a release of the selling Member by the Company and the Purchasing Member, pursuant to which the Company and the purchasing Member shall release the selling Member from any and all obligations and liabilities with respect to the Company and shall covenant not to sue the selling Member with respect to any such obligations and liabilities, except that such release shall not extend to claims and actions brought against the selling Member with respect to activities of the selling Member beyond the scope of such selling Member's authority as a Member; (b) an indemnification executed by the Company and the purchasing Member benefit of the selling Member, pursuant to which the Company and the purchasing Member shall agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the selling Member from and against any and all loss, costs, expense, and liability arising out of claims and actions brought by third parties against the selling Member beyond the scope of the selling Member's authority as a Member; and (c) a release of the selling Member executed by any and all lenders of the Company, pursuant to which such lenders shall release the selling Member from any and all liability and obligations arising under any notes, mortgages, guarantees, and other loan documents executed in connection with any loans made to the Company.

ARTICLE XI
ADMISSION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMPANY

The Company may admit a Person (other than an Original Member or a Substitute Member) as a Member. A Person may be admitted as a Member under this Article XII only upon (a) approval of such admission and the terms and conditions of such admission, including without limitation, appropriate amendments to this Agreement by the affirmative vote of Members representing two-thirds of the Percentage Interests; (b) an initial capital contribution in an amount determined by Members representing two-thirds of the Percentage Interests; and (c) agreement by Members representing two-thirds of the Percentage Interests as to the necessary amendments to this Agreement to allow for additional membership in the Company.

ARTICLE XII
DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

12.1 **(Intentionally left blank.)**

12.2 **Dissolution of the Company.** Except as hereinafter provided, the Company shall dissolve upon the occurrence of any of the following events (each an "Event of Dissolution"):

(a) The occurrence of any event of withdrawal set forth in the Act but only to the extent required by the Act;

(b) The expiration of the term of the Company as provided in Section 1.4; or

(c) Upon the written consent of Members holding two-thirds of the Percentage Interests.

The Company shall thereafter conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs, provided, however, that the remaining Member or Members shall have the right to continue the business and affairs of the Company by electing to continue the business and affairs of the Company by the affirmative vote of Members representing two-thirds of the Percentage Interests of the remaining Members, and if there remains only one Member, causing a second Person to be admitted as a Member. The remaining Member or Members shall exercise this right within ninety days after the occurrence of an Event of Dissolution.

12.3 **Election to Continue Company.** If an election to continue the Company is made following an Event of Dissolution, the Company shall continue until the expiration of the term for which it was originally formed or until the occurrence of another Event of Dissolution, in which event remaining Members shall again elect whether to continue the Company pursuant to Section 12.2.

12.3.1 If an election to continue the Company is made following an Event of Dissolution occasioned by the disqualification of a Member pursuant to Section 12.1, then, subject to Section 12.6 and the Disqualified Member's fulfillment of all of its obligations under this Agreement and under any other extant agreements between the Disqualified Member and the Company, the Disqualified Member shall be entitled to receive from the Company, within twenty-four months after the Event of Dissolution, without interest, an amount equal to the Capital Account of Disqualified Member, as of the end of the calendar month immediately preceding the occurrence of the Event of Dissolution, *provided, however,* if a natural person becomes a Disqualified Member as a result of such person's death or mental incompetence, the legal representative of the Disqualified Member shall have the right within ninety days from the date of appointment of such legal representative to elect to either receive the amount to be paid to the Disqualified Member pursuant to this Section 12.3.1 or hold the

Disqualified Member's Interest in the Company, in which case the Disqualified Member or his legal representative shall be considered an Assignee, not a Member, of the Company and entitled to all of the rights of an Assignee. If the election is not made in writing by the ninety-first day from the date of the appointment of such legal representative, the Disqualified Member or his legal representative shall receive the amount to be paid under this Section 12.3.1.

12.3.2 If an election to continue the Company is made following an Event of Dissolution occasioned by the elective withdrawal of a Member pursuant to Section 12.1, then, subject to Section 12.5 and the Withdrawing Member's fulfillment of all of its obligations under this Agreement and under any other extant agreements between the Withdrawing Member and the Company, the Withdrawing Member shall be entitled to receive from the Company, within twenty-four months after the effective date of withdrawal, without interest, an amount equal to the fair market value of the Interest of the Withdrawing Member, as of the end of the calendar month immediately preceding the effective date of the withdrawal.

12.3.3 If the Members reasonably determine that making the payments to former Members provided in Section 12.3.1 and 12.3.2 would result in an undue burden on the Company and threaten its ability to function as a going concern, then the amounts to be paid to former Members under Sections 12.3.1 and 12.3.2 may be postponed for up to an additional twenty-four months.

The amounts to be paid to a Disqualified Member under Section 12.3.1 and to a Withdrawing Member under Section 12.3.2 shall be exclusive and in lieu of any right of a Member to be paid the fair value of its Interest in the Company under the Act.

12.4 **Method of Winding Up.** Upon dissolution of the Company pursuant to Section 12.2, the Company shall immediately commence to liquidate and wind up its affairs. With the exception of any Disqualified Member or any Withdrawing Member, Members shall continue to share profits and losses during the period of liquidation and winding up in the same proportion as before commencement of winding up and dissolution. The proceeds from the liquidation and winding up shall be applied in the following order of priority:

12.4.1 To creditors, including any Member who is a creditor, to the extent permitted by applicable law, in

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satisfaction of liabilities of the Company (other than liabilities to the Members on account of their Capital Contributions or on account of a Member's withdrawal from the Company) and in satisfaction of the expenses of the liquidation and winding up:

12.4.2 To the Members (other than a Withdrawing Member) in return of their respective Capital Contributions;

12.4.3 To any Withdrawing Member in an account determined in accordance with Section 12.3.2; and

12.4.4 The balance, to the Members (other than a Disqualified Member or a Withdrawing Member) in proportion with their positive Capital Account balances, and if none, in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests.

Unless the Members shall unanimously determine otherwise, all distributions shall be made in cash, and none of the Company Property shall be distributed in kind to the Members unless a distribution of Company Property distributed in kind is distributed pro rata to Members in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests.

12.5 **Limitation on Distributions.** The Company shall not make any distribution to a Member with respect to such Member's Interest in the Company, and no Member shall be entitled to receive any such distribution to the extent that, as determined by the Members, after giving effect to the distributions: (a) the Company would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business; or (b) the Company's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities to which such assets are subject.

12.6 **Filing Articles of Termination.** Upon the completion of the distribution of Company Property as provided in Section 12.4, articles of termination shall be filed as required by the Act, and each Member agrees to take whatever action may be appropriate or advisable to carry out provisions of this Section.

12.7 **Return of Capital.** The return of Capital Contributions shall be made solely from Company Property.

ARTICLE XIII
GENERAL PROVISIONS

13.1 **Notices.** Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given to a Member under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be hand delivered, transmitted by telegram or facsimile, or sent by United States certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or via Express Mail, or any similar overnight delivery service by addressing same to the Member at the place of business of the Member or to such other address as the Member may designate from time to time and shall be deemed given on the first of the following to occur:

13.1.1 Receipt in the event of hand delivery or transmitted by telegram or facsimile;

13.1.2 Receipt of certified or registered mail, as evidenced by signed receipt; or

13.1.3 One day after the date appearing on the shipping invoice of Express Mail or other similar overnight delivery service.

13.2 **Captions.** All article and section captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to affect the construction of this Agreement. Except as specifically provided otherwise, references to "Sections" are to Sections of this Agreement.

13.3 **Pronouns and Plurals.** Whenever the context may require, any pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neutral forms, and the similar forms of nouns, pronouns, and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa.

13.4 **Facsimile Signatures.** A facsimile signature of any officer or Member may be used whenever and as authorized by the Members.

13.5 **Reliance upon Books, Reports, and Records.** Unless he/she has knowledge concerning the matter is question which makes his/her reliance unwarranted, each officer and Member shall, in the performance of duties hereunder, be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (a) one or more employees of the Company whom the officer or Member believes to be reliable and competent in the matter in question; (b) legal counsel, accountants, or other Persons as to matters such officer or Member reasonably believes