional membership interests or other Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary or other securities convertible into, exchangeable for or evidencing the right to subscribe for or purchase, a membership interest or other Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary.

(b) Schedule 5.14(b) sets forth the name of, and the ownership interest of the Company (or the applicable Subsidiary) in, each of its Subsidiaries and identifies each Subsidiary that is a Foreign Subsidiary, an Immaterial Subsidiary, Unrestricted Subsidiary and/or an Insurance Subsidiary, in each case as of the Effective Date. As of the Effective Date, all the Company's Subsidiaries are fully consolidated in its consolidated financial statements.

Section 5.15 Insurance Licenses.

Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 5.15</u>, (a) no License of the Company or any Insurance Subsidiary, the loss of which individually or in the aggregate would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, is the subject of a proceeding for suspension or revocation, and (b) to the Company's knowledge, there is no sustainable basis for such suspension or revocation, and no such suspension or revocation has been threatened by any Governmental Authority.

Section 5.16 Full Disclosure.

All written Information (other than financial projections, budgets, estimates and information of a general economic or industry nature) provided directly by the Company or its Subsidiaries to the Agent or the Lenders in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished, and when taken together with any disclosures made by the Company in any publicly available filings with the SEC) is, as of the date made available, taken as a whole, correct in all material respects and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, taken as a whole, not materially misleading in the light of the circumstances under which they were made.

Section 5.17 Solvency.

Immediately after giving effect to the Transactions to occur on the Effective Date, the Company and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are Solvent.

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Section 5.18 [<u>Reserved]</u>. Section 5.19 [<u>Reserved]</u>.

Section 5.20 Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.

The Company, its Subsidiaries and their respective officers and employees, and to the knowledge of the Company, the directors and agents (when acting on behalf of the Company or its Subsidiaries) of the Company and its Subsidiaries, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws, and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of (a) the Company or any Subsidiary, or (b) to the knowledge of the Company, any of the respective directors, officers or employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any agent of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries who will act in any capacity in connection with this Agreement, is a Sanctioned Person. The Company will not use, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to use, the proceeds of any Loan in violation of <u>Section 6.11(b)</u>.

Section 5.21 [Reserved].

Section 5.22 Affected Financial Institutions.

The Company is not an Affected Financial Institution.

ARTICLE 6 AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Until all principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees and other amounts payable hereunder have been paid in full (other than unmatured contingent indemnification obligations not yet due and payable) and all Commitments have been terminated, the Company covenants and agrees with the Lenders that, from and after the Closing Date:

Section 6.01 Financial Statements.

The Company shall deliver to the Agent (except that items described in paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) shall not be required to be delivered, to the extent such items are filed with the applicable regulator within the time periods set forth below and/or publicly available), for further distribution to each Lender:

(a) Not later than 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year (beginning with the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2024), copies of the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such year and the related audited consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such year, setting forth in the case of the audited consolidated statements in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Year, and accompanied by the opinion of BDO USA, LLP or another nationally-recognized independent public accounting firm ("**Independent Auditor**"), which opinion shall state that such audited consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position and result of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the periods indicated in conformity with GAAP, except as stated therein. Such opinion shall be without a "going concern" or like qualification (other than as it may result from the maturity of the Loans hereunder within the coming 12-month period) and shall not be qualified as to scope;

(b) Not later than 45 days after the end of each of the first three Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year (beginning with the Fiscal Quarter ending June 30, 2024), copies of the condensed unaudited

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consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such quarter and the related condensed unaudited consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the period commencing on the first day and ending on the last day of such quarter and for the then elapsed portion of such Fiscal Year, setting forth in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous Fiscal Year, and certified by a Responsible Officer as fairly presenting in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP (subject to the absence of footnotes and year-end audit adjustments), the financial position, the results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

(c) as soon as available but not later than 75 days after the close of each Fiscal Year of each Insurance Subsidiary, a copy of the unaudited Annual Statement of such Insurance Subsidiary on a stand-alone basis, such Annual Statement to be certified by a Responsible Officer of such Insurance Subsidiary and prepared in accordance with SAP, as modified by accounting practices permitted or prescribed by the OCI or other applicable domiciliary insurance commissioner, consistently applied throughout the periods reflected therein and, if required by the applicable Governmental Authority, audited and certified by independent certified public accountants of recognized national standing (such audited Annual Statement to be delivered, if required by the applicable Governmental Authority, as soon as available but not later than June 15 of each Fiscal Year of such Insurance Subsidiary);

(d) as soon as available but not later than 60 days after the close of each of the first three Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year of each Insurance Subsidiary, a copy of the Quarterly Statement of such Insurance Subsidiary on a stand-alone basis, such Quarterly Statement to be certified by a Responsible Officer of such Insurance Subsidiary and prepared in accordance with SAP, as modified by accounting practices permitted or prescribed by the OCI or other applicable domiciliary insurance commissioner, consistently applied through the period reflected therein;

(e) promptly following the delivery to or receipt by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of any regular or periodic final Triennial Examination reports or results of any market conduct examination or examination by any Department or the NAIC of the financial condition and operations of, or any notice of any assertion as to violation of any Requirement of Law by, any Insurance Subsidiary, or any report with respect to any Insurance Subsidiary (including any summary report from the NAIC with respect to the performance of such Insurance Subsidiary as measured against the ratios and other financial measurements developed by the NAIC under its Insurance Regulatory Information System as in effect from time to time) that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(f) within 125 days after the close of each Fiscal Year of each Insurance Subsidiary, a copy of the "Statement of Actuarial Opinion" and "Management Discussion and Analysis" for each such Insurance Subsidiary that is provided to the applicable Department (or equivalent information should such Department no longer require such a statement) as to the adequacy of reserves of such Insurance Subsidiary, such opinion to be in the format prescribed by the insurance code of the state of domicile of such Insurance Subsidiary; and

(g) simultaneously with the delivery of each set of consolidated financial statements referred to in <u>clauses (a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> above, the related unaudited consolidating financial information reflecting adjustments necessary to eliminate the accounts of Unrestricted Subsidiaries (if any) from such consolidated financial statements.

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Section 6.02 Certificates; Other Information.

The Company shall furnish to the Agent, for further distribution to each Lender:

(a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in <u>Section 6.01(a)</u> and <u>Section 6.01(b)</u>, a Compliance Certificate executed by a Responsible Officer;

(b) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in <u>Section 6.01(a)</u>, but only to the extent permitted by accounting industry policies generally followed by independent certified public accountants, a certificate of the Independent Auditor that reported on such financial statements stating (i) whether during the course of its examination of such financial statements it obtained knowledge of any Default relating to accounting matters (which certificate may be limited to the extent required by auditing rules or guidelines), and (ii) if a Default relating to accounting matters has come to its attention, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof;

(c) promptly after any request by the Agent or any Lender, copies of any final reports submitted to the Company by independent public accountants in connection with any annual, interim or special audit of the financial statements of the Company made by such accountants;

- (d) [Reserved];
- (e) [Reserved];
- (f) [Reserved];
- (g) [Reserved]; and

(h) promptly, such additional information regarding the business, financial or corporate affairs of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of any Loan Document, as the Agent, for itself or at the request of any Lender, may from time to time reasonably request.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.01</u>, <u>Section 6.02</u> or <u>Section 6.03</u> may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Agent (and, other than in the case of <u>clause (ii)(y)</u> below, the Agent shall be deemed to have delivered such documents to each Lender) on the earliest of (i) the date on which the Company posts such documents or provides a link thereto on the Company's website on the Internet at the website address listed on <u>Schedule 10.02</u>; (ii) the date on which such documents are (x) posted on the Company's behalf on IntraLinks/IntraAgency or another relevant website, if any, to which each Lender and the Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Agent) or (y) delivered electronically by the Company to the Agent, or (iii) the date on which such documents are made publicly available at www.sec.gov. Except for Compliance Certificates, the Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery or to maintain copies of the documents referred to above, and in any event shall have no responsibility to monitor compliance by the Company with any such request for delivery, and each Lender shall be solely responsible for requesting delivery to it or maintaining its copies of such documents.

The Company hereby acknowledges that the Agent will make available to the Lenders information and projections provided by the Company to the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 6.01</u>, <u>Section 6.02</u>

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and <u>Section 6.03</u> (collectively, "**Company Materials**") by posting the Company Materials on IntraLinks or another similar secure electronic system (the "**Platform**").

Section 6.03 <u>Notices</u>.

The Company shall notify the Agent promptly after any Responsible Officer of the Company becomes aware:

(a) of the occurrence of any Default;

(b) of any matter that has resulted in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect, including any of the following solely to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) any breach or non-performance by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of, or any default by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary under, a Contractual Obligation of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; (ii) any dispute, litigation, investigation, proceeding or suspension between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Governmental Authority; (iii) the commencement of, or any material development in, any litigation (including any governmental proceeding or arbitration proceeding), tax audit or investigative proceeding, claim, lawsuit, and/or investigation against or involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any of its or their businesses or operations, including pursuant to any applicable Environmental Laws; (iv) the expiration without renewal, revocation, suspension or restriction of, or the institution of any proceedings to revoke, suspend or restrict, any License now or hereafter held by any Insurance Subsidiary that is required to conduct the insurance business of such Insurance Subsidiary, or the issuance of any order, the taking of any action or any request for an extraordinary audit for cause by any Governmental Authority; or (vi) the issuance or adoption of any judicial or administrative order limiting or controlling the insurance business of any Insurance Subsidiary (and not the insurance industry generally); and

(c) of the occurrence of any of the following events affecting the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate (but in no event more than 10 days after such event) and deliver to the Agent and each Lender a copy of any notice with respect to such event that is filed with a Governmental Authority and any notice delivered by a Governmental Authority to the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate with respect to such event:

(i) an ERISA Event; or

(ii) the adoption of or the commencement of contributions to any Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code by the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate; or

(iii) the adoption of any amendment to a Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, if such amendment results in a material increase in contributions or Unfunded Pension Liability; <u>provided</u> that no such notice will be required under this <u>Section 6.03(c)</u> with respect to the occurrence of any such event if such occurrence does not result in, and is not reasonably expected to result in, any liability to the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any ERISA Affiliate of more than \$25,000,000 in the aggregate.

Each notice under this Section shall be accompanied by a written statement by a Responsible Officer setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein, and stating what action the Company or

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any affected Restricted Subsidiary proposes to take with respect thereto and at what time. Each notice under <u>Section 6.03(a)</u> shall describe with particularity any and all clauses or provisions of this Agreement or other Loan Document that have been (or reasonably foreseeably will be) breached or violated.

Section 6.04 Preservation of Corporate Existence, Etc.

The Company shall, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) to (except as permitted by Section 7.03 or Section 7.07):

(a) preserve and maintain in full force and effect its existence and good standing under the laws of its state or jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, as applicable, except, other than in the case of the existence of the Company, where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; provided no Restricted Subsidiary (other than the Company) shall be required to preserve any such existence or good standing if such Person's board of directors (or similar governing body) shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of such Person, and that the loss thereof is not disadvantageous in any material respect to such Person or to the Lenders; and

(b) preserve and maintain in full force and effect all governmental rights, privileges, qualifications, permits, licenses and franchises necessary in the normal conduct of its business, except, in the case of this <u>clause (b)</u>, where such failure to preserve and maintain would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 6.05 [Reserved].

Section 6.06 Payment of Tax Obligations.

The Company shall, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all material Tax liabilities imposed upon it or its material properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and adequate reserves in accordance with SAP or GAAP (as applicable) are being maintained by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary.

Section 6.07 Compliance with Laws.

The Company shall, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, comply with all Requirements of Law of any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over it or its business (including the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the Patriot Act and all applicable Environmental Laws), except (i) for such noncompliance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) as may be contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with SAP or GAAP (as applicable).

Section 6.08 [Reserved].

Section 6.09 Inspection of Property and Books and Records.

The Company shall, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in all material respects in conformity with GAAP or SAP, as applicable, consistently applied (except as stated therein) shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the Company and such Restricted

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Subsidiary. The Company shall permit, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary to permit, representatives and independent contractors of the Agent or its designees, at the Company's expense, to visit and inspect any of their respective properties, to examine their respective corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at such reasonable times during normal business hours, upon reasonable advance notice to the Company; provided that (x) members of senior management will be notified and permitted to be present during any such meetings; (y) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, not more than one such visit per Fiscal Year shall be permitted; and (z) when an Event of Default exists the Agent or any Lender (through coordination with the Agent) may do any of the foregoing at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice.

Section 6.10 [Reserved].

Section 6.11 Use of Proceeds.

(a) The proceeds of the Loans may be used to consummate the Closing Date Refinancing, to pay the fees and expenses of the Company in connection with the Facilities and for general corporate purposes of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

(b) The Company shall not use, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to use, the proceeds of any Loan (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of funding any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, to the extent such activities, businesses or transaction would be prohibited by Sanctions if conducted by a corporation incorporated in the United States or in a European Union member state or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

Section 6.12	[Reserved].
Section 6.13	[Reserved].
Section 6.14	[Reserved].
Section 6.15	Designation of Subsidiaries.

The board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Company may at any time designate any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary or any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that (i) immediately before and after such designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) immediately before and after giving effect to such designation, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis with the Financial Covenants, (iii) no Restricted Subsidiary may be designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary if it is a restricted subsidiary under the terms of any other Indebtedness of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries, (iv) each Subsidiary to be designated as "Unrestricted" and its subsidiaries has not at the time of designation, and does not thereafter, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender thereof has recourse to any of the assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than pursuant to guarantees otherwise permitted under the Loan Documents), and (v) the Company shall deliver to the Agent a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Company, together with all relevant financial

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information reasonably requested by the Agent, demonstrating compliance with the foregoing <u>clauses (i)</u> through <u>(vi)</u> of this <u>Section 6.15</u> and, if applicable, certifying that such subsidiary meets the requirements of an "Unrestricted Subsidiary." The designation of any subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall constitute an Investment by the Company therein at the date of designation in an amount equal to the fair market value of the Company's Investment therein as of the date of such designation. No Restricted Subsidiary shall be designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary at any time that the limitations on Investments set forth in <u>Section 7.08</u> are not in effect. The designation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary shall constitute the incurrence at the time of designation of any Indebtedness or Liens of such Subsidiary existing at such time. Amounts attributable to Unrestricted Subsidiaries shall be excluded for purposes of all financial calculations under the Loan Documents.

Section 6.16 Maintenance of Properties.

The Company will, and will cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, maintain or cause to be maintained in good repair, working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, all material properties necessary in the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than residential real estate properties acquired by any Insurance Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business in connection with the enforcement of remedies under any mortgage) and from time to time will make or cause to be made all appropriate repairs, renewals and replacements thereof except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

ARTICLE 7 NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Until all principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees and other amounts payable hereunder have been paid in full (other than unmatured contingent indemnification obligations not yet due and payable) and all Commitments have been terminated, the Company covenants and agrees with the Lenders that on and after the Closing Date:

Section 7.01 Limitation on Indebtedness; Certain Capital Stock.

(a) The Company shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to incur or at any time be liable with respect to any Indebtedness, except:

(i) [reserved];

(ii) any Surplus Debentures issued by any Insurance Subsidiary or Subsidiary thereof to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(iii) Capitalized Lease Liabilities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the greater of (x) \$85,000,000 and (y) 4.0% of Consolidated Net Worth of the Company;

(iv) Permitted Swap Obligations;

(v) Indebtedness existing on the date hereof and listed in Schedule 7.01 and Refinancing Indebtedness thereof;

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(vi) Indebtedness owed by any Insurance Subsidiary or a Subsidiary of an Insurance Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the greater of \$55,000,000 and 2.5% of Consolidated Net Worth of the Company at any time outstanding;

(vii) Indebtedness assumed in connection with a Permitted Acquisition or similar Investment; <u>provided</u>, that (x) such Indebtedness is not incurred in contemplation of such Permitted Acquisition or similar Investment and (y) the Company is in compliance with the Financial Covenants on a Pro Forma Basis;

(viii) Indebtedness (including Surplus Debentures) owed by any Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(ix) [reserved];

(x) Indebtedness in respect of letters of credit issued and guarantees made for the account of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(xi) Indebtedness in respect of surety and other similar bonds made for the account of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(xii) other Indebtedness owed by any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Insurance Subsidiary or a Subsidiary of an Insurance Subsidiary) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the greater of \$65,000,000 and 3.0% of Consolidated Net Worth of the Company at any time outstanding;

(xiii) Refinancing Indebtedness of any Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that was permitted hereunder when incurred;

(xiv) Contingent Obligations of any Person in respect of Indebtedness (x) otherwise permitted to be incurred by such Person under this Section 7.01(a) or (y) of the Borrower;

(xv) Indebtedness consisting of the deferred purchase price of equity interests (or option or warrants or similar instruments) of departing officers, directors and employees of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary issued (whether in the form of notes or otherwise) for the purchase or redemption thereof pursuant to the terms of an existing compensation plan or employment contract;

(xvi) Cash Management Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(xvii) Indebtedness to any Federal Home Loan Bank incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(xviii) (A) Indebtedness secured solely by mortgage-related assets and (B) Securitization Indebtedness, in each case in connection with credit risk transfer and insurance linked securities programs;

(xix) [reserved]; and

(xx) Indebtedness incurred by Insurance Subsidiaries not to exceed the greater of \$55,000,000 and 2.5% of Consolidated Net Worth of the Company;

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Section 7.02 Liens.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, create, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any property now owned or hereafter acquired by it, except for the following:

(a) [reserved];

(b) Liens on assets of Insurance Subsidiaries or the Company securing obligations under transactions entered into in connection with Investments permitted by the terms hereof in an aggregate amount not to exceed, at any time, \$15,000,000;

(c) Liens on collateral consisting of cash or Cash Equivalents securing Permitted Swap Obligations in an aggregate amount not to exceed, at any time, \$25,000,000 and Liens securing Cash Management Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business in an aggregate amount not to exceed, at any time, \$25,000,000;

(d) Liens for Taxes that are not overdue for more than 90 days and Liens for Taxes being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and, in each case, with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP;

(e) Liens existing on the date hereof and listed in Schedule 7.02, including extensions, renewals and replacements of such Liens; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any additional property (other than after-acquired title in or on such property and related assets and proceeds of the collateral in accordance with the document creating such Lien) and (ii) if the Indebtedness secured thereby is Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary, such Indebtedness is not increased except as otherwise permitted under Section 7.01 (in which case, except to the extent of an increase contemplated by clause (a) of the definition of "Refinancing Indebtedness," the Lien on the portion of such Indebtedness representing such additional increase must be permitted by another paragraph of this <u>Section 7.02</u>);

(f) (i) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with worker's compensation, unemployment insurance or other forms of governmental insurance or benefits or to secure performance of tenders, statutory obligations, leases and contracts (other than for borrowed money) entered into in the ordinary course of business or to secure obligations on surety or appeal bonds and (ii) Liens on collateral consisting of cash or Cash Equivalents securing letters of credit issued in respect of obligations to insurers in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000;

(g) (i) Liens of attorneys retained by the Company on a contingency fee basis and (ii) Liens of mechanics, carriers, and materialmen and other like Liens imposed by law and arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations that in the case of <u>clause (ii)</u> hereof are not overdue for more than 60 days or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP;

(h) Liens arising in the ordinary course of business for sums being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP, or for sums not due, and in either case not involving any deposits or advances for borrowed money or the deferred purchase price of property or services;

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(i) Liens securing obligations in connection with any reinsurance transactions under Reinsurance Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(j) easements, rights-of-way, zoning restrictions, covenants, conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, development, air rights and land use agreements, encroachments, title defects and other similar encumbrances that do not secure any Indebtedness and which do not materially interfere with the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(k) Liens securing Indebtedness of Insurance Subsidiaries in connection with permitted Investments not to exceed \$15,000,000;

(l) licenses, leases or subleases permitted hereunder granted to others not materially interfering in any material respect in the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(m) attachment or judgment Liens not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(i);

(n) Liens arising from precautionary Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings with respect to operating leases or consignment arrangements entered into by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(o) Liens consisting of customary set-off rights in favor of depositary banks;

(p) other Liens securing obligations (other than Indebtedness for borrowed money) in an amount not to exceed, at any time outstanding, the greater of \$65,000,000 and 3.0% of Consolidated Net Worth of the Company;

(q) any Lien on any asset of any Person existing at the time such assets are acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary, or such Person becomes a Subsidiary of the Company or is merged or consolidated with or into the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company, and in each case not created in contemplation of such event; provided that (i) no such Lien shall extend to, or cover, any other property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary (including such Person) (other than after-acquired title in or on such property and related assets and proceeds of the collateral in accordance with the document creating such Lien), and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations that it secures on the date of such acquisition or the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary (or is so merged or consolidated) and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof;

(r) Liens securing (I) Indebtedness secured solely by mortgage-related assets and (B) Securitization Indebtedness, in each case in connection with credit risk transfer and insurance linked securities programs or (II) other obligations in connection with credit risk transfer programs;

(s) Liens incurred in connection with the collection or disposition of delinquent accounts receivable in the ordinary course of business;

- (t) [reserved];
- (u) [reserved];
- (v) [reserved];

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(w) Liens consisting of deposits of cash or other assets of Insurance Subsidiaries and Subsidiaries thereof as required by any Governmental Authority;

(x) [reserved];

(y) Liens consisting of restrictions imposed by applicable law (including regulations) or imposed by any Government-Sponsored Enterprise (including, for the avoidance of doubt, "financial requirements" imposed pursuant to PMIERs and similar restrictions imposed by any Government-Sponsored Enterprise);

(z) Replacements of any Liens permitted under this <u>Section 7.02</u> when incurred, <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any additional property (other than after acquired title in or on such property and related assets and proceeds of the existing collateral in accordance with the document creating such Lien) and (ii) if the Indebtedness secured thereby is Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary, such Indebtedness is not increased except as otherwise permitted under <u>Section 7.01</u> (in which case, except to the extent of an increase contemplated by <u>clause (a)</u> of the definition of "Refinancing Indebtedness," the Lien on the portion of such Indebtedness representing such additional increase must be permitted by another paragraph of this <u>Section 7.02</u>);

(aa) Liens in favor of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and

(bb) Liens securing Capitalized Lease Liabilities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the greater of (x) \$85,000,000 and (y) 4.0% of Consolidated Net Worth of the Company.

Section 7.03 Disposition of Assets.

Prior to the Springing Covenant End Date, the Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, Dispose of (whether in one or a series of transactions) any property (including accounts and notes receivable with or without recourse and Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary whether newly issued or otherwise), except:

(a) (i) Dispositions of inventory and equipment in the ordinary course of business, (ii) Dispositions of cash and Cash Equivalents and (iii) Dispositions of assets obtained through foreclosure or otherwise through the exercise of remedies in respect of obligations owed by a third party to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or otherwise in respect of mortgage loans insured by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(b) the sale of equipment to the extent that such equipment is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement equipment or the proceeds of such sale are reasonably promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement equipment;

(c) Dispositions of Investments by any Insurance Subsidiary or Subsidiary thereof (other than Capital Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries engaged in insurance lines of business) and Dispositions by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Investments permitted under this Agreement, in each case, in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the investment policy approved by the board of directors of the Company or such Subsidiary or the Company, as the case may be;

(d) Dispositions (i) by the Company to any Restricted Subsidiary and (ii) by any Restricted Subsidiary to any other Restricted Subsidiary or the Company; provided, that (x) to the extent such

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Disposition pursuant to the foregoing <u>clause (iii)</u> constitutes an Investment, such Disposition is permitted by <u>Section 7.09</u> (other than <u>Section</u> 7.09(q)), and (y) otherwise, such Disposition is for fair value, as determined by the Company in good faith;

(e) any Disposition pursuant to a Reinsurance Agreement so long as such Disposition is entered into in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of managing insurance risk consistent with industry practice;

(f) Dispositions of obsolete, surplus or worn out property disposed of by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(g) transfers resulting from any casualty or condemnation of property or assets;

(h) licenses or sublicenses of intellectual property and general intangibles and licenses, leases or subleases of other property which do not materially interfere with the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(i) Dispositions consisting of (A) any merger, consolidation, liquidation, dissolution or other winding-up of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries not prohibited by <u>Section 7.07</u>, (B) the making of any Investments permitted by <u>Section 7.09</u> (other than <u>Section 7.09(q)</u>), (C) the creation, incurrence or assumption of any Lien permitted under <u>Section 7.02</u>, (D) the making of any Restricted Payments permitted by <u>Section 7.09</u> (other than <u>Section 7.09(q)</u>), (C) the <u>7.08</u>, and (E) Dispositions of property to the extent that such property constitutes an Investment permitted by <u>Section 7.09</u> (other than <u>Section 7.09</u>);

(j) Dispositions of shares of Capital Stock in order to qualify members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of the Company or such other nominal shares required to be held other than by the Company, as required by applicable law;

(k) the sale, discount, forgiveness or other compromise of notes or other accounts in the ordinary course of business or in connection with collection thereof;

(1) issuances of Capital Stock (i) by the Company, (ii) by a directly or indirectly Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted Subsidiaries) of the Company or (iii) by a non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of the Company to the respective equity holders of such non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, on a pro rata basis;

(m) sale and lease back transactions in respect of any property acquired after the Closing Date, and consummated within 365 days after the acquisition of such property;

(n) Dispositions not otherwise permitted hereunder (other than pursuant to Reinsurance Agreements, which shall be subject to the limitations in <u>clause (e)</u> above); <u>provided</u> that such Dispositions shall be for fair market value of assets being disposed, as determined by the Company in good faith, not exceeding (i) 15% of Consolidated Net Worth in any calendar year or (ii) 45% of Consolidated Net Worth in the aggregate; and

(o) Dispositions of mortgage-related assets, mortgage loans, receivables, and other similar financial assets securing Indebtedness incurred under Section 7.01(a)(xviii);

provided that this Section 7.03 shall not apply at any time that the Index Debt is rated at least BBB- or Baa3 (as applicable) from at least two of the Rating Agencies.

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Section 7.04 [Reserved].

Section 7.05 Transactions with Affiliates.

The Company shall not, and shall not suffer or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any transaction with any Affiliate of the Company, other than (a) transactions no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than would be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, (b) insurance transactions, intercompany pooling and other reinsurance transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, (c) transactions between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and transactions between or among Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case that are not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement, (d) transactions with any Affiliate of the Company that have been reported to, and not disapproved by, the OCI pursuant to applicable law, (e) any Indebtedness permitted by <u>Section 7.01(a)</u>, any Restricted Payment permitted by <u>Section 7.08</u> and any Investment permitted by <u>Section 7.09</u> (if Section 7.09 is then in effect), (f) arrangements for indemnification payments for directors and officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and (g) employment and severance arrangements for and compensation, bonuses, stock options and stock ownership plans and indemnification arrangements and benefit plans (and the making of payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant thereto or the funding thereof) for officers, directors and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries approved by the board of directors or equivalent body of the Company or the respective Subsidiary.

Section 7.06 Change in Business.

The Company shall not, and shall not suffer or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, engage in any business other than the businesses conducted by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries on the date of this Agreement or any Similar Line of Business.

Section 7.07 Fundamental Changes.

The Company shall not consolidate, amalgamate or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Company is the surviving Person), or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its and its Subsidiaries' assets, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to any Person unless: (a) the Company is the continuing, resulting or surviving Person, or the Person formed by, continuing or resulting from or surviving any such consolidation, amalgamation, merger or winding up (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition will have been made is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (such Person, as the case may be, being herein called the "Successor Company"); (b) the Successor Company, if other than the Company, expressly assumes all the obligations of the Company under this this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and (c) immediately after such transaction, no Event of Default is continuing.

Section 7.08 Restricted Payments.

The Company shall not, and shall not suffer or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, declare or pay any dividend on (or make any payment to a related trust for the purpose of paying a dividend), or make any payment on account of, or set apart assets for a sinking or other analogous fund for, the purchase, redemption, defeasance, retirement or other acquisition of, any Capital Stock of the Company or such

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Restricted Subsidiary (or any related trust), whether now or hereafter outstanding, or make any other distribution in respect thereof, either directly or indirectly, whether in cash or property or in obligations of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary (collectively, "**Restricted Payments**") (it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that payments by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to intercompany loans or notes, intercompany tax and expense-sharing arrangements, and intercompany services agreements shall not constitute Restricted Payments), except that:

(a) any Restricted Subsidiary may declare or pay dividends with respect to its Capital Stock to the Company and to any other Restricted Subsidiary (and, in the case of a Restricted Payment by a non-wholly owned Restricted Subsidiary, to the Company and any other Restricted Subsidiary and to each other owner of Capital Stock or other equity interests of such Restricted Subsidiary on a pro rata basis based on their relative ownership interests);

(b) the Company may pay dividends solely in the form of shares of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Capital Stock);

(c) the Company may make Restricted Payments; <u>provided</u>, that immediately before and after giving effect to the making of such Restricted Payment, (x) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (y) the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis with the Financial Covenants;

(d) [Reserved];

(e) the Company may make cash payments in lieu of fractional shares in connection with the exercise of warrants, options or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock or arising out of stock dividends, splits, combinations or business combinations and may exchange debt securities for other debt securities provided that there is no cash payment made in connection therewith;

(f) the Company and each Restricted Subsidiary may pay (or make Restricted Payments to allow the Company or any other direct or indirect parent thereof to pay) for the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary (or of the Company or any other such direct or indirect parent thereof) from any future, present or former employee, officer, director, manager or consultant of such Restricted Subsidiary (or the Company or any other direct or indirect parent of any such Person or pursuant to any employee or director equity plan, employee, manager or director stock option plan or any other employee or director benefit plan or any agreement (including any stock subscription or shareholder agreement) with any employee, manager, director, officer or consultant of such Restricted Subsidiary (or the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (f) shall not exceed the greater of \$10,000,000 and 0.50% of the Consolidated Net Worth of the Company;

(g) The Company and each Restricted Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments:

(i) the proceeds of which shall be used to pay (A) its (or any of its direct or indirect parents') operating costs and expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business and other corporate overhead costs and expenses (including administrative, legal, accounting and similar fees and expenses), which are reasonable and customary and incurred in the ordinary course of business and attributable to the ownership or operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and (B) fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Transactions;

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(ii) the proceeds of which shall be used to pay franchise Taxes and other fees, Taxes and expenses required to maintain its (or any of its direct or indirect parents') corporate existence;

(iii) the proceeds of which shall be used to pay customary salary, bonus and other benefits payable (including indemnities) to directors, managers, officers and employees of the Company to the extent such salaries, bonuses and other benefits are attributable to the ownership or operation of the Company and its Subsidiaries; and

(iv) the proceeds of which shall be used to pay fees and expenses related to any equity or debt offering by the Company, whether or not consummated;

(h) Each Restricted Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments the proceeds of which are used substantially simultaneously to make capital contributions to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;

(i) The Company may make cashless exchanges of debt;

(j) The Company and each Restricted Subsidiary may pay any dividend or distribution with 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at the date of declaration such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Agreement;

(k) The Company and each Restricted Subsidiary may repurchase Capital Stock issued by it that has been withheld in respect of taxes payable upon the vesting of equity awards pursuant to the Company and its Subsidiaries' equity incentive plans or programs;

(1) The Company and each Restricted Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments in the form of equity pursuant to and in accordance with equity compensation plans or programs and other benefit and compensation plans, programs or agreements for directors, officers, employees or advisors of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

(m) The Company may make non-cash repurchases of its Capital Stock occurring upon exercise of stock options or warrants or the settlement or vesting of other awards if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise price of such options or warrants or similar equity incentive awards;

(n) The Company and each Restricted Subsidiary may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire Capital Stock issued by it with the proceeds received from the substantially concurrent issue of new shares of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Capital Stock);

(o) The Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may distribute rights pursuant to a stockholder rights plan or redeem such rights in accordance with the terms of such plan; and

(p) The Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may engage in net-settled share transactions involving Capital Stock of the Company in connection with the payment of withholding taxes in connection with equity compensation plans or programs and other benefit and compensation plans, programs or agreements for directors, officers, employees or advisors.

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Section 7.09 Investments and Acquisitions.

Prior to the Springing Covenant End Date, the Company shall not, and shall not suffer or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, make any Acquisition or hold or make any other Investment in any other Person, except:

(a) Investments in existence on the Effective Date and commitments to make Investments existing on the Effective Date and listed on Schedule 7.09;

(b) Investments consisting of non-cash consideration received in connection with a Disposition not prohibited by the Loan Documents;

(c) Investments received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of customers and suppliers in the ordinary course of business;

(d) Investments consisting of Contingent Obligations in respect of leases or of other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness and Investments constituting Contingent Obligations in respect of Indebtedness to the extent such Indebtedness is not prohibited under <u>Section 7.01</u>;

(e) Investments in Cash Equivalents;

(f) Investments by (x) any Insurance Subsidiary (including by any Subsidiary of such Insurance Subsidiary that is not itself an Insurance Subsidiary) in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the investment policy of such Insurance Subsidiary approved by the board of directors or equivalent body of such Insurance Subsidiary, of such Subsidiary of such Insurance Subsidiary, or of the Company and (y) by the Company in the ordinary course of business of the Company consistent with the investment policy approved by the board of directors of the Company;

(g) Investments by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(h) [reserved];

(i) security deposits or pledges held or made in the ordinary course of business;

(j) loans and advances in the ordinary course of business to employees for moving, relocation or travel purposes, in each case subject to compliance with the Requirements of Law;

(k) Permitted Swap Obligations;

(1) Investments; <u>provided</u>, that immediately before and after giving effect to the making of such Investment, (x) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (y) the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis with the Financial Covenants;

- (m) [Reserved];
- (n) [Reserved];
- (o) [Reserved];

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(p) [Reserved];

(q) Investments as a result of (i) any transaction permitted by Section 7.03 (other than Section 7.03(i)(B)) or (ii) any merger, consolidation, liquidation, dissolution or other winding-up of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries not prohibited by Section 7.07.

- (r) Investments resulting from any pledge permitted under Section 7.02;
- (s) Investments consisting of the redemption, purchase, repurchase or retirement of Capital Stock permitted under Section 7.08;

(t) Investments received in connection with the settlement of delinquent accounts and disputes with customers and suppliers in the ordinary course of business;

- (u) Capital Stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank required to be repurchased in connection with FHLB Indebtedness; and
- (v) Permitted Acquisitions;

provided that this Section 7.09 shall not apply at any time that the Index Debt is rated at least BBB- or Baa3 (as applicable) from at least two of the Rating Agencies.

Section 7.10 [Reserved].

Section 7.11 Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio.

The Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not permit the Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio to exceed 35.0% as of the last day of any Fiscal Quarter.

Section 7.12 [Reserved].

Section 7.13 Minimum Consolidated Net Worth.

The Company shall not permit Consolidated Net Worth of the Company as of the last day of any Fiscal Quarter to be less than the sum of (without duplication) (i) \$1,489,742,100, (ii) 50% of cumulative Consolidated Net Income of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries for each Fiscal Quarter of the Company (beginning with the Fiscal Quarter ending June 30, 2024) for which Consolidated Net Income is positive and (iii) 50% of any increase in the Consolidated Net Worth of the Company after March 31, 2024 resulting from the issuance of equity by or capital contributions to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the impact of the issuance and exercise of warrants, options, and other employee stock awards).

Section 7.14 PMIERs Compliance.

NMIC shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable "financial requirements" imposed pursuant to PMIERs when and to the extent such financial requirements are effective, subject, for the avoidance of doubt, to any allowed transition period thereunder or any forbearance thereunder afforded by any Government-Sponsored Enterprise.

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Section 7.15 [Reserved].

Section 7.16 Changes in Fiscal Year.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to change the last day of its fiscal year from December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE 8 EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Section 8.01 Events of Default.

Each of the following shall constitute an "Event of Default":

(a) <u>Non-Payment</u>. The Company fails to pay (i) when and as required to be paid herein, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or otherwise, any amount of principal of any Loan, (ii) within three days after the same becomes due, any interest on any Loan or any fee due hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or (iii) within five days after the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document; or

(b) <u>Representation or Warranty</u>. Any representation or warranty by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries made or deemed made herein or pursuant to any other Loan Document, or contained in any certificate or document furnished by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof at any time pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document is incorrect in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; or

(c) <u>Specific Defaults</u>. The Company fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of (i) <u>Section 6.03(a)</u> (with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default) or <u>Section 6.04(a)</u> (solely with respect to the Company), or <u>Article 7</u>, until the date on which the Revolving Loans have been accelerated and the related Revolving Commitments have been terminated, in each case, by the Required Lenders pursuant to the last paragraph of <u>Section 8.02(c)</u>; or

(d) <u>Other Defaults</u>. The Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to perform or observe any other term or covenant contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after the date upon which written notice thereof is given to the Company by the Agent or the Required Lenders; or

(e) <u>Cross-Default</u>. (i) The Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (A) fails to make any payment in respect of any Indebtedness (other than in respect of Swap Contracts), having an aggregate principal amount of more than \$45,000,000 (in the aggregate for all such Indebtedness), when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise); or (B) fails to perform or observe any other condition or covenant, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, under any agreement or instrument relating to any such Indebtedness if the effect of such failure, event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiaries) to cause, such Indebtedness to be declared to be due and payable prior to its stated maturity, or, in the case of any such Indebtedness consisting of Contingent Obligations, to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; or (ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (x) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary is the Defaulting Party

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(as defined in such Swap Contract) or (y) any Termination Event (as so defined) as to which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary is an Affected Party (as so defined), and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than \$45,000,000 (in the aggregate for all such Swap Contracts); or

(f) <u>Inability to Pay Debts</u>. The Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) generally fails to pay its debts as they become due, subject to applicable grace periods, if any, whether at stated maturity or otherwise; or

(g) Insolvency Proceedings. (i) The Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) (A) commences any Insolvency Proceeding with respect to itself, (B) applies for or consents to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, mortgagee in possession (or agent therefor), or other similar Person for itself or for a material and substantial part of its assets, or (C) takes any action to effectuate or authorize any of the foregoing; (ii) Any involuntary Insolvency Proceeding is commenced or filed against the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary), or any writ, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process, is issued or levied against a material and substantial part of the Company's or any Restricted Subsidiary's (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) admits the material allegations of a petition against it in any Insolvency Proceeding, or an order for relief (or similar order under non-U.S. law) is ordered in any Insolvency Proceeding; (iv) the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) acquiesces in the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, mortgagee in possession (or agent therefor), or other similar Person for itself or a material and substantial portion of its property or business; or (v) any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) shall become subject to any conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation order, directive or mandate issued by any Governmental Authority; or

(h) <u>ERISA Event</u>. With respect to any Single Employer Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan, any ERISA Event has occurred that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events then outstanding, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or

(i) <u>Material Judgments</u>. One or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate a liability (to the extent not paid or covered by insurance as to which the relevant insurance company has not denied coverage) of \$45,000,000 or more, and shall not have been paid, vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within 45 days from the entry thereof; or

- (j) [Reserved].
- (k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control; or

(1) <u>Invalidity of Loan Documents</u>. Any Loan Document, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all Obligations (other than unmatured contingent indemnification obligations), ceases to be a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company; or the Company contests in writing the validity or enforceability against it of any Loan Document.

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Section 8.02 Remedies.

If any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders,

(a) declare the obligation of each Lender to make extensions or conversions of the Loans to be terminated;

(b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the Maturity Date shall be accelerated to such date and such Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall become immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Company; and

(c) exercise on behalf of itself and the Lenders all rights and remedies available to it and the Lenders under the Loan Documents or applicable law; <u>provided</u> that upon the occurrence of any event specified in <u>Section 8.01(g)</u> (upon the expiration of the 60-day period mentioned therein, if applicable), the obligation of each Lender to make and continue Loans shall automatically terminate and the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Company.

Section 8.03 <u>Rights Not Exclusive</u>.

The rights provided for in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other rights, powers, privileges or remedies provided by law or in equity, or under any other instrument, document or agreement now existing or hereafter arising.

ARTICLE 9 THE AGENT

Section 9.01 Appointment and Authority.

Each of the Lenders hereby irrevocably appoints RBC to act on its behalf as the Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article (other than the rights of the Company and its Subsidiaries set forth in <u>Section 9.06</u>) are solely for the benefit of the Agent and the Lenders, and the Company shall have no rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

Section 9.02 Rights as a Lender.

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

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Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

Section 9.03 Exculpatory Provisions.

No Agent-Related Person shall have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Agent-Related Person:

(a) shall be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;

(b) shall have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that, with respect to the Agent, is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents); provided that no Agent-Related Person shall be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose such Agent-Related Person to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law; and

(c) shall, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, shall be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Company or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Agent, any Agent-Related Person or any of their respective Affiliates in any capacity.

No Agent-Related Person shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as such Agent-Related Person shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in <u>Sections 8.02</u> and <u>10.01</u>) or (ii) in the absence of such Agent-Related Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct. No Agent-Related Person shall be deemed to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to such Agent-Related Person by the Company or a Lender.

No Agent-Related Person shall be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in <u>Article 4</u> or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to such Agent-Related Person.

Section 9.04 Reliance by Agent.

The Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper

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Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender, the Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender unless the Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender prior to the making of such Loan. The Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Company), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

Section 9.05 <u>Delegation of Duties</u>.

The Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Agent. The Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the Facilities as well as activities as Agent.

Section 9.06 Resignation of Agent.

The Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders and the Company. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Company, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States, and in each case such successor shall require the consent of the Company at all times other than during the existence of an Event of Default under Section 8.01(a) or (g) (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if the Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice and (1) the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Agent on behalf of the Lenders under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Agent is appointed) and (2) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by to or through the Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent, in consultation with the Company, as provided for above in this Section. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) Agent, and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section). The fees payable by the Company to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Company and such successor. After the retiring Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article and Sections 10.04 and 10.05 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Agent was acting as Agent.

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Section 9.07 Non-Reliance on Agent and Other Lenders.

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon any Agent-Related Person or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon any Agent-Related Person or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

Section 9.08 No Other Duties, Etc.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Joint Lead Arrangers and Co-Documentation Agents shall not have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Agent or a Lender hereunder.

Section 9.09 Agent May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company, the Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Agent shall have made any demand on the Company) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders and the Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders and the Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders and the Agent under <u>Sections 2.10</u>, <u>10.04</u> and <u>10.05</u>) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same; and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender to make such payments to the Agent and, in the event that the Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders, to pay to the Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Agent under <u>Sections 2.10, 10.04</u> and <u>10.05</u>.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or to authorize the Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender in any such proceeding.

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Section 9.10 [Reserved].

Section 9.11 Indemnification of Agent-Related Persons.

Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Lenders shall indemnify upon demand each Agent-Related Person (to the extent not reimbursed by or on behalf of the Company and without limiting the obligation of the Company to do so), ratably according to their respective portions of the total Loans held on the date on which indemnification is sought, and hold harmless each Agent-Related Person from and against any and all Indemnified Liabilities incurred by it; provided that no Lender shall be liable for the payment to any Agent-Related Person of any portion of such Indemnified Liabilities to the extent determined in a final, nonappealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Agent-Related Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct; and provided, further, that no action taken in accordance with the directions of the foregoing, each Lender shall be deemed to constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct for purposes of this Section. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender shall reimburse each Agent-Related Person in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any document contemplated by or referred to herein, to the extent that such Agent-Related Person is not reimbursed for such expenses by or on behalf of the Company. The undertaking in this Section shall survive the payment of all other Obligations and the resignation of the Agent or any Agent-Related Person.

Section 9.12 <u>Withholding Tax</u>.

To the extent required by any applicable law, the Agent shall withhold from any payment to any Lender an amount equal to any applicable withholding Tax. If the IRS or any Governmental Authority asserts a claim that the Agent did not properly withhold Tax from any amount paid to or for the account of any Lender for any reason (including because the appropriate form was not delivered or was not properly executed, or because such Lender failed to notify the Agent of a change in circumstances that rendered the exemption from, or reduction of, withholding Tax ineffective), such Lender shall indemnify and hold harmless the Agent (to the extent that the Agent has not already been reimbursed by the Company and without limiting or expanding the obligation of the Company to do so) for all amounts paid, directly or indirectly, by the Agent as tax or otherwise, including any penalties, additions to Tax or interest thereon, together with all expenses incurred, including legal expenses and any out-of-pocket expenses, whether or not such Tax was correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any amount due to the Agent under this <u>Article 9</u>. The agreements in this <u>Article 9</u> shall survive the resignation and/or replacement of the Agent, any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Loans and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under this Agreement. Unless required by applicable laws, at no time shall the Agent have any obligation to file for or otherwise pursue on behalf of a Lender any refund of Taxes withheld or deducted from funds paid for the account of such Lender.

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Section 9.13 Certain ERISA Matters.

(a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Agent, and the Joint Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Company, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of the Plan Asset Regulations) of one or more Benefit Plans in connection with the Loans or the Commitments,

(ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, and the conditions for exemptive relief thereunder are and will continue to be satisfied in connection therewith,

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless <u>subclause (i)</u> in the immediately preceding <u>clause (a)</u> is true with respect to a Lender or such Lender has not provided another representation, warranty and covenant as provided in <u>subclause (iv)</u> in the immediately preceding <u>clause (a)</u>, such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Agent, and the Joint Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Company, that:

(i) none of the Agent, or any of the Joint Lead Arrangers or any of their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related to hereto or thereto),

(ii) the Person making the investment decision on behalf of such Lender with respect to the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the

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Commitments and this Agreement is independent (within the meaning of 29 CFR § 2510.3-21, as amended from time to time) and is a bank, an insurance carrier, an investment adviser, a broker-dealer or other person that holds, or has under management or control, total assets of at least \$50 million, in each case as described in 29 CFR § 2510.3-21(c)(1)(i)(A)-(E),

(iii) the Person making the investment decision on behalf of such Lender with respect to the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement is capable of evaluating investment risks independently, both in general and with regard to particular transactions and investment strategies (including in respect of the Obligations),

(iv) the Person making the investment decision on behalf of such Lender with respect to the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement is a fiduciary under ERISA or the Code, or both, with respect to the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement and is responsible for exercising independent judgment in evaluating the transactions hereunder, and

(v) no fee or other compensation is being paid directly to the Agent, or the Joint Lead Arrangers or any of their respective Affiliates for investment advice (as opposed to other services) in connection with the Loans, the Commitments or this Agreement.

(c) The Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers hereby inform the Lenders that each such Person is not undertaking to provide impartial investment advice, or to give advice in a fiduciary capacity, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and that such Person has a financial interest in the transactions contemplated hereby in that such Person or an Affiliate thereof (i) may receive interest or other payments with respect to the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, (ii) may recognize a gain if it extended the Loans or the Commitments for an amount less than the amount being paid for an interest in the Loans or the Commitments by such Lender or (iii) may receive fees or other payments in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, the Loan Documents or otherwise, including structuring fees, commitment fees, arrangement fees, facility fees, upfront fees, underwriting fees, ticking fees, agency fees, administrative agent or collateral agent fees, utilization fees, minimum usage fees, letter of credit fees, fronting fees, deal-away or alternate transaction fees, amendment fees, processing fees, term out premiums, banker's acceptance fees, breakage or other early termination fees or fees similar to the foregoing.

Section 9.14 Erroneous Payments.

(i) Each Lender hereby agrees that (x) if the Agent notifies such Lender that the Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender from the Agent or any of its Affiliates (whether as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, a "**Payment**") were erroneously transmitted to such Lender (whether or not known to such Lender), and demands the return of such Payment (or a portion thereof), such Lender shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect, and (y) to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender shall

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not assert, and hereby waives, as to the Agent, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Agent for the return of any Payments received, including without limitation any defense based on "discharge for value" or any similar doctrine. A notice of the Agent to any Lender under this <u>Section 9.14</u> shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(ii) Each Lender hereby further agrees that if it receives a Payment from the Agent or any of its Affiliates (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such Payment (a "**Payment Notice**") or (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, it shall be on notice, in each such case, that an error has been made with respect to such Payment. Each Lender agrees that, in each such case, or if it otherwise becomes aware a Payment (or portion thereof) may have been sent in error, such Lender shall promptly notify the Agent of such occurrence and, upon demand from the Agent, it shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

(iii) The Company hereby agrees that (x) in the event an erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) are not recovered from any Lender that has received such Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender with respect to such amount and (y) an erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Obligations owed by the Company.

(iv) Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 9.14</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Revolving Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations under any Loan Document.

ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.01 Amendments and Waivers.

Except as set forth in Sections 1.04(d), 2.16, 2.18, and 3.05(b), no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by the Company, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and the Company, and each such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided that the Agent may, with the consent of the Company only, amend, modify or supplement this Agreement or any other Loan Document to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency (as reasonably determined by the Agent), so long as such amendment, modification or supplement does not adversely affect the rights of any Lender or the Lenders shall have received at least five Business Days' prior written notice thereof and the Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date of such notice to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that the Required Lenders object to such amendment; provided, further, that except as set forth in Sections 1.04(d), 2.16, 2.18, and 3.05(b), no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:

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(a) extend or increase the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>) without the written consent of such Lender;

(b) postpone or delay the maturity of the Loans, or any scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of the Loans, or any date for the payment of any interest, premium or fees due to the Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby (other than as a result of waiving (i) an Event of Default in accordance with the terms hereof, (ii) default interest hereunder) or (iii) a mandatory prepayment to be made hereunder;

(c) amend the definition of "Required Lenders" or "Pro Rata Share" without the consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;

(d) amend the definition of "Interest Period" to permit Interest Periods with a duration of longer than six months without the written consent of each Lender;

- (e) [reserved];
- (f) [reserved];
- (g) amend this <u>Section 10.01</u> without the written consent of each Lender;

(h) subject to <u>Section 2.18(d)</u>, change <u>Section 2.15</u>, in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender;

(i) consent to the assignment or transfer by the Company of any of its rights and obligations under any Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender;

(j) [Reserved];

(k) amend, modify, terminate or waive any provision of the Loan Documents as the same applies to the Agent or the Joint Lead Arrangers, or any other provision hereof as the same applies to the rights or obligations of the Agent or the Joint Lead Arrangers, in each case without the consent of the Agent or each of the Joint Lead Arrangers, as applicable; or

(l) [Reserved];

provided, further, that (i) any waiver, amendment or modification of any Loan Document that by its terms affects only the rights or duties under the Loan Documents of Lenders holding Loans or Commitments under a particular Facility (but not the Lenders holding Loans or Commitments under any other Facility) may only be effected by an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Company and the requisite percentage in interest of such affected Lenders that would be required to consent thereto under this Section if such Facility were the only Facility hereunder at the time, (ii) any fee agreement referred to in Section 2.11 may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed by the parties thereto and shall not require the consent of any other Person and (iii) if the Agent and the Company acting together identify any ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect in any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, then the Agent and the Company shall be permitted to amend, modify or supplement such provision to cure such ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except for any amendment, waiver or consent pursuant to <u>Section 10.01(a)</u>, (b) or (c).

Section 10.02 Notices.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, all notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including by facsimile or electronic transmission). All such written notices shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to the applicable address, facsimile number (provided that any matter transmitted by the Company by facsimile (1) shall be immediately confirmed by a telephone call to the recipient at the number specified on <u>Schedule 10.02</u>, and (2) shall be followed promptly by delivery of a hard copy original thereof) or (subject to <u>subsection (b)</u> below) electronic mail address, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:

(i) if to the Company or the Agent, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 10.02</u> or to such other address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number as shall be designated by such party in a notice to the other parties;

(ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its administrative questionnaire or to such other address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number as shall be designated by such party in a notice to the Company and the Agent; and

(iii) if to the Agent in respect of a supplement to the list of Disqualified Lenders as set forth in the definition thereof, such supplement to be delivered to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for the Agent on <u>Schedule 10.02</u>.

All such notices and other communications shall be deemed to be given or made upon the earlier to occur of (i) actual receipt by the relevant party hereto and (ii) (A) if delivered by hand or by courier, when signed for by or on behalf of the relevant party hereto; (B) if delivered by mail, four Business Days after deposit in the mails, postage prepaid; (C) if delivered by facsimile, when sent and receipt has been confirmed by telephone; and (D) if delivered by electronic mail (which form of delivery is subject to the provisions of <u>subsection (b)</u> below), when delivered; <u>provided</u> that notices and other communications to the Agent pursuant to <u>Article 2</u> shall not be effective until actually received by such Person. In no event shall a voicemail message be effective as a notice, communication or confirmation hereunder.

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>:

(1) Notices and other communications to the Agent and Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites, including the Platform) pursuant to procedures approved by the Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to the Agent or any Lender pursuant to <u>Article 2</u> if such Person has notified the Agent and the Company that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communications. The Agent or the Company may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications. Unless the Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's

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receipt of an acknowledgment from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgment); <u>provided</u> that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing <u>clause (i)</u> of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(2) In no event shall any Agent-Related Person have any liability to the Company, any Lender or any other Person for losses, costs, expenses or liabilities arising out of the Company's or the Agent's electronic transmission of Approved Electronic Communications, or the use by unintended recipients of Approved Electronic Communications distributed to such unintended recipients by such Agent-Related Person, except to the extent that such losses, costs, expenses or liabilities are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Agent-Related Person.

(3) The Platform and any Approved Electronic Communications are provided "as is" and "as available." None of the Agent-Related Persons warrant the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Approved Electronic Communications or the Platform and each expressly disclaims liability for errors or omissions in the Platform and the Approved Electronic Communications. No warranty of any kind, express, implied or statutory, including any warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement of third party rights or freedom from viruses or other code defects is made by the Agent-Related Persons in connection with the Platform or the Approved Electronic Communications.

(4) The Company, each of its Subsidiaries and each Lender agrees that the Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, store any Approved Electronic Communications on the Platform in accordance with the Agent's customary document retention procedures and policies.

(5) Any notice of Default or Event of Default may be provided by telephone if confirmed promptly thereafter by delivery of written notice thereof.

(c) The Agent-Related Persons and the Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices purportedly given by or on behalf of the Company even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Company shall indemnify each Agent-Related Person and each Lender from all losses, costs, out-of-pocket expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Agent-Related Person or such Lender on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of the Company; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any such Agent-Related Person, be available to the extent that such losses, costs, expenses or liabilities are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent-Related Person. All telephonic notices to and other communications with the Agent may be recorded by the Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

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Section 10.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.

No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege.

Section 10.04 Costs and Expenses.

The Company agrees (a) to pay or reimburse each Agent-Related Person for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the development, preparation, negotiation and execution of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any amendment, waiver, consent or other modification of the provisions hereof and thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby are consummated) and the consummation and administration of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including all Attorney Costs, which shall be limited to the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and reasonable disbursements of (x) one firm of counsel selected by the Agent and (y) if reasonably required by the Agent, one additional local counsel in each appropriate jurisdiction and/or one specialist counsel for each relevant specialty for all Agent-Related Persons taken together, and (b) to pay or reimburse each Agent-Related Person and each Lender for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement, attempted enforcement or preservation of any rights or remedies under this Agreement (including, but not limited to this Section 10.04) or the other Loan Documents (including all such costs and expenses incurred during any "workout" or restructuring in respect of the Obligations and during any legal proceeding, including in any Insolvency Proceeding or appellate proceeding), including all Attorney Costs, which shall be limited to the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees disbursements of (x) one primary counsel for the Agent-Related Persons and all Lenders, (y) if reasonably required by the Agent, one additional local counsel in each appropriate jurisdiction and/or one specialist counsel for each relevant specialty for the Agent-Related Persons and all Lenders and (z) solely in the case of a conflict of interest where the Person affected by such conflict informs the Company of such conflict and thereafter retains its own counsel, one additional counsel to each group of similarly situated Agent-Related Persons or Lenders, taken as a whole. The foregoing costs and expenses shall include all search, filing, recording, title insurance and appraisal charges and fees and taxes related thereto and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by each Agent-Related Person and the cost of independent public accountants and other outside experts (subject to the limitations above) retained by such Agent-Related Person or any Lender, Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in no event shall the Attorney Costs and other costs and expenses required to be reimbursed pursuant to this Section 10.04 or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement include the allocated cost of internal counsel, internal accountants, or other internal experts or employees. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable within ten Business Days after written demand therefor together with, if requested by the Company, backup documentation supporting such payment or reimbursement request. The agreements in this Section shall survive the repayment of the Loans and the other Obligations.

Section 10.05 Company Indemnification; Limitation on Liability.

(a) *Indemnification*. Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Agent-Related Person, each Lender and their respective Affiliates, and the directors, officers, employees, counsel, agents, partners and attorneys-in-fact of such Persons and Affiliates involved with the refinancing or the Transactions (collectively, the "**Indemnified Persons**") from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties,

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claims, demands, actions, judgments, suits, charges and costs, expenses and disbursements (including reasonable Attorney Costs) of any kind or nature whatsoever (including those arising from or relating to any environmental matters) that may at any time be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against any such Indemnified Person by any third party or by the Company in any way relating to or arising out of or in connection with (i) the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance or administration of any Loan Document or any other agreement, letter or instrument delivered in connection with the transactions contemplated thereby or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, (ii) any Commitment or Loan or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom, (iii) any Environmental Liability related to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory (including any investigation of, preparation for or defense of any pending or threatened claim, investigation, litigation or proceeding) and regardless of whether any Indemnified Person is a party thereto (all the foregoing, collectively, the "Indemnified Liabilities"); provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnified Person, be available to the extent that such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, demands, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of or a material breach of this Agreement by such Indemnified Person or any Related Party thereof or arise out of or is in connection with any claim, litigation, loss or proceeding not involving an act or omission of the Company or any of its Affiliates and that is brought by an Indemnified Person against another Indemnified Person (other than against the Agent or the Joint Lead Arrangers in its capacity as such) provided, further that such indemnity shall be limited, in the case of Attorney Costs and other legal fees and expenses, to (x) the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and disbursements of one counsel for all Indemnified Persons, taken as a whole, and, solely in the case of a conflict of interest where the Indemnified Person affected by such conflict informs the Company of such conflict and thereafter retains its own counsel, one additional counsel to each group of similarly situated Indemnified Persons, taken as a whole, and (y) if reasonably necessary, one additional local counsel to such persons, taken as a whole, in any relevant jurisdiction and/or one additional specialty counsel to all such persons, taken as a whole.

(b) *Limitation on Liability*. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Person party hereto shall assert (and each such Person shall cause its Subsidiaries not to assert), and each such Person hereby waives, and acknowledges that no other such Person shall have, any claim against (i) any Agent-Related Person, Lender or any of their respective Affiliates, or any of the directors, officers, employees, counsel, agents, partners and attorneys-in-fact of such Persons or Affiliates involved with the refinancing or the Transactions or (ii) the Company or any of its Related Parties or any of their respective equity holders, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Commitment or the use of proceeds thereof; provided that such waiver of special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages shall not limit the indemnification obligations of the Company under <u>Section 10.05(a)</u>.

Section 10.06 Marshalling; Payments Set Aside.

Neither the Agent nor any Lender shall be under any obligation to marshal any assets in favor of the Company or any other Person or against or in payment of any or all of the Obligations. To the extent that the Company makes a payment to the Agent or the Lenders (or to the Agent, on behalf of the Lenders), or any Agent or Lender enforces any security interests or exercises any right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such enforcement or the proceeds of such set-off or any part thereof are

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subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Agent or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any Insolvency Proceeding or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such set-off had not occurred and (b) each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Agent upon demand its Pro Rata Share of any amount so recovered from or repaid by the Agent.

Section 10.07 Assignments, Successors, Participations, Etc.

(a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that the Company may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an Eligible Assignee in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.07(b), or (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.07(d) (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants (as defined below) to the extent provided in Section 10.07(e) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it (<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that pro rata assignments shall not be required)); <u>provided</u> that:

(i) [reserved];

(ii) in the case of assignments of Revolving Loans or Revolving Commitments, such assignment, shall be consented to by each of the Company and Agent (such consent not to be (x) unreasonably withheld or delayed or, (y) in the case of the Company, required at any time an Event of Default shall have occurred and then be continuing, or (z) required in the case of an assignment by an assigning Lender to an Affiliate or Approved Fund of such Lender or any other Revolving Lender); provided that (A) the Company shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment of Revolving Loans or Revolving Commitments unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received written notice thereof and (B) except in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Revolving Loans or Revolving Commitments or in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to a Lender, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Loans and Revolving Commitments of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date, shall not be less than \$5,000,000, unless each of the Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);

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(iii) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans or the Commitment assigned under the Facilities;

(iv) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Agent an Assignment and Assumption; such Assignment and Assumption to be (A) electronically executed and delivered to the Agent via an electronic settlement system then acceptable to the Agent (or, if previously agreed with the Agent, manually), and (B) delivered together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500, unless waived or reduced by the Agent in its sole discretion; and

(v) the Eligible Assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Agent an administrative questionnaire, in the form prescribed by the Agent.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 10.07(d)</u>, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the Eligible Assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.01, 3.03, 3.04, 10.04</u> and <u>10.05</u> with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment; <u>provided</u>, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender). Upon request, the Company (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with <u>Section 10.07(d)</u>. The Agent shall not be responsible for monitoring the list of Disqualified Lenders and shall have no liability for non-compliance by any Lender.

(c) <u>Register</u>. The Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Company, shall maintain at the Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal and interest amounts of the Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "**Register**"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Company, the Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Company and each Lender (with respect to its own interests in the Facilities only) at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this paragraph.

(d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Company or the Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than (i) a natural person (or holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of a natural person) (ii) the Company or any of the Company's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, or (iii) a Defaulting Lender) (each, a "**Participant**") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii)

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such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Company, the Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification described in the first proviso to <u>Section 10.01</u> that directly affects such Participant. Except to the extent limited by <u>Section</u> <u>10.07(f)</u>, the Company agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 3.01, 3.02, 3.03</u> and <u>3.04</u> (subject to the limitations and requirements of such Sections (including <u>Section 3.01(f)</u> and <u>Section 3.01(g)</u>) and <u>Section 10.07(b)</u>; provided, that such Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Sections 3.01, 3.03</u> and <u>3.04</u>, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a change in law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 10.09</u> as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to <u>Section 2.14</u> as though it were a Lender.

Each Lender that sells a participation pursuant to this <u>Section 10.07(e)</u> shall, acting solely for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a nonfiduciary agent of the Company, maintain a register on which it records the name and address of each participant and the principal amounts of each participant's participation interest with respect to the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (each, a "**Participant Register**"); <u>provided</u> that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any participant or any information relating to a participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans or its other obligations under this Agreement) except to the extent that the relevant parties, acting reasonably and in good faith, determine that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary.

(e) <u>Limitations upon Participant Rights</u>. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.03</u> than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participant sold to such Participant.

(f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(g) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic

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Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

Section 10.08 Confidentiality.

The Agent and each Lender shall maintain the confidentiality of all information regarding the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective businesses provided to it by the Company or any Subsidiary, or by the Agent on the Company's or such Subsidiary's behalf, in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (the "Information"); provided, that the Agent or such Lender may disclose Information (a) to the extent such Information (i) was or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of improper disclosure by the Agent or a Lender, or (ii) was or becomes available on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Company; provided that such source is not known by the Agent or such Lender to be prohibited from disclosing such Information to the Agent or such Lender by a legal, contractual or fiduciary obligation; (b) at the request or pursuant to any requirement of any Governmental Authority or representative thereof having jurisdiction over the Agent or such Lender (including the NAIC) or in connection with an examination of the Agent or such Lender by any such Governmental Authority; (c) pursuant to subpoena or other court process; (d) when required to do so in accordance with the provisions of any applicable Requirement of Law; (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder or under any other Loan Document; (f) to the Agent's or such Lender's independent auditors and other professional advisors on a confidential basis; (g) to any Participant, Lender or Eligible Assignee, actual or potential; provided that such Person is not a Disqualified Lender and agrees in writing to keep such Information confidential to the same extent required of the Lenders hereunder or on terms no less restrictive than those set forth in this Section 10.08; provided, however, that such writing may take the form of a customary and binding "click-through" agreement; (h) to its Affiliates and to their respective officers, directors, partners, members, employees, legal counsel, independent auditors and other advisors, experts or agents who need to know such Information and on a confidential basis (and to other Persons authorized by a Lender or the Agent to organize, present or disseminate such Information in connection with disclosures otherwise made in accordance with this Section 10.08); provided that such Affiliates and other Persons are not Disgualified Lenders and are otherwise bound by an obligation of confidentiality (including an employment agreement) to the Agent or such Lender sufficient to ensure compliance with the terms of this Section 10.08 or have agreed to act in accordance with this Section 10.08; (i) to any other party to this Agreement; (j) to any pledgee referred to in Section 10.07(f) or any direct or indirect, contractual counterparty or prospective counterparty (or such counterparty's or prospective counterparty is professional advisor) to any swap, derivative, or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and its respective obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder (so long as all parties, including all counterparties and advisors, agree to be bound by the provisions of this <u>Section 10.08</u> or other provisions at least as restrictive as this <u>Section 10.08</u>; (k) to any rating agency when required by it; provided that, prior to any disclosure, such rating agency shall undertake in writing to preserve the confidentiality of any Information relating to the Company or any Subsidiary received by it from the Agent or any Lender; (1) on a confidential basis to the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers with respect to the Loans; (m) to the extent that such Information was already in possession of the Agent or such Lender or is independently developed by the Agent or such Lender without the use of any Information and without violating the terms of this Section 10.08; (n) for purposes of establishing a "due diligence" defense; and (o) with the prior written consent of the Borrower. In addition, the Agent and each Lender may disclose the existence of this Agreement to market data collectors, similar service providers to the lending industry, and service providers to the Agent and the Lenders in connection with the administration and management of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. In the case of

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<u>clause (b)</u>, (c), and (d), the disclosing party shall, to the extent not prohibited by any Requirement of Law, give prior notice of such disclosure to the Company so that the Company may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy and/or waive compliance with the provisions of this <u>Section 10.08</u>.

Each of the Agent and the Lenders acknowledges that (x) the Information may include material non-public information concerning the Company or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (y) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information, and (z) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Requirements of Law, including United States federal and state securities laws.

Section 10.09 Set-off.

In addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender and each of its Affiliates is authorized at any time and from time to time, without prior notice to the Company, any such notice being waived by the Company, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held by, and other indebtedness at any time owing by, such Lender or Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Company against any and all Obligations owing to such Lender, now or hereafter existing, irrespective of whether or not the Agent or such Lender shall have made demand under this Agreement or any Loan Document and although such Obligations may be contingent or unmatured; provided that neither any Lender nor any of its Affiliates shall be entitled to exercise any such set off and application made by such Lender; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application. For the avoidance of doubt, upon the exercise by any Lender or any of its Affiliates of any right of setoff under this Agreement or any other Loan Document in respect of any of the Obligations, the Obligations shall be immediately and automatically reduced to the extent of the amount thereby set off and applied.

Section 10.10 Notification of Addresses, Lending Offices, Etc.

Each Lender shall notify the Agent in writing of any changes in the address to which notices to the Lender should be directed, of addresses of any Lending Office, of payment instructions in respect of all payments to be made to it hereunder and of such other administrative information as the Agent shall reasonably request.

Section 10.11 Effectiveness; Counterparts.

This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution of a counterpart hereof by each of the parties hereto and receipt by the Company and the Agent of written notification of such execution and authorization of delivery thereof. This Agreement may be executed in any number of separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed, shall be deemed an original, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of (x) this Agreement, (y) any other Loan Document and/or (z) any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice, certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or the transactions contemplated hereby and/or thereby (each, an "Ancillary Document") that is an Electronic Signature transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this

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Agreement, such other Loan Document or such Ancillary Document, as applicable. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," "delivery," and words of like import in or relating to this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in any electronic form (including deliveries by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page), each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be; provided that nothing herein shall require the Agent to accept Electronic Signatures in any form or format without its prior written consent and pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided, further, without limiting the foregoing, (i) to the extent the Agent has agreed to accept any Electronic Signature, the Agent and each of the Lenders shall be entitled to rely on such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of the Company without further verification thereof and without any obligation to review the appearance or form of any such Electronic signature and (ii) upon the request of the Agent or any Lender, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by a manually executed counterpart. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company hereby (A) agrees that, for all purposes, including without limitation, in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Agent, the Lenders and the Company, Electronic Signatures transmitted by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page and/or any electronic images of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, (B) the Agent and each of the Lenders may, at its option, create one or more copies of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document in the form of an imaged electronic record in any format, which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document (and all such electronic records shall be considered an original for all purposes and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record), (C) waives any argument, defense or right to contest the legal effect, validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any other Loan Document and/or any Ancillary Document based solely on the lack of paper original copies of this Agreement, such other Loan Document and/or such Ancillary Document, respectively, including with respect to any signature pages thereto and (D) waives any claim against any Agent-Related Person for any liabilities arising solely from the Agent's and/or any Lender's reliance on or use of Electronic Signatures and/or transmissions by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of an actual executed signature page, including any liabilities arising as a result of the failure of the Company to use any available security measures in connection with the execution, delivery or transmission of any Electronic Signature.

Section 10.12 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by the Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Agent or any Lender or on their behalf, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as any Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied.

Section 10.13 Severability.

If any provision of any Loan Document is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction then, to the fullest extent permitted by law, (i) such provision shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent (but only to the extent) of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, (ii) the other

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provisions of the Loan Documents shall remain in full force and effect in such jurisdiction and shall be liberally construed in favor of the Lenders in order to carry out the intentions of the parties thereto as nearly as may be possible and (iii) the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any such provision in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 10.14 <u>Replacement of Defaulting Lenders and Non-Consenting Lenders</u>.

If any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, then the Company may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 10.07</u>), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); <u>provided</u> that:

(a) the Agent shall have received the assignment fee specified in Section 10.07(b);

(b) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under <u>Sections 2.09</u>, <u>3.01</u>, <u>3.03</u> and <u>3.04</u>) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Company (in the case of all other amounts).

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Company to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

No action by or consent of a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender shall be necessary in connection with such assignment, which shall be immediately and automatically effective upon payment of such purchase price.

Section 10.15 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process.

(a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(b) Each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in New York County and of the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York, and any relevant appellate court, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to any Loan Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each party hereto irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding shall be heard and determined in such New York State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court. Each party hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in any Loan Document shall affect any right that any Lender or the Agent may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to any Loan Document against the Company or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

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(c) Each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to any Loan Document in any court referred to in <u>subsection (b)</u> of this Section. Each party hereto irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court.

(d) Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in <u>Section 10.02</u>. Nothing in any Loan Document will affect the right of any party hereto to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

Section 10.16 Waiver of Jury Trial.

EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING UNDER ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL TO THE DEALINGS OF THE PARTIES HERETO OR ANY OF THEM WITH RESPECT TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENT, OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATED THERETO, IN EACH CASE WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING AND WHETHER FOUNDED IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE; AND EACH PARTY HEREBY AGREES AND CONSENTS THAT ANY SUCH CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION SHALL BE DECIDED BY COURT TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY AND THAT ANY PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY FILE AN ORIGINAL COUNTERPART OR A COPY OF THIS SECTION WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE CONSENT OF THE SIGNATORIES HERETO TO THE WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY. THIS WAIVER SHALL APPLY TO ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS, SUPPLEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS.

Section 10.17 USA Patriot Act Notice.

Each Lender and the Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies the Company that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "**Patriot Act**"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Company, which information includes the name and address of the Company and other information that will allow such Lender or the Agent, as applicable, to identify the Company in accordance with the Patriot Act.

Section 10.18 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement, together with the other Loan Documents and any separate agreements with respect to fees payable to the Agent, embodies the entire agreement and understanding among the Company, the Lenders and the Agent and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings of such Persons, verbal or written, relating to the subject matter hereof and thereof.

Section 10.19 Independence of Covenants.

All covenants hereunder shall be given independent effect so that if a particular action or condition is not permitted by any of such covenants, the fact that it would be permitted by an exception to, or would otherwise be within the limitations of, another covenant shall not avoid the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default if such action is taken or condition exists.

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Section 10.20 Obligations Several; Independent Nature of Lenders' Right.

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

Section 10.21 No Fiduciary Duty.

The Agent, each Lender and their Affiliates (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the "Lenders"), may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Company, their stockholders and/or their affiliates. The Company agrees that nothing in the Loan Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other implied duty between any Lender, on the one hand, and the Company, its stockholders or its affiliates, on the other. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents (including the exercise of rights and remedies hereunder and thereunder) are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other, and (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading thereto, (x) no Lender has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company, its stockholders or its affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby (or the exercise of rights or remedies with respect thereto) or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender has advised, is currently advising or will advise the Company, its stockholders or its affiliates on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company except the obligations expressly set forth in the Loan Documents and (y) each Lender is acting solely as principal and not as the agent or fiduciary of the Company, its management, stockholders, creditors or any other Person. The Company acknowledges and agrees that it has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto. The Company agrees that it will not claim that any Lender has rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owes a fiduciary or similar duty to the Company, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

Section 10.22 <u>Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by an the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:

(i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent entity, or a bridge institution that

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may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

Section 10.23 <u>Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs</u>. To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for Swap Contracts or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support "QFC Credit Support" and each such QFC a "Supported QFC"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "U.S. Special Resolution Regimes") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a "**Covered Party**") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE]

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

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NMI HOLDINGS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Adam Pollitzer</u> Name: Adam Pollitzer Title President and Chief Executive Officer

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ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as Agent

By: <u>/s/ Susan Khokher</u> Name: Susan Khokher Title: Manager, Agency

[Signature Page to Credit Agreement]

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as Lender

By: <u>/s/ Kevin Bemben</u> Name: Kevin Bemben Title: Authorized Signatory

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BANK OF MONTREAL, as Revolving Lender

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By: <u>/s/ Collin Wagner</u> Name: Collin Wagner Title: Vice President

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Citibank, N.A.,

as Revolving Lender

By: <u>/s/ Robert Chesley</u> Name: Robert Chesley Title: Vice President and Managing Director

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Truist Bank,

as Revolving Lender

By: <u>/s/ Michael J. Landry</u> Name: Michael J. Landry Title: Director

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GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Revolving Lender

By: <u>/s/ Andrew Vernon</u> Name: Andrew Vernon Title: Authorized Signatory

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The Huntington National Bank,

as Revolving Lender

By: <u>/s/ Ryan Benefiel</u> Name: Ryan Benefiel Title: Vice President

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Revolving Lender

By: <u>/s/ Glenn Schuermann</u> Name: Glenn Schuermann Title: Vice President

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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

Financial Statement Date:

To: Royal Bank of Canada, as Agent

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024 (as may be amended, restated, amended and restated, replaced, refinanced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the "Agent"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned Responsible Officer of the Company hereby certifies, solely as a Responsible Officer of the Company and not in his/her individual capacity, as of the date hereof that he/she is the [____] of the Company, and that, as such, he/she is authorized to execute and deliver this Compliance Certificate to the Agent on behalf of the Company, and that:

[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal year-end financial statements]

1. (i) [The Company has delivered to the Agent, for further distribution to each Lender, in accordance with Section 6.01(a) of the Credit Agreement,][Attached hereto as <u>Schedule 1</u> are] the year-end audited financial statements required by Section 6.01(a) of the Credit Agreement for the fiscal year of the Company ended as of the above date, together with the report and opinion of an independent certified public accountant required by such section, and (ii) attached hereto as <u>Schedule 2</u> is the certificate prepared by such independent certified public accountant with respect to such financial statements, as required by Section 6.02(b) of the Credit Agreement.

[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal quarter-end financial statements]

1. [The Company has delivered to the Agent, for further distribution to each Lender, in accordance with Section 6.01(b) of the Credit Agreement,][Attached hereto as <u>Schedule 1</u> are] the unaudited financial statements required by Section 6.01(b) of the Credit Agreement for the fiscal quarter of the Company ended as of the above date. Such financial statements fairly present in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP (subject to the absence of footnotes and year-end audit adjustments), the financial position, the results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at such date and for such period.

A-9 US-DOCS\149532001.4 2. The undersigned has reviewed and is familiar with the terms of the Credit Agreement and has made, or has caused to be made under his/her supervision, a detailed review of the transactions and condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements.

3. A review of the activities of the Company during such fiscal period has been made under the supervision of the undersigned with a view to determining whether during such fiscal period the Company performed and observed all its obligations under the Loan Documents, and

[select one.]

[during such fiscal period, to the best knowledge of the undersigned, the Company performed and observed each covenant and condition of the Loan Documents applicable to it and no Default has occurred and is continuing.]

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[the following covenants or conditions have not been performed or observed and the following is a list of each such Default and its nature and status:]

4. The financial covenant analyses and information set forth on <u>Schedule 4</u> attached hereto are true and accurate on and as of the date of this Compliance Certificate.

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A-10 US-DOCS\149532001.4 *IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, the undersigned has executed this Compliance Certificate in his/her capacity as Responsible Officer of the Company as of ______.

NMI HOLDINGS, INC. By: Name: Title:

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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

[ATTACHED]

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SCHEDULE 2 TO THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

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SCHEDULE 3 TO THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

[ATTACHED]

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SCHEDULE 4 TO THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE³

For the Fiscal Quarter/Year ended ("Statement Date")	
 Section 7.11 — Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio (a) Maximum permitted: (b) Actual (measured as of the Statement Date): (i) the principal amount of all Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding on the Statement Date:⁴ 	35.0%
(ii) Total Capitalization on the Statement Date:	
(A) Total Shareholders' Equity:	
(B) sum of $(b)(i) + (b)(ii)(A)$:	
(c) Ratio of (b)(i) to (b)(ii)(B) (expressed as a percentage):	
Section 7.13 — Minimum Consolidated Net Worth(a) Consolidated Net Worth (measured as of the Statement Date):	\$
(a) Consonance not worth (measured as of the Statement Date).	·
(b) Minimum Consolidated Net Worth:	
(i) Consolidated Net Worth Base Amount:	\$1,489,742,100
 (ii) 50% of cumulative Consolidated Net Income of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries for each Fiscal Quarter (beginning with the Fiscal Quarter ending [June 30] 2024) for which Consolidated Net Income is positive: 	\$

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³ In case of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Schedule and the provisions of the Credit Agreement, the Credit Agreement shall prevail.

⁴ Other than (i) Indebtedness owing to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) Indebtedness of the kinds referred to in <u>clauses (d)</u> and <u>(e)</u> of the definition of "Indebtedness" and, for the avoidance of doubt, Securitization Indebtedness.

- (iii) 50% of any increase in Consolidated Net Worth of the Company after March 31, 2024 resulting from the issuance of equity by or capital contributions to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries:⁵
- (c) Minimum Consolidated Net Worth
 - (i) Sum of (b)(i) + (b)(ii) + (b)(iii):

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⁵ Excluding, for the avoidance of doubt,	the impact of the issuance and	exercise of warrants	options and	other employee stock awards
Excluding, for the avoidance of doubt,	the impact of the issuance and	exercise of warrants,	options, unu	other employee stoek uwulus.

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\$_____ \$_____

FORM OF REVOLVING LOAN NOTE

\$[__,__,__.]

[], 202_ New York, New York

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), promises to pay [NAME OF LENDER] ("Payee") or its registered assigns, on or before [_____], the lesser of (a) \$[__,__,__] and (b) the unpaid principal amount of all advances made by Payee to the Company as Revolving Loans under the Credit Agreement referred to below.

The Company also promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof, from the date hereof until paid in full, at the rates and at the times which shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024 (as may be amended, restated, amended and restated, replaced, refinanced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the "Agent"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

This Revolving Loan Note is one of the "Revolving Loan Notes" and is issued pursuant to and entitled to the benefits of the Credit Agreement, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete statement of the terms and conditions under which the Loans evidenced hereby were made and are to be repaid.

All payments of principal and interest in respect of this Revolving Loan Note shall be made in dollars and in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office or at such other place as shall be designated in writing for such purpose in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement. Unless and until an Assignment and Assumption effecting the assignment or transfer of the obligations evidenced hereby in accordance with the Credit Agreement shall have been accepted by the Agent and recorded in the Register, the Company, the Agent and Lenders shall treat Payee as the owner and holder of this Revolving Loan Note and the obligations evidenced hereby. Payee hereby agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that before disposing of this Revolving Loan Note or any part hereof it will make a notation hereon of all principal payments previously made hereunder and of the date to which interest hereon has been paid; *provided* that the failure to make a notation of any payment made on this Revolving Loan Note shall not limit or otherwise affect the obligations of the Company hereunder with respect to payments of principal of or interest on this Revolving Loan Note.

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THIS REVOLVING LOAN NOTE AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY AND PAYEE HEREUNDER SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the unpaid balance of the principal amount of this Revolving Loan Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, may become, or may be declared to be, due and payable in the manner, upon the conditions and with the effect provided in the Credit Agreement.

The terms of this Revolving Loan Note are subject to amendment only in the manner provided in the Credit Agreement.

The Company promises to reimburse costs and expenses (including Attorney Costs) incurred by each Agent-Related Person in connection with the enforcement of this Revolving Loan Note, solely as and to the extent provided in the Credit Agreement. The Company and any endorsers of this Revolving Loan Note hereby waive acceptance, promptness, diligence, presentment, protest, demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Revolving Loan Note.

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NMI HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

Name: Title:

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TRANSACTIONS ON REVOLVING LOAN NOTE

			Outstanding	
	Amount of Loan	Amount of	Principal Balance This	
Date	Made This Date	Principal Paid This Date	Date	Notation Made By

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FORM OF LOAN NOTICE

Date: _____, 202[]

To: Royal Bank of Canada, as Agent

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024 (as may be amended, restated, amended and restated, replaced, refinanced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the "Agent"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Credit Agreement, the Company desires that Lenders make the following Loans to the Company in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement on [____] (the "**Borrowing Date**"):

Revolving Loans

Base Rate Loans:		\$[,]	
Term Benchmark Loans, with an initial Interest Period of _	month(s):	\$[,]	

The Company hereby certifies that:

(i) after giving effect to the Revolving Loans requested on the Borrowing Date, the aggregate Revolving Loans shall not exceed the Revolving Commitments then in effect;

(ii) the representations and warranties contained in Article 5 of the Credit Agreement (other than Sections 5.05, 5.11 and 5.17) or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection therewith, (x) which are not qualified as to materiality are true and correct, in each case as of the date hereof, in all material respects and (y) which are qualified as to materiality are true and correct, in each case, on and as of the date hereof, after giving effect to the Loans contemplated hereby, except to the extent such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties are

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(iii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the Borrowing Date immediately before or after giving effect to the Loans contemplated hereby.

The account of the Company to which the proceeds of the Loans requested on the Borrowing Date are to be made available by the Agent to the Company are as follows:

Bank Name:			
Bank Address:			
ABA Number:			
Account Number:			
Attention:			
Reference:			

Date: _____, 202___

NMI HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

Name: Title:

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FORM OF CONVERSION/CONTINUATION NOTICE

Reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024 (as may be amended, restated, amended and restated, replaced, refinanced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the "Agent"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.05 of the Credit Agreement, the Company desires to convert or to continue the following Loans, each such conversion and/or continuation to be effective as of []:

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\$[____,___] Term Benchmark Loans to be continued with Interest Period of [____] month(s)
\$[____,___] Base Rate Loans to be converted to Term Benchmark Loans with Interest Period of [____] month(s)
\$[____,___] Term Benchmark Loans to be converted to Base Rate Loans

Date: _____, 202_

NMI HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

Name: Title:

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FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

This Assignment and Assumption (this "Assignment and Assumption") is dated as of the Effective Date set forth below and is entered into by and between [the][each]¹ Assignor identified in item 1 below ([the][each, an] "Assignor") and [the][each]² Assignee identified in item 2 below ([the][each, an] "Assignee"). [It is understood and agreed that the rights and obligations of [the Assignors][the Assignees]³ hereunder are several and not joint.]⁴ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement identified below (as amended, the "Credit Agreement"), receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged by [the][each] Assignee. The Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in <u>Annex 1</u> attached hereto are hereby agreed to and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Assignment and Assumption as if set forth herein in full.

For an agreed consideration, [the][each] Assignor hereby irrevocably sells and assigns to [the Assignee][the respective Assignees], and [the][each] Assignee hereby irrevocably purchases and assumes from [the Assignor][the respective Assignors], subject to and in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in <u>Annex 1</u> hereto and the Credit Agreement, as of the Effective Date inserted by the Agent as contemplated below (i) all of [the Assignor's][the respective Assignors'] rights and obligations in [its capacity as a Lender][their respective capacities as Lenders] under the Credit Agreement and any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto to the extent related to the amount and percentage interest identified below and (ii) to the extent permitted to be assigned under applicable law, all claims, suits, causes of action and any other right of [the Assignor (in its capacity as a Lender)][the respective Assignors (in their respective capacities as Lenders)] against any Person, whether known or unknown, arising under or in connection with the Credit Agreement, any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto or in any way based on or related to any of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, contract claims, tort claims, malpractice claims, statutory claims and all other claims at law or in equity related to the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned by [the][an] "Assigned Interest"). Each such sale and assignment is without recourse to [the][any] Assignor and, except as expressly provided

³ Select as appropriate.

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¹ For bracketed language here and elsewhere in this form relating to the Assignor(s), if the assignment is from a single Assignor, choose the first bracketed language. If the assignment is from multiple Assignors, choose the second bracketed language.

² For bracketed language here and elsewhere in this form relating to the Assignee(s), if the assignment is to a single Assignee, choose the first bracketed language. If the assignment is to multiple Assignees, choose the second bracketed language

⁴ Include bracketed language if there are either multiple Assignors or multiple Assignees.

in this Assignment and Assumption, without representation or warranty by [the] [any] Assignor.

- 1. Assignor[s]:
- 2. Assignee[s]:

[for each Assignee, indicate [Affiliate][Approved Fund] of [identify Lender]]

- 3. Company: NMI Holdings, Inc.
- 4. Agent: Royal Bank of Canada, as the administrative agent under the Credit Agreement
- 5. Credit Agreement: Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024, among NMI Holdings, Inc., the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Royal Bank of Canada, as Agent.
- 6. Assigned Interest[s]:

Assignor[s] ⁵	Assignee[s] ⁶	Facility ⁷	Aggregate Amount of Commitment/Loans of the Applicable Facility for All Lenders	Amount of Commitment/ Loans of the Applicable Facility Assigned ⁸	Percentage Assigned of Commitment/ Loans of the Applicable Facility ⁹	CUSIP Number
			\$	\$	%	
			\$	\$	0/0	
			\$	\$	%	

[7. Trade Date: $]^{10}$

⁵ List each Assignor, as appropriate.

⁶ List each Assignee, as appropriate.

⁷ Fill in the appropriate terminology for the applicable Facility for the Loans that are being assigned under this Assignment.

⁸ Amounts in this column and in the column immediately to the right to be adjusted by the counterparties to take into account any payments or prepayments made between the Trade Date and the Effective Date.

⁹ Set forth, to at least 9 decimals, as a percentage of the Commitment/Loans of the Applicable Facility for all Lenders.

¹⁰ To be completed if the Assignor(s) and the Assignee(s) intend that the minimum assignment amount is to be determined as of the Trade Date.

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Effective Date: ______, 20__ [TO BE INSERTED BY AGENT AND WHICH SHALL BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECORDATION OF TRANSFER IN THE REGISTER THEREFOR.]

The terms set forth in this Assignment and Assumption are hereby agreed to:

ASSIGNOR [NAME OF ASSIGNOR][S] By: Name: Title:

ASSIGNEE [NAME OF ASSIGNEE][S] By: Name:

Title:

[Consented to and] Accepted:

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as Agent¹¹

By:

Name: Title:

[Consented to:]

[NMI HOLDINGS, INC., as the Company¹²

By:

Name: Title:]

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¹¹ To be added only if the consent of the Agent is required by the terms of the Credit Agreement.

¹² To be added only if the consent of the Company is required by the terms of the Credit Agreement.

ANNEX 1 TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

1. Representations and Warranties.

1.1. Assignor[s]. [The][Each] Assignor (a) represents and warrants that (i) it is the legal and beneficial owner of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, (ii) [the][such] Assigned Interest is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim and (iii) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Loan Documents, (iii) the financial condition of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person obligated in respect of any Loan Document or (iv) the performance or observance by the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person of any of their respective obligations under any Loan Document.

1.2. Assignee[s]. [The][Each] Assignee (a) represents and warrants that (i) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to become a Lender under the Credit Agreement, (ii) it meets all the requirements of an Eligible Assignee under the Credit Agreement (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under the Credit Agreement), (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to acquire assets of the type represented by [the][such] Assigned Interest and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to acquire [the][such] Assigned Interest, is experienced in acquiring assets of such type, (v) it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement, and has received or has been accorded the opportunity to receive copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 6.01 thereof, as applicable, and such other documents and information as it deems appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest, (vi) it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the] [such] Assigned Interest, and (vii) attached hereto is any documentation required to be delivered by it pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, duly completed and executed by [the][such] Assignee; and (b) agrees that (i) it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, [the] [any] Assignor or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall

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deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Loan Documents, and (ii) it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Loan Documents are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

2. *Payments*. From and after the Effective Date, the Agent shall make all payments in respect of [the][each] Assigned Interest (including payments of principal, interest, fees and other amounts) to [the][the relevant] Assignor for amounts which have accrued to but excluding the Effective Date and to [the][the relevant] Assignee for amounts which have accrued from and after the Effective Date.

3. General Provisions. This Assignment and Assumption shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Assignment and Assumption may be executed in any number of counterparts, which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Assignment and Assumption by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumption. This Assignment and Assumption shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in this Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

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FORM OF UNITED STATES TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2024 (as may be amended, restated, amended and restated, replaced, refinanced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among NMI HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, including any successor thereto, the "Agent"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(f) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing such Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Code, and (iv) it is not a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Company as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished Agent and the Company with a certificate of its non-U.S. person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Company and the Agent and (2) the undersigned shall furnish the Company and the Agent a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which payment is to be made by the Company or the Agent to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payment.

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	Name: Title:

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FORM OF UNITED STATES TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(f) and 10.07(d) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Code, and (iv) it is not a "controlled foreign corporation" related to the Company as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payment.

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[Participant] By: Name:

Title:

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Dated: _____, 202[]

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FORM OF UNITED STATES TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

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The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or an IRS Form W-8BEN-E or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or an IRS Form W-8BEN-E from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payment.

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[Address]

Dated: _____, 202[]

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FORM OF UNITED STATES TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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[Lender] By: Name: Title:

[Address]

Dated: _____, 202[]

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Guaranteed Securities by Subsidiary Guarantor

The following is a list of securities issued by the Company and guaranteed by NMI Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (Subsidiary Guarantor):

Description of Securities

7.375% senior secured notes due June 19, 2025.

Variable interest senior secured revolving credit facility due earlier of (x) November 29, 2025 or (y) if any existing senior secured notes remaining outstanding on such date, February 28, 2025.

PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Adam S. Pollitzer, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NMI Holdings, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to
 ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those
 entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

April 30, 2024

/s/ Adam S. Pollitzer Adam S. Pollitzer Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Ravi Mallela, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NMI Holdings, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to
 ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those
 entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

April 30, 2024

<u>/s/ Ravi Mallela</u> Ravi Mallela Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF CEO AND CFO PURSUANT TO

18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of NMI Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), each of the undersigned officers of the Company certifies pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of such officer's knowledge:

The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

April 30, 2024

<u>/s/ Adam S. Pollitzer</u> Adam S. Pollitzer Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

April 30, 2024

<u>/s/ Ravi Mallela</u> Ravi Mallela Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signatures that appear in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to NMI Holdings, Inc. and will be retained by NMI Holdings, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.