UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2020 (October 27, 2020)

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

		t name of registrant as specified in its charter)		
	Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	001-16583 (Commission File Number)	58-2632672 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)	
	1170 Peachtree	e Street, N.E., Suite 2300, Atlanta, Georgia 303 (Address of principal executive offices)	809-7676	
	(F)	(404) 853-1400 Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		
	(Former	None Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)	
	Securitie	s registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the A	ct:	
	Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Comn	non stock, \$0.01 par value per share	AYI	New York Stock Exchange	
	appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing provisions:	is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing o	bligation of the registrant under any of the	
	Written communications pursuant to Rule	425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)		
	□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)			
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))			
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))			
	y check mark whether the Registrant is an em r Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act o	erging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	f the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this	
Emerging	growth company \Box			
		k if the Registrant has elected not to use the exter pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.		

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Acuity Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), has adopted an amendment to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 2002 Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, as amended and restated effective July 1, 2019 (the "Plan"), to provide that, effective as of October 26, 2020, no additional officers of the Company will be permitted to become participants in the Plan on or after such date; however, current participants will continue to accrue benefits under the current terms of the Plan.

A copy of the amendment to the Plan will be included as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2020.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 27, 2020, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc. ("ABL"), the wholly-owned operating subsidiary of the Company, the Company and ABL IP Holding LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ABL, entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule A thereto (the "Underwriters"), pursuant to which ABL agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of ABL's 2.150% senior notes due 2030 (the "Notes"). The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company and ABL IP Holding LLC.

The Notes are being issued and sold pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-249656), including the prospectus contained therein, and a related prospectus supplement dated October 27, 2020.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 <u>Underwriting Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2020, among Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc., Acuity Brands, Inc., ABL IP Holding LLC and BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein.</u>
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document).

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 29, 2020

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Karen J. Holcom

Karen J. Holcom Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ACUITY BRANDS LIGHTING, INC.

(a Delaware corporation)

\$500,000,000 2.150% Senior Notes due 2030

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

Dated: October 27, 2020

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UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

October 27, 2020

BofA Securities, Inc.
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
as Representatives of the several Underwriters
c/o BofA Securities, Inc.
One Bryant Park New York,
New York 10036
c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Ladies and Gentlemen:

383 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10179

Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), confirms its agreement with BofA Securities, Inc. ("<u>BofA</u>"), J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("<u>J.P. Morgan</u>") and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "<u>Underwriters</u>," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 10 hereof), for whom BofA and J.P. Morgan are acting as representatives (in such capacity, the "<u>Representatives</u>"), with respect to the sale by the Company and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective principal amounts set forth in such Schedule A of the Company's 2.150% Senior Notes due 2030 (the "<u>Notes</u>").

The Notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, to be dated as of November 10, 2020 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture, to be dated as of October November 10, 2020 (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), among the Company, Acuity Brands, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (the "Parent Guarantor") and ABL IP Holding LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (the "Subsidiary Guarantor" and, together with the Parent Guarantor, the "Guarantors") and the Trustee. Certain terms of the Notes will be established pursuant to an Officers' Certificate to the Base Indenture (together with the Base Indenture and the First Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"). The Notes will be issued in book-entry form in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), pursuant to a Letter of Representations, to be dated on or before the Closing Time (as defined in Section 2 below) (the "DTC Agreement"), among the Company, the Trustee and DTC. The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on a senior unsecured basis by the Guarantors (the "Guarantees" and, together with the Notes, the "Securities")

The Company and the Guarantors have prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") an "automatic shelf registration statement," as defined under Rule 405 ("Rule 405") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), on Form S-3 (File No. 333-249656) covering the public offering and sale of certain securities of the Company, including the Securities, under the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "1933 Act Regulations"), which automatic shelf registration statement became effective under Rule 462(e) of the 1933 Act

Regulations ("Rule 462(e)"). Such registration statement, as of any time, means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto at such time, including the exhibits and any schedules thereto at such time, the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein at such time pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and the documents otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to Rule 430B ("Rule 430B") of the 1933 Act Regulations, (collectively, the "Registration Statement"); provided, however, that the "Registration Statement" without reference to a time means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto as of the time of the first contract of sale for the Securities, which time shall be considered the "new effective date" of the Registration Statement with respect to the Securities within the meaning of Rule 430B(f)(2), including the exhibits and schedules thereto as of such time, the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein at such time pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and the documents otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to the Rule 430B. Each preliminary prospectus supplement and the base prospectus used in connection with the offering of the Securities, including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act immediately prior to the Applicable Time (as defined below), are collectively referred to herein as a "preliminary prospectus." Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will prepare and file a final prospectus supplement relating to the Securities in accordance with the provisions of Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 424(b)"). The final prospectus supplement and the base prospectus, in the form first furnished or made available to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities, including the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act immediately prior to the Applicable Time, are collectively referred to herein as the "Prospectus." For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (or any successor system)("EDGAR").

As used in this Agreement:

"Applicable Time" means 2:00 P.M., New York City time, on October 27, 2020 or such other time as agreed by the Company and the Representatives.

"General Disclosure Package" means each Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus issued at or prior to the Applicable Time and the most recent preliminary prospectus (including any documents incorporated therein by reference) that is distributed to prospective investors prior to the Applicable Time, all considered together.

"Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 433"), including, without limitation, any "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405) relating to the Securities that is (i) required to be filed with the Commission by the Parent Guarantor or the Company, (ii) a "road show that is a written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i), whether or not required to be filed with the Commission, or (iii) exempt from filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5) (i) because it contains a description of the Securities or of the offering thereof that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company's records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

"Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to investors (other than a "bona fide electronic road show," as defined in Rule 433), as evidenced by its being specified in Schedule B hereto.

"Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" (or other references of like import) in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include all such financial statements and schedules and other information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, prior to the Applicable Time; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations") incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, at or after the Applicable Time.

This Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes are referred to herein, collectively, as the "Operative Documents."

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties.

- (a) *Representations and Warranties by the Company and the Guarantors*. The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to each Underwriter at the date hereof, the Applicable Time and the Closing Time (as defined below), and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:
 - (i) <u>Compliance of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and Incorporated Documents</u>. The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act. The Registration Statement is an automatic shelf registration statement under Rule 405 and the Securities have been and remain eligible for registration by the Company on such automatic shelf registration statement. Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective under the 1933 Act. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 401(g)(2)") has been received by the Company, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information. In addition, the Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Trust Indenture Act").

Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the time of its effectiveness, each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2), and the Applicable Time complied (and as of the Closing Time, will comply) in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations and the Trust Indenture Act. Each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at the time each was filed with the Commission, and, in each case, the Applicable Time complied (and as of the Closing Time, will comply) in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations and the Trust Indenture Act, and each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus are identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T under the 1933 Act.

The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

(ii) Accurate Disclosure. Neither the Registration Statement nor any amendment thereto, at its effective time or at the Closing Time, contained, contains or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. At the Applicable Time, neither (A) the General Disclosure Package nor (B) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of its issue date, at the time of any filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) or at the Closing Time, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, at the time the Registration Statement became effective or when such incorporated documents were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, when read together with the other information in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, did not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to (i) that part of the Registration Statement which constitutes the Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 of the Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act and (ii) statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto or the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein. For purposes of this Agreement, the only information so furnished shall be (i) the name of such Underwriter on the cover pages; (ii) the name of such Underwriter in the table in the first paragraph under the caption "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)"; and (iii) the fourth paragraph under the caption "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest) – New Issue of Notes" and the paragraph under the caption "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest) – Short Positions", in each case, contained in the Registration Statement, the preliminary prospectus contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (collectively, the "Underwriter Information").

(iii) <u>Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses</u>. No Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the Closing Time or until any earlier date that the Company notified or notifies the Representative as described in the next sentence, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein, that has not been superseded or modified. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, prior to the later of the Closing Time and the completion of the Underwriters' distribution of the Notes, there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free

Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, the Company has promptly notified or will promptly notify the Representatives and has promptly amended or supplemented or will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict. The foregoing two sentences do not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter through the Representatives consists of the Underwriter Information.

Any offer that is a written communication relating to the Securities made prior to the initial filing of the Registration Statement by the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this paragraph only, of paragraph (c) of Rule 163 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 163(c)")) has been filed with the Commission in accordance with the exemption provided by Rule 163(c) and otherwise complied with the requirements of Rule 163, including, without limitation, the legending requirement, to qualify such offer for the exemption from Section 5(c) of the 1933 Act provided by Rule 163(c).

- (iv) <u>Distribution of Offering Material By the Company</u>. The Company has not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the later of the Closing Time and the completion of the Underwriters' distribution of the Notes, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus reviewed and consented to by the Representatives and listed on Schedule B hereto or any electronic road show or other written communications reviewed and consented to by the Representatives and listed on Schedule C hereto (each a, "<u>Company Additional Written Communication</u>"). Each such Company Additional Written Communication, when taken together with the General Disclosure Package, did not, and at the Closing Time will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Company Additional Written Communication based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter through the Representatives consists of the Underwriter Information.
- (v) No Applicable Registration or Other Similar Rights. There are no persons with registration or other similar rights to have any debt securities registered for sale under the Registration Statement or included in the offering contemplated by this Agreement, except for such rights as have been duly waived.
- (vi) Well-Known Seasoned Issuer. (A) At the original effectiveness of the Registration Statement, (B) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act or form of prospectus), (C) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c)) made any offer relating to the Securities in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163, (D) at the date of this Agreement and (E) at the Applicable Time, the Parent Guarantor was and is a "well-known seasoned issuer," as defined in Rule 405.

(vii) <u>Company Not Ineligible Issuer</u>. (A) At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, (B) at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations) of the Securities, (C) at the date of this Agreement and (D) at the Applicable Time, the Company was not and is not an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405, without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an ineligible issuer.

(viii) Financial Statements; Non-GAAP Financial Measures. The financial statements of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Parent Guarantor and its consolidated subsidiaries at the dates indicated and the statement of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Parent Guarantor and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods specified; and said financial statements have been prepared in all material respects in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein. The supporting schedules, if any, present fairly in all material respects in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference therein. Except as included or incorporated by reference therein, no historical or pro forma financial statements or supporting schedules are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act or the 1934 Act Regulations. All disclosures contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, if any, regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply in all material respects with Regulation G under the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the 1933 Act, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents in all material respects the information called for and has been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(ix) No Material Adverse Change. Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Parent Guarantor included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) there has not been any material change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Parent Guarantor on any class of capital stock, or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, financial position or results of operations of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) taken as a whole and (ii) neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) has sustained any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any arbitrator, court, governmental body, regulatory body, administrative agency or other authority, body or agency (a "Governmental Authority"), except in each case as otherwise disclosed in the General Disclosure Package.

- (x) <u>Good Standing of the Company</u>. The Company and the Guarantors have been duly organized and are validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct the businesses in which they are engaged, except where the failure to be so qualified, in good standing or have such power or authority would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial position or results of operations of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) taken as a whole or on the performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their obligations under the Securities (a "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>"). The Parent Guarantor does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the subsidiaries listed in Exhibit 21 to the Parent Guarantor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020. The Company is the only significant subsidiary of the Parent Guarantor.
- (xi) <u>Capitalization</u>. The Parent Guarantor has an authorized capitalization as set forth in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the heading "Capitalization"; and all the outstanding shares of capital stock or equivalent equity interests of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable (except as otherwise described in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus) and are owned directly or indirectly by the Parent Guarantor, free and clear of any lien, charge, encumbrance, security interest, restriction on voting or transfer or any other claim of any third party.
 - (xii) <u>Authorization of Agreement</u>. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantors.
- (xiii) <u>Authorization of the Indenture</u>. The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and the Guarantors and, when duly executed and delivered in accordance with its terms by each of the parties thereto, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company and the Guarantors enforceable against the Company and the Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally (collectively, the "<u>Enforceability Exceptions</u>") or by general principles of equity; and at the Closing Time, the Indenture will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission applicable to an indenture that is qualified thereunder.
- (xiv) <u>Authorization of the Notes</u>. The Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Company are in the form contemplated by the Indenture, have been duly authorized for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture and, at the Closing Time, will have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions or by general principles of equity, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

- (xv) <u>Valid Issuance of the Guarantees</u>. The Guarantees have been duly authorized by the Guaranters; the Guarantees will be in the form contemplated by the Indenture; when the Notes have been issued, executed and authenticated in accordance with the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Supplemental Indenture by the Trustee, the Guarantees will constitute the valid and legally binding obligations of the Guarantors and will be enforceable against the Guarantors in accordance with their terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions or by general principles of equity, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.
- (xvi) <u>Description of the Securities and the Indenture</u>. The Securities and the Indenture will conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (xvii) <u>Accuracy of Statements</u>. The statements in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the captions "Description of Notes," "Description of Debt Securities" and "United States Taxation," in each case insofar as such statements constitute a summary of the legal matters, documents or proceedings referred to therein, fairly present and summarize, in all material respects, the matters referred to therein.
- (xviii) No Violation or Default. Neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is (i) in material violation of its charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents; (ii) in default, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is a party or by which the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is subject; or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such default or violation that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xix) No Violation or Default Resulting from Transaction. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company and the Guarantors of each of the Operative Documents to which each is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities (including the Guarantees) and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Operative Documents will not (i) result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or the Guarantors pursuant to, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other material agreement or instrument to which the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is a party or by which any of the property or assets of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is subject, (ii) result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) or (iii) result in the violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority, except in the case of clauses (i) and (iii) above, for any such breach, default, imposition or violation that would not reasonably be expected to result, individually or in the aggregate, in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xx) <u>Absence of Further Requirements</u>. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any Governmental Authority is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations under the Operative Documents, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Notes or the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Operative Documents, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the securities laws of any state or non-U.S. jurisdiction or the rules of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

(xxi) <u>Legal Proceedings</u>. Except as described in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no legal, governmental or regulatory investigations, actions, suits or proceedings pending to which the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is or may be a party or to which any property of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is or may be the subject that, if determined adversely to the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect; and no such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings are, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, threatened by any Governmental Authority or others.

(xxii) <u>Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u>. Ernst & Young LLP, which has certified certain financial statements of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the 1933 Act.

(xxiii) <u>Title to Real and Personal Property</u>. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) have good and marketable title in fee simple to, or have valid rights to lease or otherwise use, all items of real and personal property that are material to the respective businesses of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and defects and imperfections of title except those that (i) do not materially affect the value thereof or materially interfere with the use made or to be made of such property by the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) or (ii) would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxiv) <u>Title to Intellectual Property.</u> The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) own, possess, license or can acquire adequate rights to use all material patents, patent applications, trademarks, service marks, trade names, trademark registrations, service mark registrations, copyrights and know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures) necessary for the conduct of their respective businesses as currently conducted; and to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, the conduct of their respective businesses as currently conducted does not conflict in any material respect with any such rights of others, and the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) have not received in the twelve (12) months prior to the date hereof any written notice of any claim of infringement of or conflict with any such rights of others, that, if determined adversely to the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxv) No Undisclosed Relationships. No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders or other affiliates of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), on the other, that would be required by the 1933 Act to be described in a registration statement to be filed with the Commission and that is not so described in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xxvi) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. Neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Notes and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus none of them will be, an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(xxvii) <u>Taxes</u>. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) have paid all federal, state, local and foreign taxes (except for any such taxes being contested in good faith or as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect) and filed all tax returns required to be paid or filed through the date hereof (except in any case in which the failure to file would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect); and except as otherwise disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no tax deficiency that has been asserted against the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) or any of their respective properties or assets.

(xxviii) <u>Licenses and Permits</u>. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) possess all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by, and have made all declarations and filings with, the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory authorities that are necessary for the ownership or lease of their respective properties or the conduct of their respective businesses as described in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where the failure to possess or make the same would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect; and except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) has received written notice of any revocation or modification of any such license, certificate, permit or authorization that, if determined adversely to the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, or has any reason to believe that any such license, certificate, permit or authorization will not be renewed in the ordinary course, except in any case in which the failure to renew would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxix) No Labor Disputes. No labor disturbance by or dispute with employees of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) exists or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, is contemplated or threatened and none of the Company or the Guarantors is aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by, or dispute with, the employees of any of the Parent Guarantor's or any of the Parent Guarantor's subsidiaries' (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxx) Compliance With Environmental Laws. (i) The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) (x) are, and at all prior times were, in compliance with any and all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, requirements, decisions and orders relating to the protection of human health or safety, the environment, natural resources, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (y) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations or approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses, and (z) have not received written notice of any actual or potential liability under or relating to any Environmental Laws, including for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice, and (ii) there are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws of or relating to the Parent Guarantor or its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor), except in the case of each of (i) and (ii) above, for any such failure to comply, or failure to receive required permits, licenses or approvals, or cost or liability, as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxi) <u>Disclosure Controls</u>. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) maintain a system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Parent Guarantor in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Parent Guarantor's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

(xxxii) Accounting Controls. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) maintain systems of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the 1934 Act Regulations) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of, their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) maintain internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Except as disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the date of the most recent audited financial statements of the Parent Guarantor, there have been no material weaknesses in the Parent Guarantor's internal controls.

(xxxiii) <u>Insurance</u>. The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) have insurance covering their respective properties, operations, personnel and businesses, including business interruption insurance, which insurance is in amounts and insures against such losses and risks as are reasonably adequate to protect the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) and their respective businesses, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and none of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) has (i) received written notice from any insurer or agent of such insurer that capital improvements or other expenditures are required or necessary to be made in order to continue such insurance or (ii) any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage at reasonable cost from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business.

(xxxiv) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. None of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) is aware of or has taken any action within the past five years, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of either (i) the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "FCPA"), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA or (ii) the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 (the "Bribery Act") and the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) and, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, their other affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and the Bribery Act and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(xxxv) Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) are and have been conducted at all times within the past five years in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions to which they are subject, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any Governmental Authority (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"). No action, suit or proceeding by or before any Governmental Authority involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, threatened.

(xxxvi) OFAC. None of the Parent Guarantor, any of its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantor) or, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or Representative(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is (A) an individual or entity ("Person") currently the subject or target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government, including, without limitation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), the United Nations Security Council ("UNSC"), the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury ("HMT"), or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions") or (B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions. The Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the sale of the Notes, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiaries, joint venture partners or other Person, to fund any activities of or business with any Person, or in any country or territory, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any Person (including any Person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions.

(xxxvii) No Restrictions on Subsidiaries. The Subsidiary Guarantor is not currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, under any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or is subject, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's capital stock or equivalent equity interests, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's properties or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, except for any such restriction permitted by the Indenture or that would not reasonably be expected to adversely affect the Company's ability to make payments on the Securities when due.

(xxxviii) No Stabilization. None of the Company or the Guarantors has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Notes.

- (xxxix) <u>Forward-Looking Statements</u>. No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) included or incorporated by reference in any of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.
- (xl) <u>Statistical and Market Dat</u>a. Nothing has come to the attention of the Company or the Guarantors that has caused the Company or the Guarantors to believe that the statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is not based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.
- (xli) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>. The Parent Guarantor and its directors or officers, in their capacities as such, are in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith, including Section 402 (related to loans) and Sections 302 and 906 (related to certifications).
- (xlii) <u>Accuracy of Contracts; Filing of Exhibits</u>. All descriptions in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus of contracts and other documents to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries are a party are complete and accurate in all material respects. There are no contracts, instruments or other documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which have not been so described and filed as required.

(xliii) Stock Options. With respect to the stock options (the "Stock Options") granted pursuant to the stock-based compensation plans of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Company Stock Plans"), (i) each Stock Option intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code so qualifies, (ii) each grant of a Stock Option was duly authorized no later than the date on which the grant of such Stock Option was by its terms to be effective (the "Grant Date") by all necessary corporate action, including, as applicable, approval by the board of directors of the Company (or a duly constituted and authorized committee thereof) and any required stockholder approval by the necessary number of votes or written consents, (iii) each such grant was made in accordance with the terms of the Company Stock Plans, the 1934 Act and all other applicable laws and regulatory rules or requirements, including the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and any other exchange on which Company securities are traded, and (iv) the per share exercise price of each Stock Option was equal to or greater than the fair market value of a share of common stock on the applicable Grant Date.

(xliv) ERISA Compliance. The Company and its subsidiaries and any "employee benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (collectively, "ERISA")) established or maintained by the Company or its subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with ERISA. "ERISA Affiliate" means, with respect to the Company or a subsidiary, any member of any group of organizations described in Sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), of which the Company or such subsidiary is a member. No "reportable event" (as defined under ERISA), other than any such event for which reporting has been waived by regulation, has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur with respect to any "employee benefit plan" subject to Title IV of ERISA that is established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates. Neither the Company, its subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates has incurred or reasonably expects to incur any material liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "employee benefit plan," or (ii) Section 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code, or (iii) Section 4980B of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the excise tax imposed thereunder. Each "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Company or its subsidiaries that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code has received a favorable determination letter, or, in the case of a preapproved plan, the underlying plan has received a favorable opinion or advisory letter, from the Internal Revenue Service and nothing has occurred, whether by action or failure to act, which is reasonably likely to result in the disqualification of any such employee benefit plan by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(xlv) <u>Lending and Other Relationships</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company (A) does not have any material lending or other relationship with any Underwriter or any bank, lending or other affiliate of any Underwriter and (B) does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes to repay any outstanding debt owed to the Underwriter or any bank, lending or other affiliate of any Underwriter. There are no business relationships or related-party transactions involving the Company or any subsidiary or any other person required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that have not been described as required.

(xlvi) <u>Cybersecurity</u>. (A) There has been no security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure, or other compromise of or relating to the Parent Guarantor, the Company or their respective subsidiaries information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the data and information of their respective customers,

employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company and its subsidiaries, and any such data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, "IT Systems and Data"): (B) none of the Parent Guarantor, the Company nor their respective subsidiaries have been notified of, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that could result in, any security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data and (C) the Parent Guarantor, Company and their respective subsidiaries have implemented appropriate controls, policies, procedures, and technological safeguards to maintain and protect the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of their IT Systems and Data reasonably consistent with industry standards and practices, or as required by applicable regulatory standards, except with respect to clauses (A) and (B), for any such security breach or other compromise as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, or with respect to clause (C), where the failure to do so would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Parent Guarantor, the Company and their respective subsidiaries are presently in compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any Governmental Authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Officer's Certificates. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and the Guarantors or any of their respective subsidiaries delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

SECTION 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters; Closing.

- (a) *The Securities*. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company, at a purchase price of 99.087% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest, if any, from November 10, 2020 to the Closing Time hereunder, the principal amount of Notes set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule A.
- (b) *The Closing Time*. Delivery of certificates for the Notes in global form to be purchased by the Underwriters and payment therefor shall be made at the offices of Latham & Watkins LLP, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives and the Company, at 9:00 A.M. (New York City time) on November 10, 2020 (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10) or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time").
- (c) *Public Offering of the Notes*. The Representatives hereby advise the Company that the Underwriters intend to offer for sale to the public, as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, their respective portions of the Notes as soon after the Applicable Time as the Representatives, in their sole judgment, have determined is advisable and practicable.
- (d) *Payment for the Notes*. Payment for the Notes shall be made to the Company at the Closing Time by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a bank account designated by the Company.

It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representatives, for its respective account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Securities which it has agreed to purchase. The Representatives may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Securities to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

(e) *Delivery of the Notes*. The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Representatives for the accounts of the several Underwriters certificates for the Notes at the Closing Time through the facilities of DTC, against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The certificates for the Notes shall be in such denominations and registered in such names and denominations as the Representatives shall have requested at least two full business days prior to the Closing Time and shall be made available for inspection on the business day preceding the Closing Time at a location in New York City, as the Representatives may designate. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified in this Agreement is a further condition to the obligations of the Underwriters.

SECTION 3. <u>Covenants of the Company and the Guarantors</u>. The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, covenant and agree with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) Compliance with Commission Requests. The Company and the Parent Guarantor, subject to Section 3(b) hereof, will comply with the requirements of Rule 430B, and will notify the Representatives immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or any new registration statement relating to the Securities shall become effective or any amendment or supplement to the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus shall have been used or filed, as the case may be, including any document incorporated by reference therein, (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein, or for additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto or any notice of objection to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or of the issuance of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the 1933 Act concerning the Registration Statement and (v) if the Parent Guarantor or the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the 1933 Act in connection with the offering of the Securities. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will effect all filings required under Rule 424(b), in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)), and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will make reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop, prevention or suspension order and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment. The Company and the Parent Guarantor shall pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1)(i) of the 1933 Act Regulations without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the 1933 Act Regulations (including, if applicable, by updating the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in accordance with Rule 456(b)(1)(ii) either in a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or on the cover page of a prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)).

- (b) Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will comply with the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. If at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 172"), would be) required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to (i) amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in order that the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser or (iii) amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, including, without limitation, any document incorporated therein by reference, in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act or the 1934 Act Regulations, the Parent Guarantor and the Company will promptly (A) give the Representatives written notice of such event or condition, (B) prepare any amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus comply with such requirements and, a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing or use, furnish the Representatives with copies of any such amendment or supplement and (C) file with the Commission any such amendment or supplement and use its best efforts to have any amendment to the Registration Statement declared effective by the Commission as soon as possible if the Company is no longer eligible to file an automatic shelf registration statement; provided that the Company shall not file or use any such amendment or supplement to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.
- (c) Filing or Use of Amendments or Supplements. The Company and the Parent Guarantor has given the Representatives written notice of any filings made pursuant to the 1934 Act or 1934 Act Regulations within 48 hours prior to the Applicable Time and will give the Representatives written notice of its intention to file or use any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act or the 1934 Act Regulations or otherwise, from the Applicable Time to the later of (i) the time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is no longer required by the 1933 Act (without giving effect to Rule 172) to be delivered in connection with sales of the Notes and (ii) the Closing Time, and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such amendment or supplement a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such amendment or supplement to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.
- (d) *Delivery of Registration Statements*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor have furnished or will deliver to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, provided that such obligation may be satisfied by delivery of such documents and any such supplements and amendments by electronic means, including by e-mail delivery of a PDF file. The signed copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

- (e) *Delivery of Prospectuses*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor have delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act and the Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Notes, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request, provided, in each case, that such obligation may be satisfied by delivery of such documents and any such supplements and amendments by electronic means, including by e-mail delivery of a PDF file. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- (f) *Blue Sky Qualifications*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will use its commercially reasonable efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify or register the Securities for offering and sale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the applicable securities laws of such states and non-U.S. jurisdictions as the Representatives may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required to complete the distribution of the Securities; provided, however, that the Company and the Parent Guarantor shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject. The Company will advise the Representatives promptly upon notice of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Securities for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration or exemption, the Company shall use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.
- (g) *Earnings Statements*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide to the Underwriters the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.
- (h) *Use of Proceeds*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Notes in the manner specified in the Registration Statement, the preliminary prospectus contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds."
- (i) Restriction on Sale of Securities. During the period commencing on the date hereof and ending at the Closing Time, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Representatives (which consent may be withheld at the Representatives' discretion), (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, or lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, the Securities or any debt securities of the Company that are substantially similar to the Securities, whether owned as of the date hereof or hereafter acquired or with respect to which such person has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition, or file, or cause to be filed, any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Securities or such other debt securities, whether any such transaction, swap or other agreement described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of any Securities or such other debt securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to the Securities to be sold hereunder.
- (j) *Reporting Requirements*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor, during the period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Notes, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by, and each such document will meet the requirements of, the 1934 Act and 1934 Act Regulations in all material respects.

- (k) *Final Term Sheet*. The Company will prepare a final term sheet (a "<u>Final Term Sheet</u>") containing only a description of the final terms of the Securities and their offering, in the form approved by the Underwriters and attached as Schedule D-1 hereto, and acknowledges that the Final Term Sheet is an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and will comply with its related obligations set forth in Section 3(1) hereof. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, copies of the Final Term Sheet promptly upon its completion.
- (l) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. Each of the Company and the Parent Guarantor agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," or a portion thereof, required to be filed by the Company and the Parent Guarantor with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the Representatives will be deemed to have consented to the Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectuses listed on Schedule B hereto and any "road show that is a written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) that has been reviewed by the Representatives. Each of the Company and the Parent Guarantor represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each such free writing prospectus consented to, or deemed consented to, by the Representatives as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and that it has complied and will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 433 with respect thereto, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and prior to the later of the Closing Time and the completion of the Underwriters' distribution of the Notes, there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company and the Parent Guarantor will promptly notify the Representatives in writing and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free
- (m) *Eligibility of Automatic Shelf Registration Statement Form.* If at any time when Securities remain unsold by the Underwriters the Company and the Parent Guarantor receive a notice from the Commission pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or otherwise ceases to be eligible to use the automatic shelf registration statement form, the Company and the Parent Guarantor will (i) promptly notify the Representatives in writing, (ii) promptly file a new registration statement or post-effective amendment on the proper form relating to such Securities, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, (iii) use its best efforts to cause such registration statement or post-effective amendment to be declared effective as soon as practicable and (iv) promptly notify the Representatives in writing of such effectiveness. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the public offering and sale of the Securities to continue as contemplated in the Registration Statement that was the subject of the Rule 401(g)(2) notice or for which the Company has otherwise become ineligible. References herein to the "Registration Statement" shall include such new registration statement or post-effective amendment, as the case may be.
- (n) *Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners*. The Company and the Parent Guarantor will deliver to the Representatives, on the date of execution of this Agreement, a properly completed and executed Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers, together with copies of identifying documentation, and the Company and the Parent Guarantor undertake to provide such additional supporting documentation as the Representatives may reasonably request in connection with the verification of the foregoing certification.

- (o) *No Manipulation of Price*. The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the 1934 Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes.
- (p) *DTC*. The Company will cooperate with the Underwriters and use best efforts to permit the Notes to be eligible for clearance, settlement and trading through the facilities of DTC.

SECTION 4. Payment of Expenses.

- (a) Expenses. The Company and the Guarantors will pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including without limitation (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and any costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the Notes to the Underwriters, including any transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Notes to the Underwriters, (iv) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and execution of the Operative Documents and the DTC Agreement, (v) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (vi) the qualification of the Securities under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplement thereto (in an amount, together with the fees payable under clause (viii) not to exceed \$20,000), (vii) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Notes, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, (viii) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with, the review by FINRA, if required, of the terms of the sale of the Notes (in an amount, together with the fees payable under clause (vi) not to exceed \$20,000), (ix) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Securities by the rating agencies, (x) the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Securities, (xi) the fees and expenses of making the Notes eligible for clearance, settlement and trading through the facilities of DTC, (xii) all other fees, costs and expenses referred to in Item 14 of Part II of the Registration Statement, and (xiii) all other fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section. Except as provided in this Section 4 and Sections 6 and 7 hereof, the Underwriters shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.
- (b) *Termination of Agreement*. If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 9(a) or Section 10 hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.

SECTION 5. <u>Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein at the date hereof and at the Closing Time, as applicable, or in certificates of any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

- (a) Effectiveness of Registration Statement, etc. The Registration Statement was filed by the Company with the Commission not earlier than three years prior to the date hereof and became effective upon filing in accordance with Rule 462(e). Each preliminary prospectus, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus have been filed as required by Rule 424(b) (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)) and Rule 433, as applicable, within the time period prescribed by, and in compliance with, the 1933 Act Regulations. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no notice of objection to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) has been received by the Company, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information. The Company shall have paid the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time period required by Rule 456(b)(1)(i) of the 1933 Act Regulations without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the 1933 Act Regulations and, if applicable, shall have updated the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in accordance with Rule 456(b)(1)(ii) either in a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or on the cover page of a prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b).
- (b) *Opinion of Counsel for Company*. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated the Closing Time, of King & Spalding LLP, counsel for the Company, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters. In giving such opinion, such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers and other representatives of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.
- (c) *Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters*. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated the Closing Time, of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters with respect to the matters reasonably requested by the Representatives. In giving such opinion, such counsel may rely, as to all matters governed by the laws of jurisdictions other than the law of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal securities laws of the United States, upon the opinions of counsel satisfactory to the Representatives. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers and other representatives of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.
- (d) Officers' Certificate. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received a certificate of the Chief Executive Officer or the President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company, dated the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, there has been no Material Adverse Change, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time (except for such representations and warranties that are qualified by materiality, which shall be true and correct in all respects), (iii) the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time, and (iv) the conditions specified in Section 5(a) hereof have been satisfied.

- (e) *Accountant's Comfort Letter*. At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP a letter, dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (f) *Bring-down Comfort Letter*. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP a letter, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to Section 5(e) hereof, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than three business days prior to the Closing Time.
- (g) *No Objection*. If a filing with FINRA is required, FINRA has confirmed that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements relating to the offering of the Securities.
- (h) No Important Changes. Since the execution of this Agreement, (i) in the judgment of the Representatives, since the date hereof or the respective dates of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Change, (ii) there shall not have been any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in Section 5(f) hereof which is, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Securities and (iii) there shall not have been any decrease in or withdrawal of the rating of any securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Section 3(a)(62) of the 1934 Act) or any notice given of any intended or potential decrease in or withdrawal of any such rating or of a possible change in any such rating that does not indicate the direction of the possible change.
- (i) *Ratings Letters*. At the time of execution of this Agreement, the Company shall have delivered to the Representatives letters from Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigning a rating to the Notes of Baa1 and BBB, respectively.
- (j) Clearance, Settlement and Trading. Prior to the Closing Time, the Company and DTC shall have executed and delivered the Letter of Representations, dated on or prior to the Closing Time, and the Notes shall be eligible for clearance, settlement and trading through the facilities of DTC.
- (k) *Additional Documents*. At the Closing Time, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Notes as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes as herein contemplated shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters.
- (l) *Termination of Agreement*. If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Time, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 16 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Indemnification.

- (a) *Indemnification of Underwriters*. The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations (each, an "<u>Affiliate</u>")), selling agents, officers and directors and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:
 - (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included (A) in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or (B) in any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities ("Marketing Materials"), including any roadshow or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically), or the omission or alleged omission in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or in any Marketing Materials of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
 - (ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Authority, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 6(d) hereof) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company;
 - (iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representatives), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Authority, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, or in the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(b) *Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers*. Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Guarantors, each of their respective directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or the Guarantors within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in Section 6(a) hereof, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including any information deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B, or in the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(c) Actions against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(a) hereof, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Representatives, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(b) hereof, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company and the Guarantors. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the prior written consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Authority, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 or Section 7 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

SECTION 7. <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and of the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, on the other hand, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus.

The relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company and the Guarantors or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 7. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 7 shall be deemed to include any legal or other out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Authority, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting commission or discount received by such Underwriter in connection with the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 7, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and each Underwriter's Affiliates, officers, directors and selling agents shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Parent Guarantor or the Company, each officer of the Parent Guarantor or Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Parent Guarantor or the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Parent Guarantor or the Company. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule A hereto and not joint.

SECTION 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates, officers, directors and or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter or the Company's officers or directors or any person controlling the Company or the Guarantors and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Securities.

SECTION 9. Termination of Agreement.

- (a) *Termination*. The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time, (i) if there has been, in the judgment of the Representatives, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any Material Adverse Change, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the completion of the offering of the Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Notes, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company or the Guarantors has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the New York Stock Exchange, or (iv) if trading generally on the New York Stock Exchange has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other Governmental Authority, or (v) if a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States or with respect to Clearstream or Euroclear systems in Europe, or (vi) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either federal or New York authorities.
- (b) *Liabilities*. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 16 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 10. <u>Default by One or More of the Underwriters</u>. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at the Closing Time to purchase the Notes which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "<u>Defaulted Securities</u>"), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:
 - (i) if the aggregate principal amount of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be purchased on such date, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or
 - (ii) if the aggregate principal amount of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be purchased on such date, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement either the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone Closing Time for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section 10.

SECTION 11. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to the Representatives, care of BofA Securities, Inc. at One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, attention of High Grade Debt Capital Markets Transaction Management/Legal, fax (212) 901-7881; care of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179, Attention: Investment Grade Syndicate Desk; and notices to the Company shall be directed to it at Acuity Brands, Inc., 1170 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 2300, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-7676 (fax: 404-853-1430); Attention: General Counsel, with a copy to, King & Spalding, LLC 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, Attention: Elizabeth Morgan, Esg.

SECTION 12. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. Each of the Company and the Guarantors acknowledges and agrees that (a) the purchase and sale of the Notes pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Notes and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (b) in connection with the offering of the Notes and the process leading thereto, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering of the Notes or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company or any of its subsidiaries on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company with respect to the offering of the Notes except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company, (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, financial, regulatory, investment or tax advice with respect to the offering of the Notes and the Company has consulted its own respective legal, accounting, financial, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and (f) none of the activities of the Underwriters in connection with the transactions contemplated herein constitutes a recommendation, investment advice or solicitation of any action by the Underwriters with respect to any entity

SECTION 13. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

- (a) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.
- (b) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

For purposes of this Section 13, a "BHC Act Affiliate" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k). "Covered Entity" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with,

12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b). "Default Right" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable. "U.S. Special Resolution Regime" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 14. <u>Parties</u>. This Agreement shall each inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons, Affiliates, selling agents, officers and directors referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons, Affiliates, selling agents, officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Notes from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 15. <u>Trial by Jury.</u> Each of the Company, the Guarantors (each on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of their respective stockholders and affiliates) and the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 16. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS.

SECTION 17. Consent to Jurisdiction. Each of the parties hereto agrees that any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be instituted in (i) the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan or (ii) the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan (collectively, the "Specified Courts"), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any such court, as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice or document by mail to such party's address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 18. <u>TIME</u>. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

SECTION 19. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," "delivery," and words of like import in or relating to this Agreement or any document to be signed in connection with this Agreement shall be

deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

SECTION 20. Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 21. <u>Partial Unenforceability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

SECTION 22. <u>General Provisions</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral and all contemporaneous oral agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall not become effective until the execution of this Agreement by the parties hereto. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto, and no condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Underwriters and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

ACUITY BRANDS LIGHTING, INC.

By: /s/ Karen J. Holcom

Name: Karen J. Holcom

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Karen J. Holcom

Name: Karen J. Holcom

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ABL IP HOLDING LLC

By: /s/ Karen J. Holcom

Name: Karen J. Holcom

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED, as of the date first above written:			
BOFA SECURITIES, INC.			
By: /s/ Happy Daily			
Authorized Signatory			
J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC			
By: /s/ Som Bhattacharyya			
Authorized Signatory			

For themselves and as Representatives of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto.

SCHEDULE A

Aggregate Principal Amount of Notes to be Purchased
\$ 165,000,000
\$ 165,000,000
\$ 30,000,000
\$ 30,000,000
\$ 30,000,000
\$ 30,000,000
\$ 25,000,000
\$ 25,000,000
\$ 500,000,000

SCHEDULE B

<u>Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses</u>

1. Final Term Sheet for the Notes.

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SCHEDULE C

Electronic Road Shows and Other Written Communications

1. Electronic Road Show presentation October 2020.

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SCHEDULE D

ACUITY BRANDS LIGHTING, INC.

FORM OF FINAL TERM SHEET

October 27, 2020

\$500,000,000 2.150% Senior Notes due 2030

Issuer: ACUITY BRANDS LIGHTING, INC.

Guarantors ACUITY BRANDS, INC. and ABL IP HOLDING LLC

Ratings (Moody's / S&P):* Baa1 (Stable) / BBB (Stable)

Principal Amount: \$500,000,000

Maturity: December 15, 2030

Coupon (Interest Rate): 2.150% Yield to Maturity: 2.179%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury: 140 basis points

Benchmark Treasury: 0.625% due August 15, 2030

Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield: 98-17+; 0.779%

Interest Payment Dates: Semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing on June 15, 2021

Redemption Provision(s): Prior to September 15, 2030 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), in whole or in

part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest at the Treasury Rate plus 25 basis points, plus in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. On or after September 15, 2030, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal

amount of the notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the

redemption date.

Price to Public: 99.737%

Trade Date: October 27, 2020

Settlement Date:** November 10, 2020 (T+10)

Denominations: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Day Count Convention: 30/360

CUSIP Number: 00510R AD5
ISIN Number: US00510RAD52

Book-Running Managers: BofA Securities, Inc.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Co-Managers: KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.

PNC Capital Markets LLC Truist Securities, Inc.

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. TD Securities (USA) LLC

* A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

** We expect that delivery of the notes will be made to investors on or about the settlement date specified above, which will be the tenth business day following the date of this term sheet (such settlement being referred to as "T+10"). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes prior to the delivery of the notes will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially settle in T+10, to specify an alternate settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes prior to their date of delivery hereunder should consult their advisors.

The issuer and the guarantors have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer or the guarantors have filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer, the guarantors and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, BofA Securities, Inc. can arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling or e-mailing BofA Securities, Inc. at 1-800-294-1322 or dg.prospectus_requests@bofa.com.