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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 30, 2002

EMCOR GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	0-2315	11-2125338
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer identification number)
101 Merritt Seven Corporate Park Norwalk, Connecticut		06851-1060
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(Address of principal executive offices)		(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 849-7800

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 5. Other Events

On September 30, 2002, EMCOR Group, Inc. issued a press release regarding a Credit Agreement by and among it and Certain of Its Subsidiaries and Harris Trust and Savings Bank, individually and as Agent and the Lenders which are or become parties thereto dated as of September 26, 2002. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

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Exhibit No.	Description
4	* U. S. \$275,000,000 Credit Agreement by and among EMCOR Group, Inc. and Certain of its Subsidiaries and Harris Trust and Savings Bank individually and as Agent and the Lenders which are or become parties thereto dated as of September 26, 2002.
99	*Press release issued September 30, 2002.

* Filed herewith.

Signature

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.

EMCOR Group, Inc

/s/ Frank T. MacInnis

By: Frank T. MacInnis
Chairman of the Board of
Directors and
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 4

CREDIT AGREEMENT

by and among

EMCOR GROUP, INC.

and

CERTAIN OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES

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and

HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

individually and as Agent

and

the Lenders

which are or become parties hereto

and

FLEET NATIONAL BANK,
as Syndication Agent

and

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Documentation Agent

Dated as of September 26, 2002

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EMCOR GROUP, INC.

CREDIT AGREEMENT

Harris Trust and Savings Bank, individually and as Agent
Chicago, Illinois

Fleet National Bank, individually and as Syndication Agent
Stamford, Connecticut

LaSalle Bank National Association, individually and as
Documentation Agent
Chicago, Illinois

and the other Lenders from time to time party hereto

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, EMCOR Group Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), Comstock Canada Ltd., a Canadian corporation ("Comstock Canada"), and EMCOR Drake & Scull Group plc., a United Kingdom public limited company ("Drake & Scull"), apply to you for your several commitments, subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof and on the basis of the representations and warranties hereinafter set forth, to make a revolving credit (the "Revolving Credit") available to the Borrowers, all as more fully hereinafter set forth. Upon your

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acceptance hereof in the space provided for that purpose below this shall constitute a contract between us for the following uses and purposes:

SECTION 1. THE REVOLVING CREDIT.

Section 1.1. Revolving Credit. Subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof, each Lender, by its acceptance hereof, severally agrees to extend a Revolving Credit to the Borrowers in the amount of its commitment to extend the Revolving Credit set forth opposite its name on Schedule 1.1 hereto or on the Assignment Agreement to which it is a party (its "Commitment" and cumulatively for all the Lenders, the "Commitments") (subject to any reductions thereof pursuant to the terms hereof) prior to the Termination Date. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, such Revolving Credit may be availed of by each Borrower in its discretion from time to time, be repaid and used again, during the period from the date hereof to and including the Termination Date. The Revolving Credit, subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof, may be utilized by any one or more of the Borrowers in the form of Revolving Loans and Letters of Credit, all as more fully hereinafter set forth; provided, however, that the aggregate amount of the Revolving Loans, Swing Loans and L/C Obligations outstanding at any one time from all the Borrowers taken together when taken together with the amount of outstanding borrowings and letters of credit under the Canadian Facility, if any, shall not at any time exceed the Commitments, provided, further, that in addition to, and not in substitution for, the foregoing requirement: (i) the aggregate outstanding amount of L/C Obligations shall in no event exceed \$75,000,000 at any one time outstanding, (ii) the aggregate amount of Revolving Loans made to the U.K. Borrowers when taken together with the aggregate amount of L/C Obligations with respect to Letters of Credit issued for the account of the U.K. Borrowers and their respective Subsidiaries shall in no event exceed \$50,000,000 at any one time outstanding, and (iii) the aggregate amount of Revolving Loans made to the Canadian Borrowers and of L/C Obligations with respect to Letters of Credit issued for the account of the Canadian Borrowers and their respective Subsidiaries when taken together with the aggregate outstanding amount of loans made under the Canadian Facility, if any, and letters of credit issued thereunder shall in no event exceed \$25,000,000 at any one time outstanding (the "Sublimits"). The obligations of the Lenders hereunder are several and not joint and no Lender shall under any circumstances be obligated to extend credit hereunder in excess of its Commitment. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, neither the U.K. Borrowers nor the Canadian Borrowers (or the Company on their behalf) shall be permitted to request Borrowings or Letters of Credit prior to the date upon which the Agent determines in its sole discretion that the conditions precedent set forth in Section 6.3 have been satisfied.

For all purposes of this Agreement, where a determination of the used, unused or available amount of the Commitments or of the outstanding amount of Credit Utilizations is necessary, Credit Utilizations payable in an Alternative Currency shall be converted into their U.S. Dollar Equivalent. Such conversions shall be made on the date of each Credit Utilization in an Alternative Currency as to that Credit Utilization and all Credit Utilizations shall be converted into their U.S. Dollar Equivalent as of the last day of each month or at the time of each Credit Utilization should the Agent so elect. If the last day of a month is not a Business Day, such conversion shall be made as of the next Business Day. The Agent shall promptly notify the Company of such determination of a U.S. Dollar Equivalent and of the basis therefor. All Credit Utilizations and interest thereon shall be repaid in the currency in which they were effected.

Section 1.2. Revolving Loans. Subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof, the Revolving Credit may be availed of in the form of loans (individually a "Revolving Loan" and collectively the "Revolving Loans"). Each Borrowing of Revolving Loans shall, except to the extent otherwise agreed in

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writing by all Lenders, be made ratably by the Lenders in accordance with their Percentages. Each Borrowing of Revolving Loans shall be in the minimum amount specified in Section 1.5 hereof. All Revolving Loans made by a Lender to a particular Borrower shall be evidenced by a single Revolving Credit Note of such Borrower (individually a "Revolving Credit Note" and collectively the "Revolving Credit Notes") payable to the order of such Lender, each Revolving Credit Note to be in the form (with appropriate insertions) attached hereto as Exhibit A. Without regard to the face principal amount of each Lender's Revolving Credit Note, the actual principal amount at any time outstanding and owing by each Borrower on account of Revolving Loans shall be the sum of all Revolving Loans then or theretofore made thereon by such Lender to such Borrower less all payments actually received thereon.

Section 1.3. Letters of Credit.

(a) General Terms. Subject to the terms, conditions and limitations hereof (including those set forth in Section 1.1 hereof), as part of the Revolving Credit, the Applicable Issuer shall issue Financial Letters of Credit or Performance Letters of Credit (each a "Letter of Credit") for the account of any one or more of the Borrowers in, as requested by the Company acting on behalf of the applicable Borrower, U.S. Dollars or an Alternative Currency. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, those certain letters of credit issued at the Company's request for the account of the applicable Borrowers by Harris Trust and Savings Bank and listed on Schedule 1.3 hereof (the "Existing Letters of Credit") shall each constitute a "Letter of Credit" herein for all purposes of this Agreement, to the same extent, and with the same force and effect, as if such Existing Letters of Credit had been issued under this Agreement at the request of the Company on behalf of the applicable Borrowers. Each Letter of Credit shall be issued by the Applicable Issuer, but each Lender shall be obligated to reimburse the Applicable Issuer for its Percentage of the amount of each drawing thereunder and, accordingly, the undrawn face amount of each Letter of Credit shall constitute usage of the Commitment of each Lender pro rata in accordance with each Lender's Percentage. Each Letter of Credit shall conform to the Applicable Issuer's policies as to form and shall be a Letter of Credit which the Applicable Issuer may lawfully issue. Each Letter of Credit shall support payment of an obligation of the Borrower who applies for same or an obligation of a Subsidiary of same which is a Restricted Subsidiary or of a Person described in subsections (j), (n) or (o) of Section 7.12 in which the applicant or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries has an equity interest.

(b) Applications. At any time before the Termination Date, the Applicable Issuer shall, subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof, at the request of the Company (which is acting on behalf of the Borrowers pursuant to Section 1.7 hereof), issue one or more Letters of Credit, in a form satisfactory to the Applicable Issuer, in an aggregate face amount as set forth above, upon the receipt of an application for the relevant Letter of Credit in the form customarily prescribed by the Applicable Issuer for the type of Letter of Credit in question, duly executed by the Borrower for whose account such Letter of Credit was issued (each an "Application"). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the applications executed by the Borrowers with respect to the Existing Letters of Credit shall each constitute an "Application" herein. Each Letter of Credit issued hereunder shall (a) be payable, as determined by the Company acting on behalf of the applicable Borrower, in U.S. Dollars or an Alternative Currency and (b) expire not later than (i) the Termination Date for Letters of Credit issued by Harris Trust and Savings Bank and (ii) the date which is five days prior to the Termination Date for Letters of Credit issued by an Applicable Issuer other than Harris Trust and Savings Bank. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Application to the contrary, (i) the applicable Borrower's obligation to pay fees in connection with each

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Letter of Credit shall be as exclusively set forth in Section 3.3 hereof, (ii) except as otherwise provided in Section 3.5 hereof, prior to the existence of an Event of Default, the Applicable Issuer will not call for the funding by the Borrower of any amount under a Letter of Credit, or any other form of collateral security (other than the Collateral and the Guarantees) for the Borrower's obligations in connection with such Letter of Credit, before being presented with a drawing thereunder, and (iii) if the Applicable Issuer is not timely reimbursed for the amount of any drawing under a Letter of Credit on the date such drawing is paid, the Borrower's obligation to reimburse the Applicable Issuer for the amount of such drawing shall bear interest (which the relevant Borrower hereby promises to pay) from and after the date such drawing is paid at a rate per annum equal to the sum of 2% plus the Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans from time to time in effect. The Issuer will promptly notify the Agent of each request for a Letter of Credit and of issuance of a Letter of Credit and the Agent shall promptly thereafter so notify each of the Lenders. If an Issuer issues any Letters of Credit with expiration dates that are automatically extended unless such Issuer gives notice that the expiration date will not so extend beyond its then scheduled expiration date, such Issuer will give such notice of non-renewal before the time necessary to prevent such automatic extension if before such required notice date (i) the expiration date of such Letter of Credit if so extended would be after the Termination Date, (ii) the Commitments have been terminated, or (iii) an Event of Default exists and the Required Lenders have given the Issuer instructions not to so permit the extension of the expiration date of such Letter of Credit. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the parties hereto hereby confirm and agree that each Issuer's obligation to issue, amend or extend the expiration date of a Letter of Credit is subject to the conditions of Section 6, the other terms of this Section 1.3 and the other provisions of this Agreement and such Issuer will not issue, amend or extend the expiration date of any Letter of Credit if any Lender notifies such Issuer of any Default or Event of Default that is continuing and directs the Issuer not to take such action.

(c) The Reimbursement Obligation. Subject to Section 1.3(b) hereof, the obligation of a Borrower to reimburse the Applicable Issuer for all drawings under a Letter of Credit issued for such Borrower's account (a "Reimbursement Obligation") shall be governed by the Application related to such Letter of Credit, except that reimbursement of each drawing shall be made in immediately available funds at the designated office of such Issuer by no later than 12:00 Noon (local time at the issuing office of the Issuer) on the date when such drawing is paid. If the relevant Borrower does not make any such reimbursement payment on the date due and the Participating Lenders (as hereinafter defined) fund their participations therein in the manner set forth in Section 1.3(d) below, then all payments thereafter received by the Applicable Issuer in discharge of any of the relevant Reimbursement Obligations shall be distributed in accordance with Section 1.3(d) below.

(d) The Participating Interests. Each Lender, by its acceptance hereof, severally agrees to purchase from the Applicable Issuer, and the Applicable Issuer hereby agrees to sell to each such Lender (a "Participating Lender"), an undivided percentage participating interest (a "Participating Interest"), to the extent of its Percentage, in each Letter of Credit issued by, and each Reimbursement Obligation owed to, the Applicable Issuer. Upon any failure by a Borrower to pay any Reimbursement Obligation in respect of a Letter of Credit issued for such Borrower's account at the time required on the date the related drawing is paid, as set forth in Section 1.3(c) above, or if the Applicable Issuer is required at any time to return to a Borrower or to a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other Person any portion of any payment of any Reimbursement Obligation, each Participating Lender shall, not later than the Business

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Day it receives a certificate from the Applicable Issuer to such effect, if such certificate is received before 1:00 p.m. (local time at the office of the Issuer), or not later than the following Business Day, if such certificate is received after such time, pay to the Applicable Issuer an amount equal to its Percentage of such unpaid or recaptured Reimbursement Obligation together with interest on such amount accrued from the date the related payment was made by the Applicable Issuer to the date of such payment by such Participating Lender at a rate per annum equal to (i) from the date the related payment was made by the Applicable Issuer to the date two (2) Business Days after payment by such Participating Lender is due hereunder, the Federal Funds Rate for each such day and (ii) from the date two (2) Business Days after the date such payment is due from such Participating Lender to the date such payment is made by such Participating Lender, the rate per annum determined by adding the Applicable Margin to the Domestic Rate in effect for each such day. Each such Participating Lender shall thereafter be entitled to receive its Percentage of each payment received in respect of the relevant Reimbursement Obligation and of interest paid thereon, with the Applicable Issuer retaining its Percentage as a Lender hereunder.

The several obligations of the Participating Lenders to the Issuers under this Section 1.3 shall be absolute, irrevocable and unconditional under any and all circumstances whatsoever (except, to the extent such Borrower is relieved from its obligation to reimburse the Applicable Issuer for a drawing under a Letter of Credit because of the Applicable Issuer's gross negligence or willful misconduct in determining that documents received under the Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof) and shall not be subject to any set-off, counterclaim or defense to payment which any Participating Lender may have or have had against any one or more of the Borrowers, the Agent, any other Lender or any other Person whatsoever. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such obligations shall not be affected by any Default or Event of Default or by any reduction or termination of any Commitment of any Lender, and each payment by a Participating Lender under this Section 1.3 shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. The Agent shall be entitled to offset amounts received for the account of a Lender under this Agreement against unpaid amounts due from such Lender hereunder (whether as fundings of participations, indemnities or otherwise).

(e) Indemnification. Each of the Participating Lenders shall, to the extent of their respective Percentages, indemnify the Issuers (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrowers) against any cost, expense (including reasonable counsel fees and disbursements), claim, demand, action, loss or liability (except such as result from the applicable Issuer's gross negligence or willful misconduct) that the Issuers may suffer or incur in connection with any Letter of Credit. The obligations of the Participating Lenders under this Section 1.3(e) and all other parts of this Section 1.3 shall survive termination of this Agreement and of all other L/C Documents.

Section 1.4. Manner of Borrowing Revolving Loans.

(a) Generally. The Company (which is acting on behalf of the Borrowers pursuant to Section 1.7 hereof) shall give the Agent notice (which shall be irrevocable and may be written or oral, but if oral, promptly confirmed in writing) by 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on any Business Day of each request for a Borrowing of Revolving Loans, in each case specifying the Borrower to which the proceeds of such Borrowing are to be disbursed, the amount of each such Borrowing, the currency of such Borrowing (which must be U.S. Dollars or an Alternative Currency, except that Domestic Rate Loans shall only be available in U.S. Dollars), the date such Borrowing is to be made,

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which shall be not less than three Business Days hence in the case of a Borrowing in an Alternative Currency or a Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans, but which may be the same day in the case of a Borrowing of Domestic Rate Loans, whether the Borrowing is to be of Domestic Rate Loans or Eurodollar Loans and, in all cases other than a Borrowing of Domestic Rate Loans, of the Interest Period selected therefor. The Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice. Not later than 1:00 p.m. on the date specified for any Borrowing, each Lender shall make the proceeds of its Revolving Loan comprising part of such Borrowing available in immediately available funds to the Agent in Chicago except (i) in the case of Revolving Loans denominated in an Alternative Currency, which shall be made available at such office as the Agent has previously specified in a notice to each Lender in such funds which are then customary for the settlement of international transactions in such currency and no later than such local time as is necessary for such funds to be received and transferred to the relevant Borrower for same day value on the date of the relevant Borrowing and (ii) to the extent such Borrowing is a reborrowing, in whole or in part, of the principal amount of a maturing Borrowing of Loans to the same Borrower and in the same currency (a "Refunding Borrowing"), in which case each Bank shall record the Revolving Loan made by it as a part of such Refunding Borrowing on its books or records or on a schedule to the Note held by it, and shall effect the repayment, in whole or in part, as appropriate, of its maturing Revolving Loan through the proceeds of such new Revolving Loan. Subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof, the proceeds of each Lender's Revolving Loan denominated in U.S. Dollars shall be made available to the relevant Borrower on the date requested at the office of the Agent in Chicago and the proceeds of each Lender's Revolving Loans denominated in an Alternative Currency at such office as the Agent has previously agreed to with the relevant Borrower, in each case in the type of funds received by the Agent from the Lenders. The Lenders' obligations to make Revolving Loans in an Alternative Currency or to provide or participate in Letters of Credit payable in an Alternative Currency shall always be subject to such Alternative Currency being freely available to each of them in the relevant market. If any Lender reasonably determines that such currency requested is unavailable to it in the amount and for the term requested it shall so notify the Agent within two hours of its receipt of the aforesaid notice and the Agent shall promptly notify the Company and each other Lender of its receipt of such notice and the request of the Company for the Borrowing in the Alternative Currency in question shall be deemed withdrawn. Borrowing notices shall be irrevocable.

(b) Agent Reliance on Bank Funding. Unless the Agent shall have been notified by a Lender before the time when such Lender is scheduled to make payment to the Agent of the proceeds of a Revolving Loan that such Lender does not intend to make such payment, the Agent may assume that such Lender has made such payment when due and the Agent may in reliance upon such assumption (but shall not be required to) make available to the relevant Borrower the proceeds of the Revolving Loan to be made by such Lender and, if any Lender has not in fact made such payment to the Agent, such Lender shall, on demand, pay to the Agent the amount made available to such Borrower attributable to such Lender together with interest thereon in respect of each day during the period commencing on the date such amount was made available to such Borrower and ending on (but excluding) the date such Lender pays such amount to the Agent at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate or, in the case of a Revolving Loan denominated in an Alternative Currency, the cost to the Agent of funding the amount it advanced to fund such Lender's Revolving Loan, as determined by the Agent. If such amount is not received from such Lender by the Agent immediately upon demand, the applicable Borrower will, on demand, repay to the Agent the proceeds of the Revolving Loan attributable to such Lender with interest thereon at a rate per annum equal to the interest rate applicable

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to the relevant Revolving Loan.

Section 1.5. Minimum Borrowing Amounts. Each Borrowing of Domestic Rate Loans shall be in an amount not less than \$2,000,000, or such greater amount which is an integral multiple of \$100,000, and each Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans shall be in an amount not less than \$5,000,000, or such greater amount which is an integral multiple of \$100,000.

Section 1.6. Maturity of Loans. Each Eurodollar Loan shall mature and become due and payable on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, provided that, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, such Eurodollar Loan may be refunded through a Refunding Borrowing. Each Domestic Rate Loan and Swing Loan shall mature and become due and payable on the Termination Date.

Section 1.7. Appointment of Company as Agent for Borrowers; Reliance by Agent.

(a) Appointment. Each Borrower irrevocably appoints the Company as its agent hereunder to make requests on such Borrower's behalf under Section 1 hereof for Borrowings to be made by such Borrower and for Letters of Credit to be issued for such Borrower's account and to take any other action contemplated by the Loan Documents with respect to credit extended hereunder to such Borrower. The Agent and the Lenders shall be entitled to conclusively presume that any action by the Company under the Loan Documents is taken on behalf of any one or more of the Borrowers whether or not the Company so indicates.

(b) Reliance. All requests for Borrowings and selection of interest rates, currencies and Interest Periods to be applicable thereto may be written or oral, including by telephone or telecopy. The Borrowers agree that the Agent may rely on any such notice given by any person the Agent in good faith believes is an Authorized Representative without the necessity of independent investigation (the Borrowers hereby indemnifying the Agent and Lenders from any liability or loss ensuing from such reliance), and in the event any such telephonic or other oral notice conflicts with any written confirmation, such oral or telephonic notice shall govern if the Agent has acted in reliance thereon.

Section 1.8. Swing Loans. (a) Generally. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, as part of the Revolving Credit, the Agent agrees to make loans to the Company under the Swing Line (individually a "Swing Loan" and collectively the "Swing Loans") which shall not in the aggregate at any time outstanding exceed the Swing Line Sublimit. The Swing Loans may be availed of the Company from time to time and Borrowings thereunder may be repaid and used again during the period ending on the Termination Date; provided that each Swing Loan must be repaid on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto. Each Swing Loan shall be in a minimum amount of \$250,000 or such greater amount which is an integral multiple of \$100,000.

(b) Swing Note. The Swing Loans made to the Company by the Agent shall be evidenced by a single promissory note of the Company issued to the Agent in the form of Exhibit A-2 hereto. Such promissory note is referred to herein as the "Swing Note".

(c) Interest on Swing Loans. Each Swing Loan shall bear interest until maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) at a rate per annum equal to (i) the sum of the Domestic Rate plus the Applicable Margin for Domestic Rate Loans under the Revolving Credit as from time to time in effect (computed on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, for the actual number of days elapsed) or (ii) the Agent's Quoted Rate (as hereinafter defined) (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days for the

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actual number of days elapsed). Interest on each Swing Loan shall be due and payable prior to such maturity on the last day of each Interest Period applicable thereto.

(d) Requests for Swing Loans. The Company shall give the Agent prior notice (which may be written or oral) no later than 12:00 Noon (Chicago time) on the date upon which the Company requests that any Swing Loan be made of the amount and date of such Swing Loan, and the Interest Period requested therefor. Within 30 minutes after receiving such notice, the Agent shall in its discretion quote an interest rate to the Company at which the Agent would be willing to make such Swing Loan available to the Company for the Interest Period so requested (the rate so quoted for a given Interest Period being herein referred to as "Agent's Quoted Rate"). The Company acknowledges and agrees that the interest rate quote is given for immediate and irrevocable acceptance. If the Company does not so immediately accept the Agent's Quoted Rate for the full amount requested by the Company for such Swing Loan, the Agent's Quoted Rate shall be deemed immediately withdrawn and such Swing Loan shall bear interest at the rate per annum determined by adding the Applicable Margin for Domestic Rate Loans under the Revolving Credit to the Domestic Rate as from time to time in effect. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the proceeds of such Swing Loan shall be made available to the Company on the date so requested at the offices of the Agent in Chicago, Illinois. Anything contained in the foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) the obligation of the Agent to make Swing Loans shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and (ii) the Agent shall not be obligated to make more than one Swing Loan during any one day.

(e) Refunding Loans. In its sole and absolute discretion, the Agent may at any time, on behalf of the Company (which hereby irrevocably authorizes the Agent to act on its behalf for such purpose) and with notice to the Company, request each Lender to make a Revolving Loan in the form of a Domestic Rate Loan in an amount equal to such Lender's Percentage of the amount of the Swing Loans outstanding on the date such notice is given. Unless an Event of Default described in Section 8.1(k) or 8.1(l) exists with respect to the Company, regardless of the existence of any other Event of Default, each Lender shall make the proceeds of its requested Revolving Loan available to the Agent, in immediately available funds, at the Agent's principal office in Chicago, Illinois, before 12:00 Noon (Chicago time) on the Business Day following the day such notice is given. The proceeds of such Borrowing of Revolving Loans shall be immediately applied to repay the outstanding Swing Loans.

(f) Participations. If any Lender refuses or otherwise fails to make a Revolving Loan when requested by the Agent pursuant to Section 1.8(e) above (because an Event of Default described in Section 8.1(k) or 8.1(l) exists with respect to the Company or otherwise), such Lender will, by the time and in the manner such Revolving Loan was to have been funded to the Agent, purchase from the Agent an undivided participating interest in the outstanding Swing Loans in an amount equal to its Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Swing Loans that were to have been repaid with such Revolving Loans. Each Lender that so purchases a participation in a Swing Loan shall thereafter be entitled to receive its Percentage of each payment of principal received on the Swing Loan and of interest received thereon accruing from the date such Lender funded to the Agent its participation in such Loan. The several obligations of the Lenders under this Section shall be absolute, irrevocable, and unconditional under any and all circumstances whatsoever and shall not be subject to any set-off, counterclaim or defense to payment which any Lender may have or have had against the Company, any other Borrower, any Guarantor, any other Lender or any other Person whatever. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such obligations shall not be affected by any Default or Event

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of Default or by any reduction or termination of the Commitments of any Lender, and each payment made by a Lender under this Section shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever.

Section 1.9. Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, while any Event of Default exists or after acceleration, the relevant Borrower shall pay interest (after as well as before entry of judgment thereon to the extent permitted by law) on the principal amount of all Loans owing by it at a rate per annum equal to:

(a) for any Domestic Rate Loan or any Swing Loan bearing interest based on the Domestic Rate, the sum of 2.0% plus the Applicable Margin plus the Domestic Rate from time to time in effect;

(b) for any Eurodollar Loan denominated in U.S. Dollars or any Swing Loan bearing interest at the Agent's Quoted Rate, the sum of 2.0% plus the rate of interest in effect thereon at the time of such Event of Default until the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto and, thereafter, at a rate per annum equal to the sum of 2.0% plus the Applicable Margin for Domestic Rate Loans plus the Domestic Rate from time to time in effect; and

(c) for any Eurodollar Loan denominated in an Alternative Currency, the sum of 2.0% plus the rate of interest in effect thereon at the time of such Event of Default until the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto and, thereafter at a rate per annum equal to the sum of the Applicable Margin, plus a rate of two percent (2.0%) plus the rate of interest per annum as determined by the Agent (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest whole multiple of one-sixteenth of one percent (1/16%)) at which overnight or weekend deposits of the appropriate currency (or, if such amount due remains unpaid more than three Business Days, then for such other period of time not longer than six months as the Agent may elect in its absolute discretion) for delivery in immediately available and freely transferable funds would be offered by the Agent to major banks in the interbank market upon request of such major banks for the applicable period as determined above and in an amount comparable to the unpaid principal amount of any such Loan (or, if the Agent is not placing deposits in such currency in the interbank market, then the Agent's cost of funds in such currency for such period).

provided, however, that in the absence of acceleration, any adjustments pursuant to this Section shall be made at the election of the Agent, acting at the request or with the consent of the Required Lenders, with written notice to the Borrowers. While any Event of Default exists or after acceleration, interest shall be paid on demand of the Agent at the request or with the consent of the Required Lenders.

SECTION 2. INTEREST.

Section 2.1. Domestic Rate Loans. Each Domestic Rate Loan shall bear interest (which the relevant Borrower promises to pay in arrears at the times herein provided) at the rate per annum determined by adding the Applicable Margin to the Domestic Rate as in effect from time to time, provided that if a Domestic Rate Loan is not paid when due (whether by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise), such Revolving Loan shall bear interest (which the relevant Borrower promises to pay at the times hereinafter provided), whether before or after judgment, and until payment in full thereof, at the rate per annum specified in Section 1.9 hereof. Interest on the Domestic Rate Loans shall be payable in arrears on the last day of each calendar month (beginning on the first of such dates after the date hereof) and at maturity of the Revolving Credit Notes and interest after maturity shall be due and payable upon demand.

Section 2.2. Eurodollar Loans. Each Eurodollar Loan shall bear interest

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(which the relevant Borrower promises to pay in arrears at the times herein provided) on the unpaid principal amount thereof from time to time outstanding from the date of the Borrowing of such Eurodollar Loan until maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) at a rate per annum equal to the sum of the Applicable Margin plus Adjusted LIBOR, payable on the last day of the applicable Interest Period and at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise), and, if the applicable Interest Period is longer than three months, on the date occurring three months after the date of the Borrowing of such Loan; provided that if a Eurodollar Loan is not paid when due (whether by acceleration or otherwise), such Loan shall bear interest (which the relevant Borrower promises to pay at the times herein provided) from the date such payment was due until paid in full, payable on demand, at the rate per annum specified in Section 1.9 hereof.

Section 2.3. Rate Determinations. The Agent shall determine each interest rate applicable to the Loans hereunder in accordance herewith, and its determination thereof shall be deemed prima facie correct.

Section 2.4. Computation of Interest. All interest on Domestic Rate Loans shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, for the actual number of days elapsed. All interest on Eurodollar Loans and Swing Loans bearing interest at the Agent's Quoted Rate (and unless otherwise stated herein, all fees, charges and commissions due hereunder) shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days elapsed, except for Eurodollar Loans denominated in Pounds Sterling which shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be.

Section 2.5. Funding Indemnity. If any Lender shall incur any loss, cost or expense (including, without limitation, any loss of profit, and any loss, cost or expense incurred by reason of the liquidation or re-employment of deposits or other funds acquired by such Lender to fund or maintain any Eurodollar Loan or Swing Loan or the relending or reinvesting of such deposits or amounts paid or prepaid to such Lender) as a result of:

(i) any payment or prepayment of a Eurodollar Loan or Swing Loan on a date other than the last day of its Interest Period for any reason,

(ii) any failure (because of a failure to meet the conditions of Borrowing or otherwise) by a Borrower to borrow or refund a Eurodollar Loan or Swing Loan on the date specified in a notice given pursuant to this Agreement,

(iii) any failure by a Borrower to make any payment of principal on any Eurodollar Loan or Swing Loan when due (whether by acceleration or otherwise), or

(iv) any acceleration of the maturity of a Eurodollar Loan or Swing Loan as a result of the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder,

then, upon the demand of such Lender, the applicable Borrower shall pay to such Lender such amount as will reimburse such Lender for such loss, cost or expense. If any Lender makes such a claim for compensation, it shall provide to the Company, with a copy to the Agent, a certificate executed by an officer of such Lender setting forth the amount of such loss, cost or expense in reasonable detail (including an explanation of the basis for and the computation of such loss, cost or expense) and the amounts shown on such certificate shall be deemed prima facie correct.

Section 2.6. Change of Law. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement or any Note, if at any time any change in applicable law or regulation

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or in the interpretation thereof makes it unlawful for any Lender to make or continue to maintain Loans in an Alternative Currency or Eurodollar Loans, such Lender shall promptly give notice thereof to the Borrower and such Lender's obligations to make or maintain Eurodollar Loans or Loans in an Alternative Currency (as applicable) under this Agreement shall terminate until it is no longer unlawful for such Bank to make or maintain such Loans. The applicable Borrower shall prepay on demand the outstanding principal amount of any such affected Loans, together with all interest accrued thereon and all other amounts then due and payable to such Lender under this Agreement; provided, however, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the applicable Borrower may then elect to borrow the principal amount of the affected Loans from such Lender by means of Domestic Rate Loans which Loans shall not be made ratably by the Lenders but only from such affected Lender.

Section 2.7. Unavailability. If prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for any Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans:

(a) the Agent determines that deposits in the applicable currency (in the applicable amounts) are not being offered to it in the eurocurrency interbank market for such Interest Period, or that by reason of circumstances affecting the interbank eurocurrency market adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable LIBOR, or

(b) the Required Lenders notify the Agent that (i) LIBOR as determined by the Agent will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding their Loans in the currency in question for such Interest Period or (ii) that the making or funding of Loans in the relevant currency has become impracticable, in either case as a result of an event occurring after the date hereof which in the opinion of such Lenders materially affects such Loans,

then and in any such event the Agent shall not less than two days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, give notice thereof to the Company and the Lenders, whereupon until the Agent notifies the Company that the circumstances giving rise to such suspension no longer exist, the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans in the currency so affected or to make Eurodollar Loans (as applicable) shall be suspended.

Section 2.8. Increased Cost and Reduced Return. If, on or after the date hereof, the adoption of any applicable law, rule or regulation, or any change therein, or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof by any governmental authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the interpretation or administration thereof, or compliance by any Lender (or its lending office) with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any such authority, central bank or comparable agency:

(i) shall subject any Lender (or its applicable lending office) to any tax, duty or other charge with respect to any of its Eurodollar Loans, its Revolving Credit Notes, its Letter(s) of Credit, or its participation in any thereof, or its obligation to make Loans, issue a Letter of Credit, or to participate therein, or shall change the basis of taxation of payments to any Lender (or its applicable lending office) of the principal of or interest on any of its Eurodollar Loans, Letter(s) of Credit, or participations therein or any other amounts due under this Agreement in respect of its Eurodollar Loans, Letter(s) of Credit, or participations therein or its obligation to make Eurodollar Loans, issue a Letter of Credit, or acquire participations therein (except for changes in the rate of tax on the overall net income of such Lender or its lending office imposed by the jurisdiction in which such Lender's principal executive office or applicable lending office is located); or

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(ii) shall impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit or similar requirement (including, without limitation, any such requirement imposed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, but excluding with respect to any such requirement included in an applicable Eurocurrency Reserve Percentage) against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended by, any Lender (or its applicable lending office) or shall impose on any Lender (or its lending office) or on the interbank market any other condition affecting its Revolving Loans, its Revolving Credit Notes, its Letter(s) of Credit, or its participation in any thereof, any of its obligation to make Revolving Loans, to issue a Letter of Credit, or to participate therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to such Lender (or its lending office) of making or maintaining any Revolving Loan in the currency requested or issuing or maintaining a Letter of Credit, or participating therein, or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender (or its applicable lending office) under this Agreement or under its Notes with respect thereto, by an amount deemed by such Lender, in its reasonable judgment, to be material, then, within fifteen (15) days after demand by such Lender (with a copy to the Agent), the Company shall be obligated to pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender for such increased cost or reduction.

Each Lender that determines to seek compensation under this Section 2.8 shall notify the Company and the Agent of the circumstances that entitle the Lender to such compensation pursuant to this Section 2.8 and will designate a different lending office if such designation will avoid the need for, or reduce the amount of, such compensation and will not, in the reasonable judgment of such Lender, be otherwise disadvantageous to such Lender. A certificate of any Lender claiming compensation under this Section 2.8 and setting forth the additional amount or amounts to be paid to it hereunder shall be deemed prima facie correct. In determining such amount, such Lender may use any reasonable averaging and attribution methods.

Section 2.9. Lending Offices. Each Lender may, at its option, elect to make its Loans hereunder at the branch, office or affiliate specified on the appropriate signature page hereof (each a "Lending Office") for each type of Revolving Loan available hereunder or at such other of its branches, offices or affiliates as it may from time to time elect and designate in a notice to the Company and the Agent (but such funds shall in any event be made available to the Company at the office of the Agent as herein provided for), provided that the Company shall not be required to reimburse any Lender under any of the provisions of this Section 2 for any cost which such Lender would not have incurred but for changing its lending or funding branch unless the Company consented to such change.

Section 2.10. Discretion of Lender as to Manner of Funding. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each Lender shall be entitled to fund and maintain its funding of all or any part of its Loans in any manner it sees fit, it being understood, however, that for the purposes of this Agreement all determinations under this Agreement shall be made as if each Lender had actually funded and maintained each Eurodollar Loan through the purchase of deposits in the relevant market and in the relevant currency having a maturity corresponding to such Eurodollar Loan's Interest Period and bearing an interest rate equal to Adjusted LIBOR for the currency in question for such Interest Period.

Section 2.11. Capital Adequacy. If any Lender shall determine that any applicable law, rule or regulation regarding capital adequacy instituted after the date hereof, or any change in the interpretation or administration of any applicable law, rule or regulation regarding capital adequacy by any governmental authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the

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interpretation or administration thereof or compliance by such Lender (or its lending office) with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law) of any such authority, central bank or comparable agency, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder or the Letters of Credit or credit extended by it hereunder to a level below that which such Lender could have achieved but for such law, rule, regulation, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's policies with respect to capital adequacy) by an amount reasonably deemed by such Lender to be material, then from time to time as specified by such Lender the Company shall pay on demand such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender for such reduction. A certificate of any Lender claiming compensation under this Section 2.11 and setting forth the additional amount or amounts to be paid to it hereunder in reasonable detail shall be prima facie evidence thereof. In determining such amount, such Lender may use any reasonable averaging and attribution methods.

SECTION 3. FEES, PAYMENTS, REDUCTIONS, APPLICATIONS AND NOTATIONS.

Section 3.1. Commitment Fee. For the period from the date hereof to and including the Termination Date, the Borrowers shall pay to the Agent for the account of the Lenders a non-refundable commitment fee at the rate per annum equal to the Applicable Margin (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and actual days elapsed) on the average daily Unused Commitments; provided however that for any calendar quarter during which the average daily outstanding balance of Revolving Loans, Swing Loans and L/C Obligations is less than 25% of the aggregate Commitments the rate per annum set forth above shall increase by 0.10%; provided further, that in no event shall the rate per annum payable pursuant hereto exceed 0.50%. Such fee is due and payable in arrears on the last day of each calendar quarter (commencing with the first of such dates after the date hereof) and on the Termination Date.

Section 3.2. Other Fees. The Company shall pay to the Agent such other and additional fees as may from time to time be agreed to between the Company and the Agent.

Section 3.3. Letter of Credit Fees. The applicable Borrowers shall pay to the Agent, for the ratable account of the Lenders, a fee on the amount of the L/C Obligations from time to time outstanding computed at the Applicable Margin in the case of Financial Letters of Credit and the Applicable Margin less the rate of 3/4 of 1% per annum in the case of Performance Letters of Credit (in each case computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and actual days elapsed), such fee to be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last day of each calendar quarter and on the Termination Date. In addition, on the date of issuance of each Letter of Credit the applicable Borrower shall pay the Applicable Issuer for its own account a fee of 1/8 of 1% of the face amount of such Letter of Credit, such fee to be retained by the Applicable Issuer for its own account. In addition, the applicable Borrower shall pay to the Applicable Issuer such issuing, processing, drawing, amendment and other fees and charges as the Applicable Issuer customarily imposes in connection with the issuance of letters of credit of the type in question, the payment of drafts thereunder or amendments thereto.

Section 3.4. Voluntary Prepayments. The Borrowers shall have the privilege of prepaying without premium or penalty (except as set forth in Section 2.5 above) and in whole or in part (but, if in part, then: (i) in an amount not less than \$2,000,000, or such lesser amount as may then be outstanding, and (ii) in each case, in an amount such that the minimum amount required for a Borrowing pursuant to Section 1.5 hereof remains outstanding) any Borrowing of Eurodollar Loans at any time upon 3 Business Days prior notice by the Borrower to the Agent or, in the case of a Borrowing of Domestic Rate Loans or Swing Loans, notice delivered by the Borrower to the Agent no later than 10:00 a.m. (Chicago time)

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on the date of prepayment, such prepayment to be made by the payment of the principal amount to be prepaid and, in the case of any Eurodollar Loans or Swing Loans, accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for prepayment plus any amounts due the Lenders under Section 2.5 hereof.

Section 3.5. Mandatory Prepayments and Commitment Reductions. (a) Commitments. In the event that the aggregate amount of the Revolving Loans, the Swing Loans and the L/C Obligations shall at any time and for any reason exceed the Commitments or the aggregate amount of Revolving Loans, Swing Loans and L/C Obligations owing from any Borrower shall exceed any applicable Sublimit, in each case for any reason (including changes in currency rates), the Borrowers shall immediately and without notice or demand pay the amount of the excess to the Agent as and for a mandatory prepayment on the Revolving Credit Notes or, if the Revolving Loans have been paid in full but L/C Obligations are outstanding, then and in any such event, such excess shall be paid over to the Agent to be applied against, or held as collateral security for, as applicable, such L/C Obligations.

(b) Asset Dispositions. (i) If any Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary shall at any time or from time to time make or agree to make a Disposition or shall suffer an Event of Loss resulting in Net Cash Proceeds in excess of \$5,000,000 individually or on a cumulative basis in any fiscal year of the Borrowers, to the extent the aggregate amount of all such Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrowers and the Restricted Subsidiaries during the period from and including the date hereof to and including the date of such Disposition or Event of Loss exceed 10% of the book value of assets of the Borrowers and the Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date, then (x) the Company shall promptly notify the Agent of such proposed Disposition or Event of Loss (including the amount of the estimated Net Cash Proceeds to be received by such Borrower or such Subsidiary in respect thereof) and (y) such Net Cash Proceeds shall be paid over to the Agent promptly upon receipt by such Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Disposition or Event of Loss for application as set forth herein. Immediately upon receipt by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary of such Net Cash Proceeds, the Commitments shall ratably terminate in an aggregate amount equal to 100% of the amount of all such Net Cash Proceeds and the Agent shall apply such Net Cash Proceeds to the payment of all amounts, if any, required by Section 3.5(c) hereof; provided that in the case of each Disposition and Event of Loss so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and is then continuing, if the Company states in its notice of such event that the applicable Borrower or the applicable Subsidiary intends to reinvest, within 180 days of the applicable Disposition or receipt of Net Cash Proceeds from an Event of Loss, the Net Cash Proceeds thereof in assets similar to the assets which were subject to such Disposition or Event of Loss, then the Agent shall deposit such Net Cash Proceeds in the Collateral Account and the Commitments shall not so terminate under this Section to the extent such Net Cash Proceeds are actually reinvested in such similar assets within such 180-day period. Concurrently with any such reinvestment, the Agent shall return the amount of such Net Cash Proceeds to be reinvested to the Company. Promptly after the end of such 180-day period, in the event that the applicable Borrower or Restricted Subsidiary has not reinvested any of such Net Cash Proceeds in such similar assets, the Commitments shall immediately terminate in an amount equal to 100% of such Net Cash Proceeds and the Agent shall promptly apply such Net Cash Proceeds to the payment of all amounts, if any, required by Section 3.5(c) below and release the balance thereof to the Company. In the event and to the extent that any Commitment reduction pursuant to this Section 3.5(b) does not require a prepayment of Loans or prefunding of L/C Obligations pursuant to Section 3.5(c) below, the Agent shall promptly return the Net Cash Proceeds not required for such purpose to the Company.

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(c) Commitment Terminations. The Borrowers shall, on each date the Commitments are reduced pursuant to Section 3.5(b) or 3.6 hereof, prepay the Revolving Loans, Swing Loans, and, if necessary, prefund the L/C Obligations by the amount necessary to reduce the sum of the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Loans, Swing Loans, and L/C Obligations then outstanding to the amount to which the Commitments have been so reduced.

Section 3.6. Voluntary Terminations. The Borrowers shall have the privilege upon five Business Days' prior notice from the Company (which need not be joined in by any Borrower) to the Agent (which shall promptly notify the Lenders) to ratably terminate the Commitments in whole or in part (but if in part then in the amount of \$5,000,000 or such greater amount which is an integral multiple of \$100,000); provided that the Commitments may not be reduced to an amount less than the sum of all Revolving Loans and all L/C Obligations then outstanding unless there is deposited with the Agent as cash collateral for such Revolving Loans and L/C Obligations cash in the amount by which the same exceed the amount of the Commitments. Any termination of the Revolving Commitments below any Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit then in effect shall reduce such Sublimit or Swing Line Sublimit, as applicable, by a like amount. The Agent shall give prompt notice to each Lender of any such termination of the Commitments.

Section 3.7. Place and Application. All payments of principal, interest and fees shall be made to the Agent at its office at 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois (or at such other place as the Agent may specify) in immediately available and freely transferable funds at the place of payment by no later than 12:00 Noon Central Time on the due date thereof or, if such payment is to be made in an Alternative Currency, by no later than 12:00 Noon local time at the place of payment to such office as the Agent has previously specified; provided however that reimbursements of drawings under Letters of Credit shall be made to the Applicable Issuer. Any payments received by the Agent or such Applicable Issuer after such time shall be deemed received as of the opening of business on the next Business Day. All such payments shall be made (i) in U.S. Dollars, in immediately available funds at the place of payment, or (ii) in the case of Revolving Loans or reimbursement of drawings under a Letter of Credit in an Alternative Currency, in such Alternative Currency in such funds then customary for settlement of international transactions in such currency. All such payments shall be made without set-off or counterclaim and without reduction for, and free from, any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, fees, charges, deductions, withholdings, restrictions or conditions of any nature imposed by any government or political subdivision or taxing authority thereof. Except as herein provided, all payments shall be received for the ratable account of the Lenders and shall be distributed by the Agent to the Lenders in accordance with their Percentages on the date the Agent receives payment, or if the Agent receives payment later than 12:00 Noon Central Time, then no later than the next Business Day. Any amount prepaid on the Revolving Credit Notes may, subject to all of the terms and conditions hereof, be borrowed, repaid and borrowed again. Unless the applicable Borrower otherwise requests, each prepayment shall be first applied to such Borrower's Domestic Rate Loans and then to its Eurodollar Loans in the order in which their Interest Periods expire. Any prepayment of Eurodollar Loans shall be accompanied by any amount due the Lenders under Section 2.5 hereof but acceptance of any such prepayment without such a payment being made shall not preclude a later demand by the Lenders for such payment.

Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, all payments and collections received in respect of the Obligations and all proceeds of the Collateral received, in each instance, by the Agent or any of the Lenders after the occurrence of an Event of Default shall be remitted to the Agent and distributed as follows:

(a) first, to the payment of any outstanding costs and expenses incurred by the Agent in monitoring, verifying, protecting, preserving or

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enforcing the Liens on the Collateral or by the Agent in protecting, preserving or enforcing rights under the Loan Documents, and in any event all costs and expenses of a character which the Borrowers have agreed to pay under Section 11.5 hereof (such funds to be retained by the Agent for its own account unless the Agent has previously been reimbursed for such costs and expenses by the Lenders, in which event such amounts shall be remitted to the Lenders to reimburse them for payments theretofore made to the Agent);

(b) second, to the payment of principal and interest on the Swing Note until paid in full;

(c) third, to the payment of any outstanding interest or other fees or amounts due under the Revolving Credit Notes and the other Loan Documents, in each case other than for principal or in reimbursement or collateralization of L/C Obligations, ratably as among the Agent and the Lenders in accord with the amount of such interest and other fees or amounts owing each;

(d) fourth, to the payment of the principal of the Revolving Credit Notes and any unpaid Reimbursement Obligations and to the Agent to be held as collateral security for any other L/C Obligations (until the Agent is holding an amount of cash equal to the then outstanding amount of all such L/C Obligations), and Hedging Liability, the aggregate amount paid to or held as collateral security for the Lenders and, in the case of Hedging Liability, their Affiliates, to be allocated pro rata in accordance with the then aggregate unpaid amounts owing to each holder thereof;

(e) fifth, to the Agent and the Lenders ratably in accordance with the amounts of any other indebtedness, obligations or liabilities of the Borrowers owing to each of them and secured by the Collateral Documents unless and until all such indebtedness, obligations and liabilities have been fully paid and satisfied; and

(f) sixth, to the Company on behalf of the Borrowers (each Borrower hereby agreeing that its recourse for its share of such payment shall be to the Company and not the Agent or any Lender) or whoever else may be lawfully entitled thereto.

Section 3.8. Notations and Requests. All Borrowings made against the Revolving Credit Notes or the Swing Note, the Borrower which made such Borrowings, the rates of interest applicable thereto, the maturity thereof and the currency in which each such Borrowing is denominated, shall be recorded by the Lenders on their books or, at their option in any instance, endorsed on the reverse side of the Revolving Credit Notes or Swing Note, as applicable, and the unpaid principal balances and status, rates and currencies so recorded or endorsed by the Lenders shall be prima facie evidence in any court or other proceeding brought to enforce the Revolving Credit Notes or Swing Note of the principal amount remaining unpaid thereon, the Borrower which made the Borrowings evidenced thereby, the currencies in which such Borrowings are payable, the interest rates applicable thereto and the maturity thereof. Prior to any negotiation of any Revolving Credit Note or Swing Note, the Lender holding such Revolving Credit Note shall endorse thereon the outstanding amount of Borrowings evidenced thereby, the currencies in which the same are payable, the rates of interest applicable thereto and the maturities thereof.

SECTION 4. THE COLLATERAL AND THE GUARANTEES.

Section 4.1. The Collateral. The Obligations and Hedging Liability (i) of the U.S. Borrowers shall be secured by valid and perfected first Liens on all inventory, accounts receivable, equipment and other goods of the U.S. Borrowers and the U.S. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and, subject to the provisions of

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this Section 4.1, all capital stock of all Guarantors, together with all instruments, securities, chattel paper and intangibles of the U.S. Borrowers and the U.S. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and all proceeds of the foregoing, and (ii) of the U.K. Borrowers and the Canadian Borrowers shall be secured by valid and perfected first Liens on all inventory, accounts receivable, equipment and other goods of the U.S. Borrowers, U.K. Borrowers, the Canadian Borrowers, the U.S. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors, the U.K. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and the Canadian Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and, subject to the provisions of this Section 4.1, all capital stock of all Guarantors, together with all instruments, securities, chattel paper and intangibles of the U.S. Borrowers, the U.K. Borrowers, the Canadian Borrowers, the U.S. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors, the U.K. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and the Canadian Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and all proceeds of the foregoing; provided however that unless and until the Required Lenders otherwise elect (i) the Borrowers and the Guarantors shall not be required to note the Agent's Lien on any certificate of title issued for a vehicle or to perfect a Lien on fixtures and (ii) no Guarantor, the fair market value of whose assets aggregate less than \$1,000,000 shall be required to grant Liens on its assets to the Agent, further provided that (i) Liens on those accounts receivable, deferred payments, retained percentages, claims, actions and causes of action arising under contracts of the Guarantors for which bonding companies have provided payment and/or performance bonds and on inventory and materials, supplies, tools, plant and equipment purchased for, installed in, used or acquired for use in the performance of, or allocated to, any such contracts and subcontracts relating to work under such contracts together with all materials embraced therein, may be subject to prior Liens in favor of such bonding companies to secure obligations in connection with such payment and performance bonds, (ii) no Lien need be granted on any asset subject to a lien permitted by Section 7.11(e), (i), (l) (as to Liens on fixed assets only) or (m) (iii) no Lien need be granted on the capital stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or on the capital stock or assets of Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiaries, (iv) no Liens need be granted on real property unless and until the Required Lenders so require, (v) Liens granted may be subject and subordinate to Liens permitted by clauses (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (j), (k), (n), (o) and (q) of Section 7.11 hereof, (vi) Liens need not be perfected by possession or control (but may be perfected by the filing of a financing statement) on notes receivable having a fair value of less than \$1,000,000 in any instance and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate or on bonds or notes pledged to the City of New York in lieu of retainage, (vii) Liens need not be perfected by possession or control (but may be perfected by the filing of a financing statement) on equity securities (other than capital stock of Restricted Subsidiaries to the extent required hereby) having a fair value of less than \$1,000,000 in any instance and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate and (viii) no lien need be granted on any contract, license, permit or franchise, that validly prohibits the creation, attachment, or perfection of a security interest in favor of the Agent of a security interest in such contract, license, permit or franchise (or in any rights or property obtained by such Person under such contract, license, permit or franchise), (ix) no lien need be granted on any rights or property to the extent that any valid and enforceable law or regulation applicable to such rights or property prohibits the creation of a security interest therein, and (x) no lien need be granted on any rights or property to the extent that such rights or property secure purchase money financing therefor permitted by this Credit Agreement and the agreements providing such purchase money financing prohibit the creation of a further security interest therein. The Borrowers agree that they will, and will cause the Guarantors to, from time to time at the request of the Agent or the Required Lenders execute and deliver such documents, security agreements, assignments, pledges, hypothecs or charges and do such acts and things as the Agent or the Required Lenders may reasonably request in order to provide for or perfect such Liens on the Collateral. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the Collateral owned by the U.K Subsidiaries and the Canadian Subsidiaries (including without limitation equity interests in other U.K. Subsidiaries and Canadian

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Subsidiaries) shall secure solely the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of the U.K. Subsidiaries and the Canadian Subsidiaries hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and not the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of the U.S. Borrowers and the U.S. Subsidiaries hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the portion of the capital stock of each U.K. Subsidiary and Canadian Subsidiary owned by a U.S. Corporation and constituting Collateral in excess of 65% of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of such Subsidiary (herein, the "Excess Stock Collateral") shall secure only the indebtedness liabilities and obligations of the Canadian Subsidiaries and/or U.K. Subsidiaries hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. In no event shall the Excess Stock Collateral secure the indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of the U.S. Borrowers or the U.S. Subsidiaries hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Lien need be granted on the capital stock of a captive insurance company or captive surety company if the granting of such Lien would violate applicable law or require the consent of any applicable regulatory body.

Section 4.2. The Guarantees. The Obligations and Hedging Liability (i) of the U.S. Borrowers shall be fully guaranteed by the Company and the U.S. Subsidiaries which are Guarantors and (ii) of the U.K. Borrowers and the Canadian Borrowers shall be fully guaranteed by the Company, the U.S. Subsidiaries, the U.K. Subsidiaries and the Canadian Subsidiaries in each case which are Guarantors. Subject to 4.1, the Required Lenders may from time to time require any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Restricted Subsidiaries which are not Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries and any captive insurance company or captive surety company which is a Restricted Subsidiary) to provide a Guarantee and Liens on its assets in which event the Company shall within 30 days of request cause such Restricted Subsidiary to execute and deliver a Guarantee to the Agent together with such supporting resolutions, opinions and other showings as the Agent may reasonably require.

SECTION 5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

Each Borrower represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders as follows:

Section 5.1. Organization and Qualification. Each Borrower is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (or their equivalents under applicable local law) as a corporation, limited liability company or partnership under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated or organized, as the case may be, has full and adequate power to own its Property and conduct its business as now conducted, and is duly licensed or qualified and in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the failure to be so qualified would have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.2. Subsidiaries. Each Restricted Subsidiary is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (or their equivalents under applicable local law) under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated or organized, as the case may be, has full and adequate power to own its Property and conduct its business as now conducted, and is duly licensed or qualified and in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would have a Material Adverse Effect. As of the date hereof, Schedule 5.2 hereto identifies each Subsidiary, the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, as the case may be, the percentage of issued and outstanding shares of each class of its capital stock or other equity interests owned by the Company and the Subsidiaries and, if such percentage is not 100% (excluding directors' qualifying shares as required by law), a description of each class of its authorized capital stock and other equity interests and the number of shares of each class issued and outstanding and the Company will notify the Agent of any material changes in such information. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock and other equity interests of each Subsidiary are validly issued and outstanding and fully paid and nonassessable (except for the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of the

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State of New York, as to New York Corporations) and all such shares and other equity interests indicated on Schedule 5.2 as owned by the Company or a Subsidiary are as of the date hereof owned, beneficially and of record, by the Company or such Subsidiary free and clear of all Liens not permitted hereby. There are no outstanding commitments or other obligations of any Restricted Subsidiary to issue, and no options, warrants or other rights of any Person to acquire, any shares of any class of capital stock or other equity interests of any Restricted Subsidiary except in favor of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary.

Section 5.3. Corporate Authority and Validity of Obligations. Each Borrower has full right and authority to enter into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, to make the borrowings herein provided for, to issue the Revolving Credit Notes in evidence thereof, to grant to the Agent the Liens provided for in the Collateral Documents being executed by it, and to perform all of its obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents to which it is a party. Each Guarantor has full right and authority to enter into the Loan Documents to which it is a party, to grant to the Agent the Liens provided for in the Collateral Documents executed by it and to perform all of its obligations under such Loan Documents. The Loan Documents have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Borrowers and Guarantors and constitute valid and binding obligations of the Borrowers and Guarantors enforceable in accordance with their terms except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity (regardless of whether the application of such principles is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and this Agreement and the other Loan Documents do not, nor does the performance or observance by any Borrower or Guarantor of any of the matters and things herein or therein provided for, contravene or constitute a default under any provision of law or any judgment, injunction, order or decree binding upon any Borrower or Guarantor or any provision of the charter, articles of incorporation or organization or by-laws of any Borrower or Guarantor or any covenant, indenture or agreement of the Borrowers or Guarantors or affecting any of their Properties, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any Property of the Borrowers or Guarantors.

Section 5.4. Use of Proceeds; Margin Stock. The Borrowers shall use the proceeds of the Revolving Loans and other extensions of credit made available hereunder solely for their general corporate purposes (including ordinary course of business refunding of indebtedness and acquisitions and investments permitted hereunder). Neither the Borrowers nor any Subsidiary is engaged in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System), and no part of the proceeds of any Revolving Loan or any other extension of credit made hereunder will be used to purchase or carry any such margin stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any such margin stock.

Section 5.5. Financial Reports. The consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at December 31, 2001 and the related consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and shareholder's equity of the Company and its subsidiaries for the fiscal year then ended, and accompanying notes thereto, which consolidated financial statements are accompanied by the audit report of Arthur Andersen, LLP, independent public accountants, and the unaudited interim condensed consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its subsidiaries as at June 30, 2002 and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and shareholder's equity of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six (6) months then ended heretofore furnished to the Lenders, fairly present the consolidated financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries as at said dates and the results of their operations and cash flows for the periods then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis, but

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subject, in the case of such interim condensed financial statements on the related notes thereto (the "Notes"), to year end audit adjustments which are not expected to be material. Neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has, to the best of its knowledge, contingent liabilities which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect other than as indicated on such financial statements or, as to each reaffirmation of this sentence's representation and warranty in the future, on the most recent financial statements or the related notes thereto which are to be provided to the Lenders pursuant to Section 7.5 hereof or other than as set forth in that certain Side Letter dated September 26, 2002 from the Company to the Agent (the "Side Letter").

Section 5.6. No Material Adverse Change. Since December 31, 2001, there has been no change in the condition (financial or otherwise) or business prospects of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.7. Full Disclosure. The statements and information furnished by or on behalf of the Borrowers to the Agent and the Lenders through the date hereof in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the commitments by the Lenders to provide all or part of the financing contemplated hereby do not, taken as a whole, contain any untrue statements of a material fact or omit a material fact necessary to make the material statements contained herein or therein not misleading, the Lenders acknowledging that as to any projections furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of the Borrowers, the Borrowers only represent that the same were prepared on the basis of information and estimates the Borrowers believed to be reasonable.

Section 5.8. Good Title. Except to the extent heretofore disclosed on the Schedules to this Agreement or in the Side Letter, the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to their real property and good and merchantable title to the balance of their assets as reflected on the most recent balance sheets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries furnished to the Lenders (except for sales of assets by the Borrowers and their Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business), subject to no Liens other than such thereof as are permitted by Section 7.11 hereof.

Section 5.9. Litigation and Other Controversies. Except as disclosed on Schedule 5.9 hereof or in the Side Letter, there is no litigation or governmental proceeding or labor controversy pending, nor to the knowledge of any Borrower threatened, against the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary which if adversely determined would (a) impair the validity or enforceability of, or impair the ability of any Borrower or Guarantor to perform its obligations under, this Agreement or any other Loan Document or (b) have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.10. Taxes. All tax returns which, to the best knowledge of the Company, are required to be filed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any jurisdiction have, in fact, been filed, and all taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges upon the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or upon any of their respective Properties, income or franchises, which are shown to be due and payable in such returns, have been paid to the extent due. The Borrowers do not know of any material proposed additional tax assessment against them or the Restricted Subsidiaries for which adequate provision in accordance with GAAP has not been made in their respective financial statements. Adequate provisions in accordance with GAAP for taxes on the books of the Company, each other Borrower and each Restricted Subsidiary have been made for all open years, and for its current fiscal period.

Section 5.11. Approvals. No authorization, consent, license, or exemption from, or filing or registration with, any court or governmental department,

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agency or instrumentality, nor any approval or consent of the stockholders of the Borrowers or any other Person, is or will be necessary to the valid execution, delivery or performance by the Borrowers or Guarantors of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, other than the stockholders of Guarantors.

Section 5.12. Affiliate Transactions. No Borrower nor any Restricted Subsidiary is a party to any contract or agreement with any of its Affiliates (other than contracts and agreements between and among the Borrowers and Restricted Subsidiaries) on terms and conditions which are less favorable to such Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary than would be usual and customary in similar contracts or agreements between Persons not affiliated with each other.

Section 5.13. Investment Company; Public Utility Holding Company. No Borrower nor any Subsidiary is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or a "public utility holding company" within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended.

Section 5.14. ERISA. Except to the extent heretofore disclosed in writing to the Lenders, each Borrower and each other member of its Controlled Group has fulfilled its obligations under the minimum funding standards of and is in compliance in all material respects with ERISA and the Code to the extent applicable to it and has not incurred any material liability to the PBGC or a Plan (other than material liabilities arising in the future under a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(c)(3) of ERISA which could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect) under Title IV of ERISA other than a material liability to the PBGC for premiums under Section 4007 of ERISA. As of the date hereof no Borrower nor any Restricted Subsidiary has any contingent liabilities with respect to any post-retirement benefits under a Welfare Plan, other than liability for continuation coverage described in Article 6 of Title I of ERISA.

Section 5.15. Compliance with Laws. Each Borrower and each Restricted Subsidiary is in compliance with the requirements of all federal, governmental (whether national, supra-national or otherwise), state, provincial and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to or pertaining to their Properties or business operations (including, without limitation, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and laws and regulations establishing quality criteria and standards for air, water, land and toxic or hazardous wastes and substances), except for such non-compliance with the same which could not reasonably be expected to have any Material Adverse Effect. No Borrower nor any Restricted Subsidiary has received notice to the effect that its operations are not in compliance with any of the requirements of applicable federal, governmental (whether national, supra-national or otherwise), state, provincial or local environmental, health and safety statutes and regulations or are the subject of any governmental investigation evaluating whether any remedial action is needed to respond to a release of any toxic or hazardous waste or substance into the environment, which non-compliance or remedial action could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.16. Other Agreements. No Borrower nor any Restricted Subsidiary is in default under the terms of any covenant, indenture or agreement of or affecting the Borrowers, any Restricted Subsidiary or any of their Properties, which default if uncured could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.17. No Default. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 6. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.

The obligation of each Lender to advance, continue or convert any Loan

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(other than the continuation of, or conversion into, a Domestic Rate Loan) or of the Issuer to issue, extend the expiration date (including by not giving notice of non-renewal) of or increase the amount of any Letter of Credit under this Agreement, shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

Section 6.1. All Credit Utilizations. The obligation of the Lenders to provide any Borrower with any Credit Utilization (including the first such Credit Utilization) shall be subject to the conditions precedent that as of the time of each such Credit Utilization:

(a) Each of the representations and warranties set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents shall be and remain true and correct as of said time, except to the extent the same expressly relate to an earlier date (in which case such representation and/or warranty shall be true and correct as of such earlier date).

(b) The Borrowers and Guarantors shall be in compliance with all of the terms and conditions hereof and of the other Loan Documents, and no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a result of such Credit Utilization.

(c) After giving effect to such Credit Utilization, (a) the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans, Swing Loans and L/C Obligations (when taken together with the aggregate amount of loans and letters of credit outstanding under the Canadian Facility) shall not exceed the Commitments then in effect, (b) the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Loans made to any Borrower and of L/C Obligations in respect of Letters of Credit issued for such Borrower's account shall not exceed any applicable Sublimit, (c) the aggregate principal amount of Swing Loans outstanding to the Company shall not exceed the Swing Line Sublimit and (d) the aggregate outstanding amount of L/C Obligations shall not exceed the lesser of the Commitments or \$75,000,000.

(d) Such Credit Utilization shall not violate any order, judgment or decree of any court or other authority or any provision of law or regulation applicable to the Agent or any Lender (including, without limitation, Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) as then in effect (the Lenders acknowledging that as of the date hereof they know of none of such other than the restrictions of Regulation U).

(e) In the case of the issuance of any Letter of Credit, the Applicable Issuer shall have received a properly completed Application therefor and, in the case of an extension or increase in the amount of the Letter of Credit, the Applicable Issuer shall have received a written request therefor, in a form acceptable to the Applicable Issuer, with such Application or written request, in each case to be accompanied by the fees required by this Agreement.

(f) In any case in which a Loan is to be made available to a Borrower to enable the acquisition of shares in a company incorporated in England and Wales, the applicable Borrower shall have complied with the provisions of Chapter VI of the Companies Act 1985 (or any statutory re-enactment of that Act) and obtained all such approvals and other matters as are required by that chapter to the satisfaction of the Agent.

(g) In any case in which a Loan is to be made available to a Canadian Borrower, neither the Agent nor any Lender shall have received any order or demand in respect of any one or more of the Canadian Borrowers under Section 224.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) or any similar federal or provincial statute.

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Any request made by or on behalf of the Borrowers to the Agent or an Issuer for a Credit Utilization hereunder shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Section 6.2. Initial Credit Utilization. Before or concurrently with the initial Credit Utilization:

(a) the Agent shall have received for each Lender this Agreement duly executed by the Borrower and the Lenders;

(b) the Agent shall have received for each Lender such Lender's duly executed Notes of the Borrowers dated the date hereof and otherwise in compliance with the provisions hereof;

(c) the Agent shall have received the Collateral Documents duly executed by the Borrowers and the Guarantors, together with (i) original stock certificates or other similar instruments or securities representing substantially all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests in the Restricted Subsidiaries as of the Closing Date, (ii) stock powers for the Collateral consisting of the stock or other equity interest in each Restricted Subsidiary executed in blank and undated, (iii) UCC and PPSA financing statements to be filed against the Borrower and each Subsidiary, as debtor, in favor of the Agent, as secured party, (iv) patent, trademark, and copyright collateral agreements, to the extent requested by the Agent, and (v) deposit account, securities account, and commodity account control agreements to the extent requested by the Agent, in each case to the extent required by Section 4.1 hereof;

(d) the Agent shall have received evidence of insurance required to be maintained under the Loan Documents, naming the Agent as mortgagee and loss payee;

(e) the Agent shall have received for each Lender copies of each Borrower's and each Guarantor's articles of incorporation and bylaws (or comparable organizational documents) and any amendments thereto, certified in each instance by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary;

(f) the Agent shall have received for each Lender copies of resolutions of each Borrower's and each Guarantor's Board of Directors (or similar governing body) authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, together with specimen signatures of the persons authorized to execute such documents on each Borrower's and each Guarantor's behalf, all certified in each instance by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary;

(g) the Agent shall have received for each Lender copies of the certificates of good standing for each Borrower and each Guarantor (dated no earlier than 30 days prior to the date hereof) from the office of the secretary of the state or other applicable governmental office in its incorporation or organization;

(h) the Agent shall have received for each Lender a list of each Borrower's Authorized Representatives;

(i) the Agent shall have received for itself and for the Lenders the initial fees called for by Section 3.2 hereof;

(j) each Lender shall have received such evaluations and certifications as it may reasonably require (including a compliance certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C containing compliance calculations of the financial covenants as of June 30, 2002) in order to

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satisfy itself as to the value of the Collateral, the financial condition of the Borrowers and the Guarantors, and the lack of material contingent liabilities of the Borrowers and the Guarantors;

(k) the Agent shall have received financing statement, tax, and judgment lien search results against the Property of each Borrower and each Guarantor evidencing the absence of Liens on its Property except as permitted by Section 7.11 hereof and searches (in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent) conducted at all relevant registries affecting the Borrowers, the Guarantors or their respective Property and all registrations reasonably required by the Agent in respect of the Liens created under the Collateral Documents shall have been completed;

(l) the Company shall have terminated the Existing Credit Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof;

(m) the Agent shall have received for each Lender the favorable written opinion of counsel to the Borrowers and each Guarantor, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent, and legal opinions of foreign counsel and supporting documentation therefor with respect to, among other things, the liens on capital stock or other equity interests of Foreign Subsidiaries required by Section 4.1 hereof; and

(n) the Agent shall have received for the account of the Lenders such other agreements, instruments, documents, certificates, and opinions as the Agent may reasonably request.

Section 6.3. Post-Closing Matters. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall use its best efforts to satisfy the conditions precedent set forth in Sections 6.2(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (k) and (l) with respect to the U.K. Subsidiaries and Canadian Subsidiaries not later than 30 days following the date hereof. It being understood and agreed that unless and until the Agent determines in its sole discretion foregoing conditions have been satisfied, neither the U.K. Borrowers nor the Canadian Borrowers (or the Company on their behalf) shall be permitted to request Borrowings or Letters of Credit hereunder.

SECTION 7. COVENANTS.

The Borrowers agree that, so long as any credit is available to or in use by or any amount is owing by the Borrowers hereunder, except to the extent compliance in any case or cases is waived in writing by the Required Lenders:

Section 7.1. Maintenance of Business. The Borrowers will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, preserve and keep in force and effect its corporate existence and all leases, licenses and permits necessary to the proper conduct of its and their respective businesses, provided that the foregoing shall not preclude the termination or discontinuance of any of such in connection with a sale or other disposition of substantially all of the assets of the Restricted Subsidiary in question or the merger or dissolution of same in each instance to the extent permitted by Section 7.14 hereof.

Section 7.2. Maintenance of Property. The Borrowers will maintain, preserve and keep their material plant, Properties and equipment used in the conduct of their respective businesses in good repair, working order and condition (ordinary wear and tear excepted), will from time to time make all needful and proper repairs, renewals, replacements, additions and betterments thereto so that at all times the overall efficiency thereof shall be preserved and maintained, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary so to do in respect of its material plant, Properties and equipment.

Section 7.3. Taxes and Assessments. The Borrowers will duly pay and

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discharge, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to duly pay and discharge, all taxes, rates, assessments, fees and governmental charges upon or against the Borrowers or any Restricted Subsidiary or against their respective Properties, in each case before the same become delinquent and before penalties accrue thereon, unless and to the extent that the same are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings which prevent enforcement of the matter under contest and adequate reserves are provided therefor.

Section 7.4. Insurance. The Borrowers will insure and keep insured, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to insure and keep insured, with insurance companies reasonably believed by them to be good and responsible, all insurable Property owned by them which is of a character usually insured by Persons similarly situated and operating like Properties against loss or damage from such hazards and risks, and in such amounts, as are insured by Persons similarly situated and operating like Properties, and the Borrowers will insure, and cause each Restricted Subsidiary to insure, such other hazards and risks (including employers' and public liability risks) with insurance companies reasonably believed by them to be good and responsible as and to the extent usually insured by Persons similarly situated and conducting similar businesses, it being agreed that the foregoing shall not preclude the Borrowers and the Restricted Subsidiaries from directly or indirectly self insuring risks as and to the extent prudent and customary for companies similarly situated. The Borrowers shall in any event maintain insurance on the Collateral to the extent required by the Collateral Documents. The Borrowers will upon request of the Agent furnish a certificate setting forth in summary form the nature and extent of the insurance maintained pursuant to this Section 7.4.

Section 7.5. Financial Reports and Rights of Inspection. The Borrowers shall, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, maintain a system of accounting in accordance with GAAP and shall furnish to the Agent, each Lender and each of their duly authorized representatives such information respecting the business and financial condition of the Borrowers and their Restricted Subsidiaries as the Agent or such Lender may reasonably request; and without any request, shall furnish to the Lenders:

(a) as soon as available, and in any event within forty-five (45) days after the close of each quarterly accounting period of the Company a copy of the condensed consolidated and consolidating balance sheet of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the last day of such period and the condensed consolidated (and consolidating in the case of the statement of operations only) statements of operations for such period and for the fiscal year to date and statements of cash flows and shareholder's equity of the Company and its subsidiaries for the fiscal year to date, each in reasonable detail and showing in comparative form the figures for the corresponding date and period in the previous fiscal year in the case of the condensed consolidated financial statements only, prepared by the Company in accordance with GAAP (subject to year end audit adjustments which are not expected to be material and to the absence of footnotes); provided, however, that (i) consolidated financial statements need not be submitted for the last quarterly accounting period in each fiscal year and (ii) the consolidating balance sheet and consolidating statement of operations called for by this Section 7.5(b) for the last quarterly accounting period in each fiscal year may be submitted concurrently with the submittal of the audited financial statements for such fiscal year called for by Section 7.5(c) hereof;

(b) as soon as available, and in any event within ninety (90) days after the close of each annual accounting period of the Company, a copy of the consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the last day of the period then ended and the consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and shareholder's equity of the Company and its subsidiaries for the period then ended, and accompanying notes thereto,

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each in reasonable detail showing in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, accompanied by an unqualified opinion, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, of Ernst & Young LLP or another firm of independent public accountants of national standing, selected by the Company and reasonably satisfactory to the Required Lenders;

(c) within the period provided in subsection (b) above, the written statement of the accountants who certified the audit report thereby required that in the course of their audit they have obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default, or, if such accountants have obtained knowledge of any such Default or Event of Default, they shall disclose in such statement the nature and period of existence thereof;

(d) as soon as available, and in any event within forty-five (45) days after the close of each quarterly accounting period of the Company, an accounts receivable and accounts payable aging, together with a backlog or work-in-progress report and claims report, each in reasonable detail prepared by the Company;

(e) promptly after receipt of final copies thereof, any additional written reports, management letters or other detailed information contained in writing concerning significant aspects of any Borrower's or any Restricted Subsidiary's operations and financial affairs given to it by its independent public accountants;

(f) as soon as available, and in any event within ninety (90) days following the end of each fiscal year of the Company, a copy of the Company's consolidated and consolidating operating budget for the following fiscal year, such operating budget to show the Company's projected consolidated and consolidating revenues, expenses and net income and to be in reasonable detail prepared by the Company and in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent; and

(g) promptly after knowledge thereof shall have come to the attention of the chief executive or chief financial officer of any Borrower, written notice of (i) any pending litigation or governmental proceeding or labor controversy against any Borrower or Restricted Subsidiary which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) any threatened litigation, governmental proceeding or labor controversy against any Borrower or Restricted Subsidiary which the Company or such Borrower or Restricted Subsidiary in good faith believes could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (iii) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder.

Each of the financial statements furnished to the Lenders pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this Section 7.5 shall be accompanied by a written certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C signed by an Authorized Representative of the Company to the effect that to the best of such officer's knowledge and belief no Default or Event of Default has occurred during the period covered by such statements or, if any such Default or Event of Default has occurred during such period, setting forth a description of such Default or Event of Default and specifying the action, if any, taken by the Company to remedy the same. Such certificate submitted as of the last day of a calendar quarter shall also set forth the calculations supporting such statements in respect of Sections 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9 and 7.13 of this Agreement as well as the calculation of the Applicable Margins.

The Borrowers will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, permit the Agent, the Lenders and their duly authorized representatives to visit and inspect any of the Properties of the Borrowers and Restricted Subsidiaries, to examine all of their books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs,

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finances and accounts with their respective officers, employees and independent public accountants (and by this provision the Borrowers authorize such accountants to discuss with the Lenders (and such Persons as any Lender may designate, subject to reasonable arrangements for confidentiality) the finances and affairs of the Borrowers and the Restricted Subsidiaries) all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested.

Section 7.6. Minimum Net Worth. The Company will at all times maintain Net Worth of not less than the Minimum Required Amount. For purposes of this Section 7.6, the term "Minimum Required Amount" shall mean, as of any time, the sum of (i) \$350,000,000 plus (ii) 50% of Net Income for each fiscal year of the Company (if Net Income for such fiscal year is positive) ending on or after December 31, 2002.

Section 7.7. Leverage Ratio. The Company will as of the last day of each calendar quarter have a Leverage Ratio of not more than (i) 3.0 to 1 during the period from and including the date hereof to and including December 31, 2004 and (ii) 2.75 to 1 thereafter.

Section 7.8. Interest Coverage Ratio. The Company will as of the last day of each calendar quarter have an Interest Coverage Ratio of not less than 2.5 to 1.

Section 7.9. Reserved.

Section 7.10. Indebtedness for Borrowed Money. The Borrowers shall not, nor shall they permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, issue, incur, assume, create or have outstanding any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not restrict nor operate to prevent:

(a) the Obligations;

(b) long-term secured indebtedness of the Borrowers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 at any one time outstanding on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Required Lenders including without limitation that the holders of such indebtedness have entered into an intercreditor agreement with the Agent in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Required Lenders;

(c) the obligations listed and described on Schedule 7.10 attached hereto and guarantees specifically permitted by Section 7.12 hereof;

(d) (i) indebtedness of the Canadian Subsidiaries arising under the Canadian Facility and guaranties thereof by the Company and other Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) unless and until the initial credit utilization under the Canadian Facility, indebtedness of the Canadian Subsidiaries aggregating not more than \$10,000,000 at any one time outstanding and guarantees of up to \$5,000,000 thereof by the Company and Restricted Subsidiaries;

(e) Indebtedness of the Company to Restricted Subsidiaries, of Restricted Subsidiaries to the Company and of Restricted Subsidiaries to Restricted Subsidiaries provided that (i) indebtedness of EMCOR U.K. Limited and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be limited to \$50,000,000 at any one time outstanding, (ii) indebtedness of the Canadian Subsidiaries and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be limited to \$25,000,000 at any one time outstanding and (iii) the aggregate amount of such indebtedness of Restricted Subsidiaries which Indebtedness for Borrowed Money is permitted solely by Section 7.10(k) hereof shall not exceed \$10,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(f) obligations consisting of deferred payment obligations of the

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Company and any of the Restricted Subsidiaries for insurance premiums or incurred by Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of funds borrowed for the payment of such premiums in either case in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;

(g) Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiaries and Nesma EMCOR Company Ltd. (and guarantees thereof by the Company, EMCOR International, Inc. and Restricted Subsidiaries of EMCOR International, Inc.) and guarantees of or incurrence of liability for letters of credit supporting Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of Persons in which the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries are permitted to invest pursuant to subsections (n) and (o) of Section 7.12; provided that the aggregate amount of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money so permitted to be incurred, guaranteed or supported pursuant to the provisions of this subsection (g) shall not exceed \$25,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(h) Indebtedness for Borrowed Money in addition to that otherwise permitted hereunder; provided that at the time of incurrence of such indebtedness and after giving effect thereto the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred during the twelve-month period ended on the date of the incurrence in question and permitted solely by this Section 7.10(h) does not exceed 2.0% of the arithmetic average of the unrealized revenue from contracts in progress of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (computed in accord with the past practice of the Company) as of the last day of each of the four calendar quarters most recently ended prior to the date of the computation in question;

(i) liabilities in respect of letters of credit not otherwise permitted by this Section 7.10 if payment of such letters of credit is fully supported by a Letter of Credit;

(j) indebtedness under Interest Rate Protection and Other Hedging Agreements entered into to hedge a risk of the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries and not for speculation;

(k) indebtedness of any Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets of such Person and not incurred in contemplation of such Person being acquired or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or such assets being acquired provided the aggregate amount of such indebtedness permitted pursuant to this Section 7.10(k) shall not exceed \$20,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(l) any renewals, extensions or replacements of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money permitted under this Section 7.10 in an aggregate amount not in excess of the Indebtedness for Borrowed Money being renewed, extended or replaced;

(m) Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of District Chilled General Partnership, provided that the aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness permitted under this Section 7.10(m) shall not exceed \$75,000,000 at any one time outstanding; and

(n) obligations arising out of agreements with respect to the issuance of credit cards or debit cards to employees of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary for use in connection with the business and affairs of such entities.

(o) obligations arising out of agreements with respect to the execution or processing of electronic transfer of funds by automatic clearing house transfer, wire transfer, or otherwise to or from any deposit

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account of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, the acceptance for deposit or the honoring for payment of any check, draft, or other item with respect to any such deposit accounts, and other deposit disbursement, and cash management services afforded to the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary.

Section 7.11. Liens. The Borrowers shall not, nor shall they permit the Restricted Subsidiaries to, create, incur or permit to exist any Lien of any kind on any Property owned by the Borrowers or any Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to nor operate to prevent:

(a) Liens arising by statute in connection with worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, old age benefits, social security obligations, taxes, assessments, statutory obligations or other similar charges, good faith cash deposits in connection with the foregoing or in connection with tenders, contracts or leases to which the Borrowers or any of their Restricted Subsidiaries are a party or other cash deposits required to be made in the ordinary course of business, provided in each case that the obligation is not for borrowed money and that the obligation secured is not overdue or, if overdue, is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings which prevent enforcement of the matter under contest and adequate reserves have been established therefor;

(b) mechanics', workmen's, materialmen's, landlords', carriers', or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business with respect to obligations which are not due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings which prevent enforcement of the matter under contest;

(c) the pledge of assets for the purpose of securing an appeal, stay or discharge in the course of any legal proceeding, provided that the aggregate amount of liabilities of the Borrowers and their Restricted Subsidiaries secured by a pledge of assets permitted under this subsection, including interest and penalties thereon, if any, shall not be in excess of \$5,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(d) the Liens granted in favor of the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders pursuant to the Collateral Documents;

(e) Liens on Property of the Borrowers or of any Restricted Subsidiaries created solely for the purpose of securing indebtedness permitted by Section 7.10(h) hereof representing or incurred to finance, refinance or refund the purchase price of such Property or representing the interest of the lessor under a Capital Lease, provided that no such Lien shall extend to or cover other Property of the Borrowers or any Restricted Subsidiary other than the respective Property so acquired, and the principal amount of indebtedness secured by any such Lien shall at no time exceed the original purchase price of such Property;

(f) Liens on the stock and assets of the Canadian Subsidiaries securing the indebtedness permitted by Section 7.10(e) hereof and liens on assets of the Company and other Restricted Subsidiaries securing the Canadian Facility;

(g) Liens in favor of bonding companies and their affiliates to the extent described in clause (i) of the second proviso of Section 4.1 hereof;

(h) rights of subrogation and similar rights of issuers of surety bonds and unperfected lien rights of such issuers to assets associated with projects which they have bonded;

(i) restrictions on the disbursement or withdrawal of funds deposited

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by Restricted Subsidiaries in bank accounts maintained by them in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice which are maintained in connection with specific construction projects or contracts from which payments and disbursements with respect to such contracts or projects are to be made;

(j) Liens on insurance policies arising in connection with the deferred payment of premiums or the financing thereof in the ordinary course of business;

(k) Liens consisting of cash collateral deposits made in connection with the insurance programs of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and liens on up to (pound)135,000 of cash collateral securing reimbursement obligations owing to Barclays Bank in connection with demand performance bonds which it has issued and rights of a depository bank to offset balances in any account maintained with it by a Subsidiary incorporated under the laws of United Kingdom against debit balances in any other account maintained with it by such Subsidiary or any other U.K. Subsidiary (it being acknowledged by the Lenders that such rights of offset shall be superior to any rights they may have in and to such accounts or the balances as are from time to time standing on deposit therein);

(l) Liens existing on any property of a corporation at the time such corporation becomes a Restricted Subsidiary which Liens were not created, incurred or assumed in contemplation thereof, provided that no such Liens shall extend to or cover any other property of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(m) the Liens listed and described on Schedule 7.11 attached hereto;

(n) any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements) of Liens permitted by this Section 7.11 without any increase in the amount of indebtedness secured thereby or in the assets subject to such Liens;

(o) Liens on assets of Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiaries securing indebtedness thereof permitted by Section 7.10 hereof or securing Performance Guarantees;

(p) pari passu Liens on the Collateral created solely for the purpose of securing indebtedness permitted by Section 7.10(b) hereof; and

(q) liens on deposits provided in connection with long-term maintenance contracts of facilities Borrowers and Restricted Subsidiaries located in the United Kingdom relating to United Kingdom private finance initiatives.

Section 7.12. Investments, Acquisitions, Loans, Advances and Guarantees. The Borrowers shall not, nor shall they permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, make, retain or have outstanding any investments (whether through purchase of stock or obligations or otherwise) in, or loans or advances (other than for relocation and travel advances and other loans made to employees in the ordinary course of business) to, any other Person, or acquire all or any substantial part of the assets or business of any other Person or division thereof, or be or become liable as endorser, guarantor, surety or otherwise for any debt, obligation or undertaking of any other Person (other than of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary), or otherwise agree to provide funds for payment of the obligations of another, or supply funds thereto or invest therein or otherwise assure a creditor of another against loss, or apply for or become liable to the issuer of a letter of credit which supports an obligation of another, or subordinate any claim or demand it may have to the claim or demand of any other Person; provided, however, that the foregoing shall

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not apply to nor operate to prevent:

(a) investments in direct obligations of the United States of America or of any agency or instrumentality thereof whose obligations constitute full faith and credit obligations of the United States of America, provided that any such obligations shall mature within one year of the date of issuance thereof;

(b) investments in commercial paper maturing within 270 days of the date of issuance thereof which has been accorded one of the two highest ratings available from the Standard & Poor's Ratings Group of McGraw Hill Companies, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any other nationally recognized credit rating agency of similar standing providing similar ratings;

(c) investments in money market funds which in turn invest primarily in investments of the types described in clauses (a), b and (d) of this Section 7.12;

(d) investments in certificates of deposit issued by any commercial bank organized under the laws of Canada or the United States or (as to investments of EMCOR U.K. Limited and its Subsidiaries) the United Kingdom in each case having capital, surplus and undivided profits of not less than \$500,000,000 or by any Lender in each case maturing within one year from the date of issuance thereof or in Eurodollar time deposits maturing not more than one year from the date of acquisition thereof placed with any Lender or other such commercial bank (to the extent investments in certificates of deposit issued by such other bank are permitted by this subsection) or in banker's acceptances endorsed by any Lender or other such commercial bank (to the extent investments in certificates of deposit issued by such other bank are permitted by this subsection) and maturing within nine months of the date of acceptance;

(e) endorsement of items for deposit or collection of commercial paper received in the ordinary course of business;

(f) the investments, loans, advances and guarantees listed and described on Schedule 7.12 attached hereto;

(g) the Guarantees and guarantees referred to in and permitted by Section 7.10 hereof;

(h) (i) an amount equal to all investments of the Company and Restricted Subsidiaries as of September 26, 2002 in, and present loans and advances by the Company and Restricted Subsidiaries to, Unrestricted Subsidiaries and (ii) future investments in, and loans and advances, (including subordinated loans) to, Unrestricted Subsidiaries for asset preservation and to preserve existing operations aggregating not more than \$1,500,000 at any one time outstanding;

(i) Loans and advances (including subordinated loans and advances) between the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries if and to the extent that the corresponding indebtedness is permitted by Section 7.10 hereof; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of loans and advances by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries to Restricted Subsidiaries which are not Guarantors shall not exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time outstanding;

(j) Permitted Acquisitions and investments in Strategic Ventures organized within and conducting more than fifty percent of their business in the United States of America ("Domestic Strategic Ventures"), so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default exists or would exist after giving

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effect to the Permitted Acquisition or investment in question, (ii) the total amount expended by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries for any such Permitted Acquisition or investment does not exceed \$100,000,000 unless the Required Lenders otherwise agree in writing, (iii) the aggregate amount of all investments by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in Domestic Strategic Ventures which do not constitute Restricted Subsidiaries that are also Guarantors shall not exceed \$100,000,000 made during the term of this Agreement unless the Required Lenders otherwise agree in writing, and (iv) the total amount expended by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries on account of all such Permitted Acquisitions and investments shall not exceed \$300,000,000 during the term of this Agreement unless the Required Lenders otherwise agree in writing (provided, that this limitation shall not apply to any single acquisition unrelated to any other acquisition or series of acquisitions, the total amount expended for which does not exceed \$25,000,000); provided that (i) the portion of the consideration for any acquisition which is payable in capital stock of the Company shall be excluded from the foregoing calculations, (ii) indebtedness of the Persons acquired which indebtedness exists at the time of acquisition shall not be treated as an amount expended by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with the acquisition unless such indebtedness was incurred in contemplation of the acquisition and (iii) payments made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary on account of an acquisition paid subsequent to the consummation of the acquisition in question and where the payment in question is contingent upon the earnings, profits, net cash flow or other measure of profitability or success of the Person acquired shall be treated as amounts expended by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary on account of such acquisition only when paid or when the amount to be paid has become fixed and determined, whichever first occurs, and such amounts shall count against the limitations on the amount which the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may subsequently expend on account of acquisitions and investments in Domestic Strategic Ventures for purposes of this Section 7.12(j) but shall not otherwise be deemed to constitute a breach of this Section 7.12(j) in the event that such amounts, together with amounts theretofore expended on account of acquisitions and investments, would exceed the dollar limits set forth herein; provided further that nothing in this Section 7.12(j) shall supersede the restrictions of 7.12(i) or 7.12(p) hereof with respect to loans and advances to and investments in Restricted Subsidiaries which are not Guarantors;

(k) acquisitions of assets (including stock, notes and other evidences of indebtedness) and subordinations of claims as a part of good faith collection efforts on doubtful accounts;

(l) Performance Guarantees;

(m) notes and other deferred payment obligations (other than general partnership and similar interests) acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with the sale or other disposition of assets permitted hereby;

(n) investments of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary made in the ordinary course of business in connection with joint ventures, Persons or other similar pooling of efforts in respect to a specific project or series of related specific projects for a limited or fixed duration and formed to conduct business of the type in which the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is presently engaged and guarantees of obligations of, and incurrence of liabilities in respect of letters of credit for, such joint ventures or Persons;

(o) investments or acquisitions of interests in Strategic Ventures organized outside of the United States of America and conducting more than

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50% of their business outside of the United States ("Foreign Strategic Ventures"), provided that the aggregate amount so invested or expended subsequent to September 26, 2002 in connection with any given Foreign Strategic Venture shall not exceed \$20,000,000 unless the Required Lenders otherwise agree in writing;

(p) the present investment of the Company and Restricted Subsidiaries in Restricted Subsidiaries, the present and future investment of Restricted Subsidiaries in the Company and future investments by the Company and Restricted Subsidiaries in Restricted Subsidiaries or in a Restricted Subsidiary formed as a captive insurer or surety company; provided, however, that the aggregate amount of investments by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in Restricted Subsidiaries which are not Guarantors shall not exceed \$25,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(q) investments by Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiaries in short term high quality investments which are regarded in their countries of domicile as being similar in type and used for similar purposes to those described in clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Section 7.12;

(r) guarantees by any Person outstanding at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or in connection with the acquisition of assets of such Person and outstanding at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary and not in either case incurred in contemplation of such Person being acquired or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or such assets being acquired; provided that the aggregate amount of indebtedness guaranteed by such Person pursuant to guarantees permitted solely by this Section 7.12(r) when aggregated with the amount of indebtedness permitted solely by Section 7.10(k) hereof shall not exceed \$20,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(s) contingent obligations arising from the issuance of performance guarantees, assurances, indemnities, bonds, letters of credit, or similar agreements in the ordinary course of business in respect of the contracts (other than contracts for Indebtedness for Borrowed Money) of Nesma EMCOR Company Ltd. for the benefit of surety companies or for the benefit of others to induce such others to forgo the issuance of a surety bond in their favor;

(t) Third Party Performance Guarantees existing on the date of the Monumental Acquisition;

(u) Guarantees by the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries of the Indebtedness for Borrowed Money permitted by Section 7.10(m) hereof in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$75,000,000 at any one time outstanding; provided, however, that to the extent the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary is solely liable (rather than jointly and severally liable together with the other partners (and/or their respective Affiliates) in District) as guarantor of any of such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money, the amount of such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money for which the Company and/or such Restricted Subsidiary is solely liable shall not in any event exceed two thirds of that portion of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of District which is solely guaranteed by the other partners (and/or their respective Affiliates) in District;

(v) loans and advances made by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to vendors, suppliers and contractors in the ordinary course of its business in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$5,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(w) lease, utility and other similar deposits arising in the ordinary course of the Company's or any Restricted Subsidiary's business;

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(x) investments not otherwise permitted by this Section 7.12 in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$25,000,000 at any one time outstanding; and

(y) additional investments in District in an amount not in excess of \$4,000,000.

In determining the amount of investments, acquisitions, loans, advances and guarantees permitted under this Section 7.12, investments and acquisitions shall always be taken at the original cost thereof (regardless of any subsequent appreciation or depreciation therein), loans and advances shall be taken at the principal amount thereof then remaining unpaid, and guarantees shall be taken at the amount of obligations guaranteed thereby.

Section 7.13. Capital and Certain other Restricted Expenditures. The Borrowers will not, nor will they permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, make, or (without duplication) become obligated to make, any Capital Expenditure (other than Capital Expenditures which constitute Permitted Acquisitions and investments permitted by Section 7.12(j), (n) or (o) hereof) or apply for a letter of credit (whether hereunder or otherwise) supporting an obligation of any Strategic Venture described in Section 7.12(o) or guarantee any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of any such Strategic Venture, if after giving effect thereto the aggregate amount expended (other than in the form of capital stock of the Company) for such purposes during the twelve-month period ending on the date of the expenditure in question when taken together with the face amount of such letters of credit issued during such period and such indebtedness so guaranteed incurred during such period, would exceed the sum of (i) 2.00% of the arithmetic average of the unrealized revenue from contracts in progress of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (computed in accord with the past practice of the Company) as of the last day of each of the four calendar quarters most recently completed prior to the computation in question, (ii) the net cash proceeds received by the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries during the same period from sales of assets (including stock of Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by Sections 7.14 and/or 7.15 hereof but excluding sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business) and (iii) the maximum amount of dividends which the Company could pay under Section 7.16 as of the date of the expenditure or application in question.

Section 7.14. Mergers, Consolidations and Sales. The Company shall not, nor shall it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, be a party to any merger, consolidation or dissolution, or sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any substantial part of the Property of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, including any disposition of Property as part of a sale and leaseback transaction (unless such transaction would be permitted had it been structured as a purchase money mortgage or Capital Lease and is treated as such for purposes of this Agreement), or in any event sell or discount (with or without recourse) any of its notes or accounts receivable (other than sales of accounts receivable by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries to any Restricted Subsidiary, sale and leaseback transactions between the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and any Restricted Subsidiary and sales or discounts of doubtful accounts or notes taken in satisfaction of same); provided, however, that this Section 7.14 shall not apply to nor operate to prevent the Borrowers or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries from selling their inventory in the ordinary course of its business or from selling equipment which is obsolete, worn out, or no longer needed for the operation of the business of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries or which is promptly replaced with equipment of at least equal utility nor shall the foregoing prohibit (i) mergers of Restricted Subsidiaries with and into the Company and sales by Restricted Subsidiaries of all or substantially all of their assets to the Company, (ii) mergers of Restricted Subsidiaries with each other and sales of all or substantially all of the assets of a Restricted Subsidiary to another Restricted

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Subsidiary provided in each case that if either of the two Restricted Subsidiaries in question is a Guarantor, the survivor of the transaction in question remains a Guarantor and all such actions are taken as the Agent requires to preserve its Liens on the Collateral, (iii) the dissolution or liquidation of any Restricted Subsidiary whose activities are no longer, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company, necessary for the operation of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, provided always that no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or will result therefrom and if the Restricted Subsidiary to be dissolved or liquidated is a Guarantor, all of its assets remaining after the dissolution or liquidation in question are transferred to another Guarantor and all such actions, if any, are taken as the Agent may reasonably require in order to insure that it has a Lien on the assets so transferred of the priority required by Section 4.1 hereof. The term "substantial" as used herein shall mean the sale, transfer, lease or other disposition of assets of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiaries, whether in one or a series of transactions having a value when aggregated with the value of assets of all other sales, transfers, leases or other dispositions during the period from and including the date hereof to and including the date of such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition, would exceed 10% of the book value of assets of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date. The Agent shall release its Lien on any Property sold pursuant to the foregoing provisions if no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom.

Section 7.15. Maintenance of Restricted Subsidiaries. The Borrowers shall not assign, sell or transfer, or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue, assign, sell or transfer, any shares of capital stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary); provided that the foregoing shall not operate to prevent (i) the issuance, sale and transfer to any person of any shares of capital stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (a) for the purpose of qualifying, and to the extent legally necessary to qualify, such person as a director of such Subsidiary or (b) solely for the purpose of permitting such Subsidiary to carry on a licensed business or (ii) the sale of all or a minority interest in the capital stock of a Restricted Subsidiary if but only if (a) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or will result from the sale of same, (b) the sale of such capital stock is not a sale of a substantial part of the assets of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole (as the term "substantial" is defined in Section 7.14 hereof), (c) the Board of Directors of the Company has determined that the continued ownership of the Restricted Subsidiary (or the minority interest therein to be disposed of) in question is no longer appropriate in light of the then needs and strategic objectives of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole and (d) in the case of the sale of all the Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary all indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary is paid in full, and all guarantees or other support undertakings provided by the Company or other Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of such disposed Restricted Subsidiary are discharged, concurrently with the sale in question, provided that then existing Performance Guarantees or guaranties in respect of surety bonds with respect to such a Restricted Subsidiary need not be so discharged as to jobs which commenced prior to the completion of such sale. Concurrently with the sale of all of the capital stock of a Restricted Subsidiary permitted hereby, the Agent is authorized and directed to release any Guarantee provided by such Restricted Subsidiary and any Lien on the stock or assets of such Restricted Subsidiary and such entity shall no longer constitute a Restricted Subsidiary hereunder. Except as set forth in the Side Letter, the Borrowers shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to enter into any contract or agreement after the date hereof prohibiting or restricting such Restricted Subsidiary from paying dividends or making loans and advances to the Company except in the case of a Restricted Subsidiary formed or acquired to be a captive insurer or a captive surety.

Section 7.16. Dividends and Certain Other Restricted Payments. The Company

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will not during any fiscal year (a) declare or pay any dividends on or make any other distributions in respect of any class or series of its capital stock (except for dividends payable solely in its capital stock) or (b) directly or indirectly purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire any of its capital stock or any options or warrants therefor except out of the net proceeds of a substantially concurrent issuance and sale of capital stock or options or warrants therefor (collectively, "Restricted Payments") if after giving effect thereto (i) the aggregate amount expended for all such purposes subsequent to June 30, 2002 would exceed the difference between (x) \$50,000,000 plus (but not minus in the case of a deficit) 50% of Net Income for the period (taken as a single accounting period) from July 1, 2002 to the last day of the calendar quarter most recently completed prior to the Restricted Payment in question and (y) any portion of the amount computed pursuant to clause (x) hereof which was used to justify a transaction under Section 7.13 pursuant to clause (iii) thereof and (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Section 7.17. ERISA. The Borrowers shall, and shall cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, promptly pay and discharge all obligations and liabilities arising under ERISA of a character which if unpaid or unperformed might result in the imposition of a Lien against any of their Properties. The Borrowers shall, and shall cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, promptly notify the Agent and each Lender of (i) the occurrence of any reportable event (as defined in ERISA) with respect to any employee benefit plan subject to Title IV of ERISA (other than a multiemployer plan) sponsored or contributed to by either of the Borrowers or any member of the Controlled Group (a "Plan") with respect to which the PBGC has neither waived the 30 day reporting requirement nor issued a public announcement that the penalty applicable to a failure to report will not apply, (ii) receipt of any notice from the PBGC of its intention to seek termination of any Plan or appointment of a trustee therefor, (iii) its intention to terminate any Plan or withdraw from any multiemployer plan if such termination or withdrawal could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (iv) the occurrence of any other event with respect to any Plan which would result in the incurrence by the Borrowers or any of their Restricted Subsidiaries of any material liability, fine or penalty, or any material increase in the contingent liability of the Borrowers or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to any post-retirement Welfare Plan benefit which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 7.18. Compliance with Laws. The Company shall, and shall cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, comply in all respects with the requirements of all foreign (whether national, supra-national or otherwise), federal, state, provincial, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders applicable to or pertaining to their Properties or business operations, non-compliance with which could have a Material Adverse Effect or could result in a Lien upon any of their Property material to the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Section 7.19. Burdensome Contracts With Affiliates. The Company shall not, nor shall it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any contract, agreement or business arrangement with any of its Affiliates (other than with or among Restricted Subsidiaries and the Company) on terms and conditions which are less favorable to the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary than would be usual and customary in similar contracts, agreements or business arrangements between Persons not affiliated with each other.

Section 7.20. No Changes in Fiscal Year. The Company shall not change its fiscal year from its present basis without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders.

Section 7.21. Formation of Subsidiaries. The Company will not, and will not

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permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, form or acquire any Subsidiary except in connection with acquisitions permitted by Section 7.12 hereof and the formation of new subsidiaries if in any such case and in either such instance the newly formed or acquired Subsidiary shall, if the Required Lenders so request and to the extent required by this Agreement, execute and deliver a Guarantee and grant Liens on its assets of the priority required by Section 4.1 hereof (and provide the Agent with such documentation therefore and such supporting documentation, including opinions of counsel, as it may reasonably request). Each Subsidiary acquired or formed pursuant hereto shall constitute a Restricted Subsidiary unless the Required Lenders otherwise agree in writing.

Section 7.22. Change in the Nature of Business. The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, engage in any business or activity if as a result the general nature of the business of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries would be changed in any material respect from the general nature of the business engaged in by the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries on the date of this Agreement.

Section 7.23. Use of Proceeds of Initial Credit Utilization. The Borrowers shall use the proceeds of the initial Credit Utilization hereunder to the extent necessary to repay all indebtedness, obligations and liabilities outstanding under the Existing Agreement.

SECTION 8. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.

Section 8.1. Events of Default. Any one or more of the following shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder:

(a) default in the payment when due of all or any part of the principal of the Revolving Credit Notes (whether at the stated maturity thereof or at any other time provided for in this Agreement) or of any Reimbursement Obligation and any such default continues for 1 Business Day after notice thereof from the Agent to the Company;

(b) default in the payment when due of all or part of the interest on any Revolving Credit Note (whether the stated maturity thereof or at any other time provided for in this Agreement) or of any fee or other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document and any such default continues for 5 Business Days after notice thereof from the Agent to the Company;

(c) default in the observance or performance of any covenant set forth in Sections 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 7.13, 7.14, 7.15, or 7.16 hereof or of any provision in any Loan Document dealing with the maintenance of insurance on the Collateral;

(d) default in the observance or performance of any other provision hereof or of any other Loan Document which is not remedied within thirty days after the earlier of (i) the date on which such failure shall first become known to any officer of the Company or (ii) written notice thereof to the Company by the Agent;

(e) any representation or warranty made herein or in any of the other Loan Document or in any certificate furnished to the Agent or the Lenders pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection with any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby proves untrue in any material respect as of the date of the issuance or making thereof;

(f) any event occurs or condition exists (other than those described in subsections (a) through (d) above) which is specified as an event of default under any of the other Loan Documents and any period of grace applicable thereto shall have elapsed, or any of the Loan Documents shall

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for any reason not be or shall cease to be in full force and effect, or any of the Loan Documents is declared to be null and void, or any of the Collateral Documents shall for any reason fail to create a valid and perfected Lien in favor of the Agent in any material amount of Collateral purported to be covered thereby of the priority required by Section 4.1 hereof;

(g) default shall occur under any evidence of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money aggregating in excess of \$10,000,000 issued, assumed or guaranteed by any of the Borrowers or any Restricted Subsidiary or under any indenture, agreement or other instrument under which the same may be issued, and such default shall continue for a period of time sufficient to permit the acceleration of the maturity of any such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money (whether or not such maturity is in fact accelerated) without being waived or any such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money shall not be paid when due (whether by demand, lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise);

(h) any judgment or judgments, writ or writs or warrant or warrants of attachment, or any similar process or processes in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500,000 (provided, that in determining such \$500,000 amount there shall be deducted therefrom the amount which is covered by insurance from any insurer which has acknowledged its liability thereon) shall be entered or filed against the Borrowers or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries or against any of the Property or assets of any of them and remains undischarged, unvacated, unbonded or unstayed for a period of thirty days;

(i) any party obligated on any Guarantee shall purport to disavow, revoke, discontinue, repudiate or terminate such Guarantee or such Guarantee shall otherwise cease to have force or effect;

(j) any Change of Control occurs;

(k) any Borrower, Guarantor or Restricted Subsidiary (other than a Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiary) shall (i) have entered involuntarily against it an order for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code, as amended, the Canadian Bankruptcy Code, as amended, or any analogous action is taken under any other applicable law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, (ii) not pay, admit in writing its inability to pay, or be deemed under applicable law not to be able to pay, its debts generally as they become due, (iii) make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iv) apply for, seek, consent to, or acquiesce in, the appointment of a receiver, receiver-manager, receiver and manager, interim receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, custodian, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official for it or any substantial part of its Property, (v) institute any proceeding seeking to have entered against it an order for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code, as amended, or the Canadian Bankruptcy Code, as amended to adjudicate it insolvent, or seeking dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors or fail to file an answer or other pleading denying the material allegations of any such proceeding filed against it, or (vi) fail to contest in good faith any appointment or proceeding described in Section 8.1(l) hereof; or

(l) a custodian, receiver, receiver-manager, receiver and manager, interim receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official shall be appointed for any Borrower, Guarantor or Restricted Subsidiary (other than a Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiary) or any substantial part of any of their Property, or a proceeding described in Section 8.1(k)(v) shall be

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instituted against any Borrower, Guarantor or Restricted Subsidiary (other than a Designated Foreign Restricted Subsidiary), and such appointment continues undischarged or such proceeding continues undismissed or unstayed for a period of sixty days.

Section 8.2. Non-Bankruptcy Defaults. When any Event of Default described in subsections 8.1(a) to 8.1(j), both inclusive, has occurred and is continuing, the Agent shall, upon request of the Required Lenders by notice to the Company, take any or all of the following actions:

(a) terminate the obligation of the Lenders to extend any further credit hereunder on the date (which may be the date thereof) stated in such notice; and

(b) declare the principal of and the accrued interest on the Revolving Credit Notes to be forthwith due and payable and thereupon the Revolving Credit Notes, including both principal and interest, and all fees, charges, commissions and other Obligations payable hereunder, shall be and become immediately due and payable without further demand, presentment, protest or notice of any kind.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agent, upon request of the Required Lenders, shall be entitled to realize upon and enforce all of its rights and remedies under the Collateral Documents and proceed by any other action, suit, remedy or proceeding as authorized or permitted by this Agreement, the Collateral Documents or at law or in equity.

Section 8.3. Bankruptcy Defaults. When any Event of Default described in subsection 8.1(k) or 8.1(l) has occurred and is continuing, then the unpaid balance of the Revolving Credit Notes, including both principal and interest, and all fees, charges, commissions and other Obligations payable hereunder, shall immediately become due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind, and the obligation of the Lenders to extend further credit pursuant to any of the terms hereof shall immediately terminate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agent, upon request of the Required Lenders, shall be entitled to realize upon and enforce all of its rights and remedies under the Collateral Documents and proceed by any other action, suit, remedy or proceeding and authorized or permitted by this Agreement, the Collateral Documents or at law or in equity.

Section 8.4. Collateral for Undrawn Letters of Credit. (a) If and when (x) any Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in subsections (k) or (l) of Section 8.1, has occurred and is continuing, the Borrowers shall, upon demand of the Agent, and (y) any Event of Default described in subsections (k) or (l) of Section 8.1 has occurred or (z) any Letter of Credit is outstanding on the Termination Date (whether or not any Event of Default has occurred), the Borrowers shall, without notice or demand from the Agent, either (i) immediately pay to the Agent the full amount of each Letter of Credit to be held by the Agent as provided in subsection (b) below or (ii) provide a back-up letter of credit for the benefit of the Agent in a stated amount equal to the full amount of all Letters of Credit then outstanding which letter of credit shall give the Agent the unconditional right to make drawings thereunder upon receipt of a drawing request under any Letter of Credit and otherwise be in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent and issued by an issuer satisfactory to the Agent in its sole discretion, the Borrowers agreeing to immediately make each such payment or provide such back-up letter of credit and acknowledging and agreeing the Agent would not have an adequate remedy at law for failure of the Borrowers to honor any such demand and that the Agent shall have the right to require the Borrowers to specifically perform such undertaking whether or not any draws had been made under the Letters of Credit.

(b) All amounts prepaid pursuant to subsection (a) above or paid over

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to the Agent pursuant to Section 3.5(b) hereof shall be held by the Agent in one or more separate collateral accounts (each such account, and the credit balances, properties and any investments from time to time held therein, and any substitutions for such account, any certificate of deposit or other instrument evidencing any of the foregoing and all proceeds of and earnings on any of the foregoing being collectively called the "Collateral Account") as security for, and for application by the Agent (to the extent available) (i) with respect to amounts prepaid pursuant to subsection (a) above, to the reimbursement of any payment under any Letter of Credit then or thereafter made by the Agent, and to the payment of the unpaid balance of any Loans and all other Obligations or (ii) with respect to amounts paid over to the Agent pursuant to Section 3.5(b) hereof, as set forth in Section 3.5(b), as applicable. The Account shall be held in the name of and subject to the exclusive dominion and control of the Agent for the benefit of the Agent, the Lenders and the Applicable Issuer. If and when requested by the Borrower, the Agent shall invest funds held in the Collateral Account from time to time in direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America with a remaining maturity of one year or less, provided that the Agent is irrevocably authorized to sell investments held in the Collateral Account when and as required to make payments out of the Collateral Account for application to amounts due and owing from any Borrower to the Applicable Issuer, the Agent or the Lenders; provided, however, that if (i) the Borrowers shall have made payment of all such obligations referred to in subsection (a) above or Section 3.5(b), as applicable, (ii) all relevant preference or other disgorgement periods relating to the receipt of such payments have passed, and (iii) with respect to amounts prepaid pursuant to subsection (a) above only, no Letters of Credit, Commitments, Loans or other Obligations remain outstanding hereunder (other than unasserted indemnity obligations which survive the termination hereof), then the Agent shall release to the Company any remaining amounts held in the Collateral Account.

SECTION 9. DEFINITIONS INTERPRETATIONS.

Section 9.1. Definitions. The following terms when used herein have the following meanings:

"Acquired Business" means the entity or assets acquired by a Borrower or Restricted Subsidiary in an Acquisition, whether before or after the date hereof.

"Acquisition" means any transaction or series of related transactions for the purpose of or resulting, directly or indirectly, in (a) the acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets of a Person, or of any business or division of a Person, (b) the acquisition of in excess of 50% of the capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests or equity of any Person (other than a Person that is a Subsidiary), or otherwise causing any Person to become a Subsidiary, or (c) a merger or consolidation or any other combination with another Person (other than a Person that is a Subsidiary) provided that a Borrower or Restricted Subsidiary is the surviving entity.

"Adjusted EBIT" means, with reference to any period, EBIT for such period calculated on a pro forma basis in good faith by the Company and established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agent as if each Acquisition which occurred during such period had taken place on the first day of such period (including adjustments for non-recurring expenses and income reasonably determined by the Company in good faith and established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agent).

"Adjusted EBITDA" means, with reference to any period, EBITDA for such

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period calculated on a pro forma basis in good faith by the Company and established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agent as if each Acquisition which occurred during such period had taken place on the first day of such period (including adjustments for non-recurring expenses and income reasonably determined by the Company in good faith and established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agent).

"Adjusted LIBOR" means, for any Interest Period, a rate per annum determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Adjusted LIBOR} = \frac{\text{LIBOR}}{1 - \text{Eurocurrency Reserve Percentage}}$$

"Affiliate" means any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, another Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person for the purposes of this definition if such Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the management and policies of the other Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, common directors, trustees or officers, by contract or otherwise; provided that, in any event for purposes of this definition, any Person that owns, directly or indirectly, 41% or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or governing body of a corporation or 41% or more of the partnership or other ownership interests of any other Person (other than as a limited partner of such other Person) will be deemed to control such corporation or other Person.

"Agent" shall mean Harris Trust and Savings Bank and any successor thereto appointed pursuant to Section 10.1 hereof.

"Agreement" means this Credit Agreement, as the same may be amended, modified or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Alternative Currency" means Canadian dollars, pounds sterling, South African rand, Euro and any other currency (other than United States Dollars) approved as such in writing by all Lenders, in each case for so long as such currency is readily available to all the Lenders and is freely transferable and freely convertible to U.S. Dollars and the Dow Jones Telerate Service or Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service (or any successor to either) reports a LIBOR for such currency for interest periods of one, two, three and six calendar months; provided that if any Lender provides written notice to the Company (with a copy to the Agent) that any currency control or other exchange regulations are imposed in the country in which any such Alternative Currency is issued and that in the reasonable opinion of such Lender funding a Loan in such currency is impractical, then such currency shall cease to be an Alternative Currency hereunder until such time as all the Lenders reinstate such country's currency as an Alternative Currency.

"Applicable Issuer" means the Issuer of Letters of Credit for the account of a particular Borrower or Borrowers or in a particular jurisdiction or jurisdictions.

"Applicable Margin" shall mean the rate per annum specified below for the Leverage Ratio and type of Loan or fee for which the Applicable Margin is being determined:

LEVEL I

LEVEL II

LEVEL III

LEVEL IV

Leverage Ratio