UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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 4, 2024 (October 2, 2024)

The Pennant Group, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware		001-38900	83-3349931
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)		(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
		1675 E Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, ID 83616	
	(4	Address of principal executive offices and Zip C	ode)
	Registra	nt's telephone number, including area code: (208	3) 506-6100
	(Form	Not Applicable ner name or former address, if changed since last	t report.)
Check the appropriate bo following provisions:	x below if the Form 8-1	K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the	e filing obligation of the registrant under any of the
☐ Written communic	ations pursuant to Rule	425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
☐ Soliciting material	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
☐ Pre-commencement	nt communications purs	suant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act ((17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
□ Pre-commencement	nt communications purs	suant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Title of each class Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share		Trading Symbol(s) PNTG	Name of each exchange on which registered Nasdaq Global Select Market
		emerging growth company as defined in as defined in 934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	n Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 2, 2024, The Pennant Group, Inc. (the "Company") closed the public offering (the "Offering") of 4,025,000 shares of its common stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("common stock"). In connection with the Offering, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement, dated as of October 2, 2024 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein, to issue and sell 4,025,000 shares of common stock, including 525,000 shares of common stock due to the exercise in full of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. The shares were offered and sold under a prospectus supplement and related prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-281302). The net proceeds to the Company from the offering, after underwriting discounts and commissions and before expenses, is approximately \$118.5 million.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company, customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of the Company and the Underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures exchanged between the parties in connection with the execution of the Underwriting Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the securities in the offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>1.1</u>	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of October 2, 2024, among The Pennant Group, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein
<u>5.1</u>	Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP
<u>23.1</u>	Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1)
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 4, 2024 THE PENNANT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ LYNETTE B. WALBOM

Lynette B. Walbom Chief Financial Officer The Pennant Group, Inc. 3,500,000 Shares Common Stock (\$0.001 par value)

Underwriting Agreement

New York, New York October 2, 2024

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
Truist Securities, Inc.
As Representatives of the several Underwriters,

c/o Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 388 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10013

c/o Trust Securities, Inc. 3333 Peachtree Road NE, 11th Floor Atlanta, GA 30326

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Pennant Group, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company"), proposes to sell to the several underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you (the "Representatives") are acting as representatives, the number of shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock") of the Company set forth in Schedule I hereto (said shares to be issued and sold by the Company being hereinafter called the "Underwritten Securities"). The Company also proposes to grant to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to the number of additional shares of Common Stock set forth in Schedule I hereto (the "Option Securities," the Option Securities, together with the Underwritten Securities, being hereinafter called the "Securities"). To the extent there are no additional Underwriters listed on Schedule II other than you, the term Representatives as used herein shall mean you, as Underwriters, and the terms Representatives and Underwriters shall mean either the singular or plural as the context requires.

As used in this underwriting agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), the "<u>Registration Statement</u>" means the registration statement referred to in paragraph 1(a) hereof, including the exhibits, schedules and financial statements and any prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>") pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "<u>Securities Act</u>") and deemed part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B under the Securities Act, as amended on each Effective Date, and, in the

event any post-effective amendment thereto becomes effective prior to the Closing Date (as defined in Section 3 hereof), shall also mean such registration statement as so amended; the "<u>Effective Date</u>" means each date and time that the Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment or amendments thereto became or becomes effective; the "<u>Base Prospectus</u>" means the base prospectus referred to in paragraph 1(a) hereof contained in the Registration Statement at the date and time that this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto (the "<u>Execution Time</u>"); the "<u>Preliminary Prospectus</u>" means any preliminary prospectus supplement to the Base Prospectus referred to in paragraph 1(a) hereof which is used prior to the filing of the Final Prospectus, together with the Base Prospectus; and the "<u>Final Prospectus</u>" means the prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act ("<u>Rule 424(b)</u>") after the Execution Time, together with the Base Prospectus.

Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Exchange Act") on or before the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference.

As used in this Agreement, the "<u>Disclosure Package</u>" shall mean (i) the Base Prospectus, (ii) the Preliminary Prospectus used most recently prior to the Execution Time, (iii) any issuer free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act (an "<u>Issuer Free Writing Prospectus</u>"), identified in Schedule III hereto, (iv) any other free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act (a "<u>Free Writing Prospectus</u>"), that the parties hereto shall hereafter expressly agree in writing to treat as part of the Disclosure Package.

- 1. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each Underwriter as set forth below in this Section 1.
 - (a) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act and has prepared and filed with the SEC an automatic shelf registration statement, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act ("Rule 405") (the file number of which is set forth in Schedule I hereto) on Form S-3, including a related Base Prospectus, for the registration of the offering and sale of the Securities under the Securities Act. Such Registration Statement, including any amendments thereto filed prior to the Execution Time, became effective upon filing. The Company has filed with the SEC, as part of an amendment to the Registration Statement or pursuant to Rule

- 424(b), one or more preliminary prospectus supplements relating to the Securities, each of which has previously been furnished to you. The Company will file with the SEC a final prospectus supplement relating to the Securities in accordance with Rule 424(b) after the Execution Time. As filed, such final prospectus supplement shall contain all information required by the Securities Act and the rules thereunder and, except to the extent the Representatives shall agree in writing to a modification, shall be in all substantive respects in the form furnished to you prior to the Execution Time or, to the extent not completed at the Execution Time, shall contain only such specific additional information and other changes (beyond that contained in the Base Prospectus and any Preliminary Prospectus) as the Company has advised you, prior to the Execution Time, will be included or made therein. The Registration Statement, at the Execution Time, meets the requirements set forth in Rule 415(a)(1)(x) under the Securities Act. The initial Effective Date of the Registration Statement was not earlier than the date three years before the Execution Time.
- On each Effective Date, the Registration Statement did, and when the Final Prospectus is first filed in accordance with Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date (as defined herein) and on any date on which Option Securities are purchased, if such date is not the Closing Date (a "Settlement Date"), the Final Prospectus (and any supplement thereto) will, comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the respective rules thereunder; on each Effective Date, at the Execution Time and on the Closing Date, the Registration Statement did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and on the date of any filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date and any settlement date, the Final Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) 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, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto), it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) (i) The Disclosure Package and the price to the public, the number of Underwritten Securities and the number of Option Securities to be included on the cover page of the Final Prospectus, when taken together as a whole, (ii) each electronic road show, when taken together as a whole with the Disclosure Package and the price to the public, the number of Underwritten Securities and the number of Option Securities to be included on the cover page of the Final Prospectus, and (iii) any individual Written Testing-the-Waters Communication (as defined below), when taken together as a whole with the Disclosure Package and the price to the public, the number of Underwritten

Securities and the number of Option Securities to be included on the cover page of the Final Prospectus, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any 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 Disclosure Package based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

- (d) (i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement, (ii) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), (iii) 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 in Rule 163, and (iv) at the Execution Time (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (iv)), the Company was or is (as the case may be) a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405. The Company agrees to pay the fees required by the SEC relating to the Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1) without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r).
- (e) (i) At the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2)) under the Securities Act and (ii) as of the Execution Time (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (ii)), the Company was not and is not an Ineligible Issuer (as defined in Rule 405), without taking account of any determination by the SEC pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an Ineligible Issuer.
- (f) The Company (i) has not alone engaged in any Testing-the-Waters Communication (as defined below) other than Testing-the-Waters Communications with the consent of the Representatives with entities that the Company reasonably believes to be qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("QIBs") or institutions that are accredited investors within the meaning of Rule 501 under the Securities Act ("IAIs") and otherwise in compliance with the requirements of Rule 163B under the Securities Act and (ii) has not authorized anyone other than the Representatives to engage in Testing-the-Waters Communications. "Testing-the Waters Communication" means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Rule 163B under the Securities Act. The Company reconfirms that the Representatives have been authorized to act on its behalf in undertaking Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company has not distributed any Written Testing-the-Waters Communications (as defined below) other than those listed on Schedule IV

hereto. "Written Testing-the-Waters Communication" means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405.

- (g) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus does not include any information that conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement, including any document incorporated by reference therein and any prospectus supplement deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified. The foregoing sentence does 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 or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.
- (h) The interactive data in the eXtensible Business Reporting Language ("XBRL") included as an exhibit to the Registration Statement fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the SEC's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.
- (i) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has been duly incorporated or formed, as applicable, and is validly existing as a corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is chartered or organized with full corporate power and authority to own or lease, as the case may be, and to operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, and is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, and is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction, which requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined below).
- (j) All the outstanding shares of capital stock of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the subsidiaries are owned by the Company either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.
- (k) There is no franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit thereto, which is not described or filed as required (and the Preliminary Prospectus contains in all material respects the same description of the foregoing matters contained in the Final Prospectus); and the statements in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus under the headings "Description of Capital Stock," insofar as they purport to constitute a summary of the terms of the Common Stock, and "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Holders" insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, present fairly, in all material respects, such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings.

- (1) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.
- (m) The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, will not be an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (n) No consent, approval, authorization, filing with or order of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties or assets is required in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, except such as have been obtained under the Securities Act and such as may be required under the blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters in the manner contemplated herein and in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.
- (o) Neither the issue and sale of the Securities nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof will conflict with, result in a breach or violation of, or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, (i) the charter, bylaws or other organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or bound or to which its or their property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), for any such conflicts, breaches, violations, liens, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (p) No holders of securities of the Company have rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement.
- (q) The consolidated historical financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and the Registration Statement present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply as to form, in all material respects, with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act and have been prepared, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein). The other financial and related statistical information included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Disclosure Package presents fairly, in all material respects, the information

included therein and has been prepared on a basis consistent with that of the financial statements that are included in the Disclosure Package. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement and the Disclosure Package regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the SEC) comply, in all material respects, with Regulation G of the Exchange Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act, to the extent applicable.

- (r) No action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or its or their property is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened that (i) would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby or (ii) would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), prospects, earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (s) Each of the Company and each of its subsidiaries owns or leases all such properties as are necessary to the conduct of its operations as presently conducted.
- (t) The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real property owned by any of them and good title to all other properties and assets owned by any of them, in each case, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, claims, liens, security interests, restrictions or encumbrances of any kind except such as (a) are described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (b) are not, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, are not required to be disclosed in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, and do not, individually or in the aggregate, materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made of such property by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (c) would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice from any federal, state, county or municipal government of plans to exercise any power of eminent domain affecting any real property owned by any of them.
- (u) All real property, buildings and other improvements, and all equipment and other property held under lease or sublease by the Company or any of its subsidiaries is held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases or subleases, as the case may be, and solely in the case of leases or subleases relating to real property, buildings or other improvements, with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property and buildings or other improvements by the Company and its subsidiaries, and all such leases and subleases are in full force and effect, except for such leases as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and neither the Company nor any of its

subsidiaries has received any notice of any claim of any sort that has been asserted by anyone adverse to the rights of the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any of the leases or subleases mentioned above or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to the continued possession of the leased or subleased premises or to the continued use of the leased or subleased equipment or other property except for such claims of which, if successfully asserted against the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.

- (v) Neither the Company nor any subsidiary is in violation or default of (i) any provision of its charter, bylaws or other organizational documents, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or bound or to which its property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), for any such violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (w) Deloitte & Touche LLP, who has certified certain financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and delivered its report with respect to the audited consolidated financial statements and schedules included in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, is an independent public accounting firm with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder.
- (x) There are no transfer taxes or other similar fees or charges under Federal law or the laws of any state, or any political subdivision thereof, required to be paid in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the issuance by the Company or sale by the Company of the Securities.
- (y) The Company has filed all tax returns that are required to be filed or has requested extensions thereof (except in any case in which the failure so to file would not have a Material Adverse Effect, and except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto)) and has paid all taxes required to be paid by it and any other assessment, fine or penalty levied against it, to the extent that any of the foregoing is due and payable, except for any such assessment, fine or penalty that is currently being contested in good faith or as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (z) No labor problem or dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is threatened or imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the

employees of any of its or its subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).

- (aa) The Company and each of its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as the Company reasonably believes are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; the Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of such policies and instruments in all material respects; and there are no claims by the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has 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 from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (ab) No subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's capital stock, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, except as described in or contemplated by the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (ac) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by all applicable authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses, except where the failures to possess such license, certificate, permit or other authorization would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has received any notices of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (ad) The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain a system of 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 generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (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; and (v) the interactive data in XBRL included in or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus is in compliance with the SEC's published rules, regulations and guidelines applicable thereto. The Company and its subsidiaries' internal controls over financial reporting are effective and the Company and its subsidiaries are not aware of any material weakness in their internal controls over financial reporting.
- (ae) The Company and its subsidiaries, considered together as a single entity, maintain "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are effective.
- (af) The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.
- (ag) The Company and its subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("Environmental Laws"), (ii) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses and (iii) have not received notice of any actual or potential liability under any environmental law, except where such non-compliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals, or liability would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto). Except as set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of the subsidiaries has been named as a "potentially responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.
- (ah) In the ordinary course of its business, the Company periodically reviews the effect of Environmental Laws on the business, operations and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, in the course of which it identifies and evaluates associated costs and liabilities (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws, or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties). On the basis of such review, the Company has reasonably concluded that such associated costs and liabilities would not, individually or

in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).

- None of the following events has occurred or exists: (i) a failure to fulfill the obligations, if any, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder with respect to a Plan, determined without regard to any waiver of such obligations or extension of any amortization period; (ii) an audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other federal or state governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by any of the Company or any of its subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (iii) any breach of any contractual obligation, or any violation of law or applicable qualification standards, with respect to the employment or compensation of employees by the Company or any of its subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (i) a material increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans in the current fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such contributions made in the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries; (ii) a material increase in the "accumulated postretirement benefit obligations" (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such obligations in the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries; (iii) any event or condition giving rise to a liability under Title IV of ERISA that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iv) the filing of a claim by one or more employees or former employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries related to their employment that could have a Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "Plan" means a plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA with respect to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries may have any liability. None of the Company, its subsidiaries or any member of their "Controlled Group" (defined as an entity, whether or not incorporated, that is under common control with the Company or its subsidiaries within the meaning of Section 4001(a) (14) of ERISA or any entity that would be regarded as a single employer with the Company or its subsidiaries under Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code) maintains or has ever maintained a Plan.
- (aj) There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company and any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection thereunder (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), including Section 402 relating to loans and Sections 302 and 906 relating to certifications.

- (ak) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor its or their respective directors or officers, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that could result in a violation or a sanction for violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, each as may be amended, or similar law of any other relevant jurisdiction, or the rules or regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Anti-Corruption Laws"); and the Company and its subsidiaries have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance therewith. No part of the proceeds of the offering will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of the Anti-Corruption Laws.
- (al) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements and the money laundering statutes and the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.
- (am) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor its or their respective directors or officers, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (i) is, or is controlled or 50% or more owned in the aggregate by or is acting on behalf of, one or more individuals or entities that are currently the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States (including any administered or enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State or the Bureau of Industry and Security of the U.S. Department of Commerce), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, a member state of the European Union (including sanctions administered or enforced by His Maiesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom) or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions" and such persons, "Sanctioned Persons" and each such person, a "Sanctioned Person"), (ii) is located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is, or whose government is, the subject of Sanctions that broadly prohibit dealings with that country or territory, including, without limitation, the Crimea Region of Ukraine, the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, the socalled Luhansk People's Republic, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria (collectively, "Sanctioned Countries" and each, a "Sanctioned Country") or (iii) will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other individual or entity in any manner that would result in a violation of any Sanctions by, or could result in the imposition of Sanctions against, any individual or entity (including any individual or entity participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

- (an) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has engaged in any dealings or transactions with or for the benefit of a Sanctioned Person, or with or in a Sanctioned Country, since April 24, 2019, nor does the Company or any of its subsidiaries have any plans to engage in dealings or transactions with or for the benefit of a Sanctioned Person, or with or in a Sanctioned Country.
- (ao) The subsidiaries listed on Annex A attached hereto are the only significant subsidiaries of the Company as defined by Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X.
- (ap) The Company and its subsidiaries own, possess, license or have other rights to use, on reasonable terms, all patents, patent applications, trade and service marks, trade and service mark registrations, trade names, copyrights, licenses, inventions, trade secrets, technology, know-how and other intellectual property (collectively, the "Intellectual Property") necessary for the conduct of the Company's business as now conducted or as proposed in the Disclosure Package and Prospectus to be conducted.
- (aq) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, the Company (i) does not have any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of any of the Underwriters and (ii) does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any of the Underwriters.
- (ar) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor any of its or their properties or assets has any immunity from the jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service or notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution or otherwise) under the laws of Delaware.
- (as) No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders, suppliers or other affiliates of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other, that is required by the Securities Act to be described in each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and that is not so described in such documents and in the Disclosure Package.
- (at) No person has the right to require the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register any securities for sale under the Securities Act by reason of the filing of the Registration Statement with the SEC, the issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company, except as have been validly waived or complied with in connection with the offering of the Securities
- (au) To the knowledge of the Company, the statistical and market-related data included in each of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is based on or derived from sources that are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

- (av) This Agreement conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (aw) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against any of them or any Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities.
- (ax) No securities issued or guaranteed by, or loans to, the Company are rated by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act).
- (ay) Neither the issuance, sale and delivery of the Securities nor the application of the proceeds thereof by the Company as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus will violate Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any other regulation of such Board of Governors.
- (az) Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company's information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, applications, websites, and databases (collectively, "IT Systems") operate and perform in all respects as required in connection with the operation of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries as currently conducted, and to the knowledge of the Company are free and clear of all material bugs, errors, defects, Trojan horses, time bombs, back-doors, malware and other malicious code, and (ii) during the past three (3) years, the Company and its subsidiaries have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable physical, technical and administrative controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards designed to maintain and protect the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of IT Systems, confidential information and Personal Data used in connection with their businesses. "Personal Data" has the same meaning as the term "personal data," "personal information," "protected health information," or the equivalent under applicable Privacy Laws (defined below).
- (ba) Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, during the past three (3) years, (i) there have been no breaches, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to IT Systems or the Company's Personal Data or confidential information, and (ii) the Company and its subsidiaries have been in compliance with (a) applicable laws, directives, statutes, judgments and orders binding on the Company and applicable rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority (together, "Privacy Laws"), (b) the Company's published or posted Policies (defined below), and (c) contractual obligations, each relating to the privacy and/or security of IT Systems and/or Personal Data and/or to the protection of such IT Systems and/or Personal Data from

unauthorized collection, use, access, transfer, storage, disclosure, or other processing (together, "Process" or "Processing") (collectively, the "Data Protection Requirements").

- To ensure compliance with the Data Protection Requirements, the Company and each of its subsidiaries has in place, complies with, and takes all reasonably appropriate steps reasonably designed to ensure compliance in all material respects with their policies and procedures relating to data privacy and security and the Processing of Personal Data (each a "Policy" and, collectively, the "Policies"). Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, during the past three (3) years, the Company and its subsidiaries have (i) made disclosures to individuals to the extent required by applicable Privacy Laws, and, to the knowledge of the Company, none of such disclosures made or contained in any Policies have been inaccurate or in violation of any applicable Privacy Laws; (ii) secured consents to the extent required under the Privacy Laws to Process any Personal Data; (iii) not received any written communication from any person or data subject alleging a breach of any of the Company or its subsidiaries' obligations under Data Protection Requirements, including any compensation claim and, to the Company's knowledge, there are no facts or circumstances that would give rise to any such claim; and (iv) not received any written request, official notice (including an information notice or enforcement notice) or other written notice of investigation or other action under Privacy Laws from any governmental body or supervisory authority alleging a breach of any of their obligations under Privacy Laws and, to the Company's knowledge, there are no facts or circumstances that would give rise to such an investigation or other action by a supervisory authority. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are currently conducting or paying for, in whole or in part, any investigation, remediation, or other corrective action pursuant to any Data Protection Requirement and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any order, decree, or agreement that imposes any obligation or liability by any regulatory body or governmental authority under any Data Protection Requirement.
- (bc) Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the Company (collectively with its subsidiaries) currently and at all times: (i) has operated and currently operates its business in compliance with applicable provisions of the Health Care Laws (as defined below); (ii) has not received any written notice of any complaint, claim, action, suit, proceeding, investigation, or other action from any governmental or regulatory authority alleging or asserting non-compliance with any applicable Health Care Laws; (iii) possessed and currently possesses all licenses, certificates, approvals, clearances, exemptions, authorizations and permits required by any such Health Care Laws to conduct its business as currently conducted ("Regulatory Authorizations"), such Regulatory Authorizations are and have been at all times valid and in full force and effect, and the Company (collectively with its subsidiaries) is not in violation of any term or requirement of any such Regulatory Authorization; and (iv) has not received written notice that any applicable regulatory authority has taken or is threatening to revoke, suspend or materially modify or limit any Regulatory Authorizations. The Company (collectively

with its subsidiaries) is not currently party to and does not have any current or ongoing reporting obligations pursuant to any corporate integrity agreements, deferred prosecution agreements, monitoring agreements, material consent decrees or similar material agreements, or material settlement orders with or imposed by any Applicable Regulatory Authority with respect to any Health Care Law. During the last three years, neither the Company (collectively with its subsidiaries) nor any of its officers, directors, and shareholders, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, its employees (other than such employees who are officers, directors or shareholders), have been excluded, suspended or debarred from participation in any federal health care program (as defined in 42 USC § 1320a-7b(f)) ("Federal Health Care Program"). Neither the Company (together with its subsidiaries) nor to the knowledge of the Company, its employees, officers, directors, or shareholders have received written notice of a governmental inquiry, investigation, proceeding, or other similar action that could reasonably be expected to result in debarment, suspension, or exclusion of the Company (together with its subsidiaries) from a Federal Health Care Program.

- Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the Company and its subsidiaries (i) are, and at all times have been, in compliance with all applicable material conditions for coverage and material participating provider and supplier requirements of private nongovernmental payors or programs, including any private insurance payor or program, self-insured employer, or other third-party payors ("Private Programs") and all applicable material federal and state reimbursement and other governmental health care programs, including, without limitation, Medicare, Medicaid and any Federal Health Care Program ("Government Programs"), and (ii) are parties to valid participation agreements with Government or Private Programs under which the Company or its subsidiaries directly or indirectly receives payments for medical services provided to such program's beneficiaries by the Company and its subsidiaries ("Payor Agreements"). Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the Company and its subsidiaries are, and have at all times, been in compliance with all terms, conditions, and provisions of such Payor Agreements, and neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries has received written notice of any action that could reasonably be expected to result in the termination or revocation of any Payor Agreement. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company, nor its subsidiaries, has received any written notice that it has any liability under any Private Program or Government Program for any refund, overpayment, discount or adjustment, excluding ordinary course adjustments that were timely repaid or resolved.
- (be) The term "Health Care Laws" means any United States federal, state or local law (including common law), statute, ordinance, code, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority ("Laws") related to the provision of health care goods, services or treatment, the billing, reimbursement, administration, and facilities thereof, including, including (a) all Laws related to billing or submission of claims, reimbursement, or health care fraud and abuse and self-referrals, including the federal Anti-Kickback Statute (42

U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b)), the federal Physician Self-Referral Prohibition (commonly referred to as the "Stark Law") (42 U.S.C. § 1395nn), the federal False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq.), the federal Civil Monetary Penalties Law (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a), the federal Exclusion Laws (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7), and the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812); (b) Section 543 of the Federal Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2, and its implementing regulations; (c) Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395lll (the Medicare statute); (d) Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396-1396w-5 (the Medicaid statute); (e) quality and safety certification and accreditation Laws; (f) any Law relating to the billing, coding, reimbursement or submission of claims or collection of accounts receivable or refund of overpayments; (g) any Law relating to the corporate practice of the learned or licensed healthcare professions; (h) any Laws pertaining to licensing, certification, accreditation, credentialing and supervision of licensed healthcare professionals and any other requirements of Law relating to the provision of health care services and facilities, including standards or professional conduct, (i) any Laws related to the ordering, dispensing, and diversion of controlled substances, including 21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq. (known as the "Controlled Substances Act") and all other applicable federal and state controlled substances and drug diversion Laws and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (j) all applicable implementing regulations, rules, ordinances and governmental orders related to any of the foregoing.

(bf) The Securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and are listed for trading on The Nasdaq Global Select Market and the Company has taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the Securities under the Exchange Act or the delisting of the Securities from the Nasdaq Stock Market, nor has the Company received any notification that the SEC or the Nasdaq Stock Market is contemplating terminating such registration or listing. To the Company's knowledge, the Company is in compliance with all material applicable listing requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

2. Purchase and Sale.

- (a) Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at the purchase price set forth in Schedule I hereto, the number of Underwritten Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule II hereto.
- (b) Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company hereby grants an option to the several Underwriters to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to the number of

Option Securities set forth in Schedule I hereto at the same purchase price per share as the Underwriters shall pay for the Underwritten Securities, less an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Underwritten Securities but not payable on the Option Securities. Said option may be exercised in whole or in part at any time on or before the 30th day after the date of the Final Prospectus upon written or telegraphic notice by the Representatives to the Company setting forth the number of Option Securities as to which the several Underwriters are exercising the option and the settlement date. The number of Option Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter shall be the same percentage of the total number of Option Securities to be purchased by the several Underwriters as such Underwriter is purchasing of the Underwritten Securities, subject to such adjustments as you in your absolute discretion shall make to eliminate any fractional shares.

3. <u>Delivery and Payment.</u> Delivery of and payment for the Underwritten Securities and the Option Securities (if the option provided for in Section 2(b) hereof shall have been exercised on or before the second Business Day immediately preceding the Closing Date) shall be made on the date and at the time specified in Schedule I hereto or at such time on such later date not more than two Business Days after the foregoing date as the Representatives shall designate, which date and time may be postponed by agreement among the Representatives and the Company or as provided in Section 9 hereof (such date and time of delivery and payment for the Securities being herein called the "Closing Date"). As used herein, "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies are authorized or obligated by law to close in New York City. Delivery of the Securities shall be made to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer payable in same-day funds to an account specified by the Company. Delivery of the Underwritten Securities and the Option Securities shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct.

If the option provided for in Section 2(b) hereof is exercised after the second Business Day immediately preceding the Closing Date, the Company will deliver the Option Securities (at the expense of the Company) to the Representatives, at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York, on the date specified by the Representatives (which shall be within two Business Days after exercise of said option) for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters, against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer payable in sameday funds to an account specified by the Company. If settlement for the Option Securities occurs after the Closing Date, the Company will deliver to the Representatives on the settlement date for the Option Securities, and the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase the Option Securities shall be conditioned upon receipt of, supplemental opinions, certificates and letters confirming as of such date the opinions, certificates and letters delivered on the Closing Date pursuant to Section 6 hereof.

4. <u>Offering by Underwriters</u>. It is understood that the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale to the public as set forth in the Final Prospectus.

- 5. <u>Agreements</u>. The Company agrees with the several Underwriters that:
- Prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities, the Company will not file any amendment of the (a) Registration Statement or supplement (including the Final Prospectus or any Preliminary Prospectus) to the Base Prospectus unless the Company has furnished you a copy for your review prior to filing and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object. The Company will cause the Final Prospectus, properly completed, and any supplement thereto to be filed in a form approved by the Representatives with the SEC pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) within the time period prescribed and will provide evidence satisfactory to the Representatives of such timely filing. The Company will promptly advise the Representatives (i) when the Final Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, shall have been filed (if required) with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b), (ii) when, prior to termination of the offering of the Securities, any amendment to the Registration Statement shall have been filed or become effective, (iii) of any request by the SEC or its staff for any amendment of the Registration Statement, or any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, or for any supplement to the Final Prospectus or for any additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the SEC of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any notice objecting to its use or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose and (v) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Company will use its best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or the occurrence of any such suspension or objection to the use of the Registration Statement and, upon such issuance, occurrence or notice of objection, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal of such stop order or relief from such occurrence or objection, including, if necessary, by filing an amendment to the Registration Statement or a new registration statement and using its reasonable best efforts to have such amendment or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable.
- (b) If, at any time prior to the filing of the Final Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b), any event occurs as a result of which the Disclosure Package would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made or the circumstances then prevailing not misleading, the Company will (i) notify promptly the Representatives so that any use of the Disclosure Package may cease until it is amended or supplemented; (ii) amend or supplement the Disclosure Package to correct such statement or omission; and (iii) supply any amendment or supplement to you in such quantities as you may reasonably request.
- (c) If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Securities Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172), any event occurs as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or

omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made or the circumstances then prevailing not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend the Registration Statement, file a new registration statement or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, including in connection with use or delivery of the Final Prospectus, the Company promptly will (i) notify the Representatives of any such event, (ii) prepare and file with the SEC, subject to the second sentence of paragraph (a) of this Section 5, an amendment or supplement or new registration statement which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance, (iii) use its reasonable best efforts to have any amendment to the Registration Statement or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable in order to avoid any disruption in use of the Final Prospectus and (iv) supply any supplemented Final Prospectus to you in such quantities as you may reasonably request.

- (d) As soon as practicable, the Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representatives an earnings statement or statements of the Company and its subsidiaries which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 under the Securities Act.
- (e) The Company will furnish to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, conformed copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and to each other Underwriter a copy of the Registration Statement (without exhibits thereto) and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by an Underwriter or dealer may be required by the Securities Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172), as many copies of each Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and any supplement thereto as the Representatives may reasonably request. The Company will pay the expenses of printing or other production of all documents relating to the offering.
- (f) The Company will arrange, if necessary, for the qualification of the Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may reasonably designate and will maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities; provided that in no event shall the Company be obligated to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not now so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to service of process in suits, other than those arising out of the offering or sale of the Securities, in any jurisdiction where it is not now so subject.
- (g) For a period of 90 days after the date of this Agreement (the "Restricted Period"), the Company will not, without the prior written consent of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Truist Securities, Inc., offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, (or enter into any transaction which is designed to, or might reasonably be expected to, result in the disposition (whether by actual disposition or effective economic disposition due to cash settlement or otherwise) by the Company or any affiliate of the

Company or any person in privity with the Company or any affiliate of the Company) directly or indirectly, including the filing (or participation in the filing) of a registration statement with the SEC in respect of, or establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, any other shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into, or exercisable for, shares Common Stock; or publicly announce an intention to effect any such transaction, until the Business Day set forth on Schedule I hereto, provided, however, that the Company may issue and sell Common Stock pursuant to any employee stock option plan, stock ownership plan or dividend reinvestment plan of the Company in effect at the Execution Time and the Company may issue Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of securities or the exercise of warrants outstanding at the Execution Time.

- (h) The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus under the heading "Use of Proceeds."
- (i) The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.
- The Company agrees to pay the costs and expenses relating to the following matters: (i) the preparation, printing or reproduction and filing with the SEC of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits thereto), each Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and each amendment or supplement to any of them; (ii) the printing (or reproduction) and delivery (including postage, air freight charges and charges for counting and packaging) of such copies of the Registration Statement, each Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and all amendments or supplements to any of them, as may, in each case, be reasonably requested for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities; (iii) the preparation, printing, authentication, issuance and delivery of certificates for the Securities, including any stamp or transfer taxes in connection with the original issuance and sale of the Securities; (iv) the printing (or reproduction) and delivery of this Agreement, any blue sky memorandum and all other agreements or documents printed (or reproduced) and delivered in connection with the offering of the Securities; (v) the registration of the Securities under the Exchange Act and the listing of the Securities on The Nasdag Global Select Market; (vi) any registration or qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of the several states (including filing fees and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriters relating to such registration and qualification); (vii) any filings required to be made with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") (including filing fees and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriters relating to such filings), provided that the amount payable pursuant to this clause (vii) and clause (vi) above shall not exceed \$35,000 in the aggregate: (viii) the

transportation and other expenses incurred by or on behalf of Company representatives in connection with presentations to prospective purchasers of the Securities; (ix) the fees and expenses of the Company's accountants and the fees and expenses of counsel (including local and special counsel) for the Company; and (x) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder.

- (k) The Company agrees that, unless it has or shall have obtained the prior written consent of the Representatives, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees with the Company that, unless it has or shall have obtained, as the case may be, the prior written consent of the Company, it has not made and 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 required to be filed by the Company with the SEC or retained by the Company under Rule 433 under the Securities Act ("Rule 433"); provided that the prior written consent of the parties hereto shall be deemed to have been given in respect of the Free Writing Prospectuses included in Schedule III hereto and any electronic road show used in connection with the offering of the Securities. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Representatives or the Company is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company agrees that (x) it has treated and will treat, as the case may be, each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and (y) it has complied and will comply, as the case may be, with the requirements of Rule 164 under the Securities Act ("Rule 164") and Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the SEC, legending and record keeping.
- 6. <u>Conditions to the Obligations of the Underwriters.</u> The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Underwritten Securities and the Option Securities, as the case may be, shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company contained herein as of the Execution Time, the Closing Date and any settlement date pursuant to Section 3 hereof, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:
 - (a) The Final Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, have been filed in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); any material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) shall have been filed with the SEC within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings by Rule 433; and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any notice objecting to its use shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.
 - (b) The Company shall have requested and caused Sidley Austin LLP, counsel for the Company, to have furnished to the Representatives their opinion letters and negative assurance letter, dated the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, and addressed to the Representatives, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives.

- (c) The Representatives shall have received from Goodwin Procter, LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated as of the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, and addressed to the Representatives, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives.
- (d) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a certificate of the Company, signed by the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer and the principal financial or accounting officer of the Company, dated as of the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Final Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, as well as each electronic road show used in connection with the offering of the Securities, and this Agreement and that:
 - (i) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct on and as of the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, with the same effect as if made on the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, and the Company has complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable;
 - (ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any notice objecting to its use has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened; and
 - (iii) since the date of the most recent financial statements included in or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto), there has been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise), prospects, earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (e) The Company shall have requested and caused Deloitte & Touche LLP to have furnished to the Representatives, at the Execution Time and at the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to one or more of the Representatives), dated respectively as of the Execution Time and as of the Closing Date, or the Settlement Date, as applicable, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, confirming that they are independent accountants within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the SEC thereunder, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives and containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial

statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.

References to the Final Prospectus in this paragraph (e) include any supplement thereto at the date of the letter.

- (f) Subsequent to the Execution Time or, if earlier, the dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof) and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (e) of this Section 6 or (ii) any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the condition (financial or otherwise), earnings, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto) the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, 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 as contemplated by the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof), the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (g) Prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Representatives such further information, certificates and documents as the Representatives may reasonably request.
- (h) At the Execution Time, the Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto from each officer and director of the Company listed on Schedule V hereto addressed to the Representatives.

If any of the conditions specified in this Section 6 shall not have been fulfilled when and as provided in this Agreement, or if any of the opinions and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall not be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, this Agreement and all obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be canceled at, or at any time prior to, the Closing Date by the Representatives. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or by telephone or facsimile confirmed in writing.

The documents required to be delivered by this Section 6 shall be delivered at the office of Goodwin Procter LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, at 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, on the Closing Date.

7. <u>Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses</u>. If the sale of the Securities provided for herein is not consummated because any condition to the obligations of the Underwriters set forth in Section 6 hereof is not satisfied, because of any termination pursuant to Section 10 hereof or because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to

perform any agreement herein or comply with any provision hereof other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters severally through Citigroup Global Markets Inc. on demand for all reasonably incurred and documented out of pocket expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel) that shall have been incurred by them in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Securities; <u>provided</u> that if this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives pursuant to Section 9 hereof, the Company will have no obligation to reimburse any defaulting Underwriter.

8. Indemnification and Contribution.

- (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents of each Underwriter and each person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other U.S. Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or any other preliminary prospectus supplement relating to the Securities, the Final Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party, as incurred, for any documented out of pocket legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion therein. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.
- (b) Each Underwriter severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Underwriter may otherwise have. The Company acknowledges that the statements set forth (i) in the last paragraph of the cover page regarding delivery

of the Securities and, under the heading "Underwriting," (ii) the list of Underwriters and their respective participation in the sale of the Securities, (iii) the sentences related to concessions and (iv) the paragraph related to stabilization, syndicate covering transactions in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the several Underwriters for inclusion in any Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.

Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the failure so to notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. The indemnifying party shall be entitled to appoint counsel of the indemnifying party's choice at the indemnifying party's expense to represent the indemnified party in any action for which indemnification is sought (in which case the indemnifying party shall not thereafter be responsible for the fees and expenses of any separate counsel retained by the indemnified party or parties except as set forth below); provided, however, that such counsel shall be satisfactory to the indemnified party. Notwithstanding the indemnifying party's election to appoint counsel to represent the indemnified party in an action, the indemnified party shall have the right to employ separate counsel (including local counsel), and the indemnifying party shall bear the reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such separate counsel if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with a conflict of interest, (ii) the actual or potential defendants in, or targets of, any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of the institution of such action or (iv) the indemnifying party shall authorize the indemnified party to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party. An indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding 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) In the event that the indemnity provided in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 8 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party for any reason, the Company and the Underwriters severally agree to contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending the same) (collectively, "Losses") to which the Company and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and by the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities. If the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is unavailable for any reason, the Company and the Underwriters severally shall contribute in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. Benefits received by the Company shall be deemed to be equal to the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by it, and benefits received by the Underwriters shall be deemed to be equal to the total underwriting discounts and commissions, in each case as set forth on the cover page of the Final Prospectus. Relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any untrue or any alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information provided by the Company on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by pro rata allocation or any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (d), in no event shall an Underwriter be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by such Underwriter with respect to the offering of the Securities exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (d), no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 8, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act and each director, officer, employee, affiliate and agent of an Underwriter shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, each officer of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the applicable terms and conditions of this paragraph (d).
- 9. <u>Default by an Underwriter</u>. If any one or more Underwriters shall fail to purchase and pay for any of the Securities agreed to be purchased by such Underwriter or

Underwriters hereunder and such failure to purchase shall constitute a default in the performance of its or their obligations under this Agreement, the remaining Underwriters shall be obligated severally to take up and pay for (in the respective proportions which the amount of Securities set forth opposite their names in Schedule I hereto bears to the aggregate amount of Securities set forth opposite the names of all the remaining Underwriters) the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase; provided, however, that in the event that the aggregate amount of Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase shall exceed 10% of the aggregate amount of Securities set forth in Schedule II hereto, the remaining Underwriters shall have the right to purchase all, but shall not be under any obligation to purchase any, of the Securities, and if such non-defaulting Underwriters do not purchase all the Securities, this Agreement will terminate without liability to any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company. In the event of a default by any Underwriter as set forth in this Section 9, the Closing Date shall be postponed for such period, not exceeding five Business Days, as the Representatives shall determine in order that the required changes in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter of its liability, if any, to the Company and any non-defaulting Underwriter for damages occasioned by its default hereunder.

- 10. Termination. This Agreement shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, by notice given to the Company prior to delivery of and payment for the Securities, if at any time prior to such delivery and payment (i) trading in the Company's Common Stock shall have been suspended by the SEC or the Nasdaq Stock Market or trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on either of such exchanges, (ii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared either by Federal or New York State authorities, (iii) there shall have occurred a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war, or other calamity or crisis the effect of which on financial markets is such as to make it, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Securities as contemplated by any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- 11. Representations and Indemnities to Survive. The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company or its officers or directors and of the Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or the Company or any of the officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates or controlling persons referred to in Section 8 hereof, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. The provisions of Sections 7 and 8 hereof shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.
- 12. <u>Notices</u>. All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and, if sent to the Representatives, will be mailed, delivered or telefaxed to

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013, Attention: General Counsel, facsimile number: +1 (646) 291-1469; and Truist Securities, Inc. at 3333 Peachtree Road NE, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30326, Attention: Equity Capital Markets, facsimile number: (404) 816-8535; or, if sent to The Pennant Group, Inc., will be mailed, delivered or telefaxed to 1675 East Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, ID 83616, Attention: General Counsel.

- 13. <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers, directors, employees, agents and controlling persons referred to in Section 8 hereof, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.
- Jurisdiction. The Company agrees that any suit, action or proceeding against the Company brought by any Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents of any Underwriter, or by any person who controls any Underwriter, arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby may be instituted in any State or U.S. federal court in The City of New York and County of New York, and waives any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such proceeding, and irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any suit, action or proceeding. The Company hereby appoints its registered agent as registered with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as its authorized agent (the "Authorized Agent") upon whom process may be served in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein that may be instituted in any State or U.S. federal court in The City of New York and County of New York, by any Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents of any Underwriter, or by any person who controls any Underwriter, and expressly accepts the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any such court in respect of any such suit, action or proceeding. The Company hereby represents and warrants that the Authorized Agent has accepted such appointment and has agreed to act as said agent for service of process, and the Company agrees to take any and all action, including the filing of any and all documents that may be necessary to continue such appointment in full force and effect as aforesaid. Service of process upon the Authorized Agent shall be deemed, in every respect, effective service of process upon the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action arising out of or based upon this Agreement may be instituted by any Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents of any Underwriter, or by any person who controls any Underwriter, in any court of competent jurisdiction in Delaware.
 - 15. <u>Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.</u>
 - (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.

As used in this Section 15, "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; and "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.

- No Fiduciary Duty. The Company hereby acknowledges that (a) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including without limitation the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any interaction that the underwriters have with the Company and/or its representatives or agents in relation thereto, is part of an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters and any affiliate through which it may be acting, on the other, (b) the Underwriters are acting as principal and not as an agent or fiduciary of the Company, (c) the Company's engagement of the Underwriters in connection with the offering and the process leading up to the offering is as independent contractors and not in any other capacity, (d) the Underwriters have not provided any recommendation or investment advice nor have the Underwriters solicited any action from the Company with respect to the public offering of the Securities, and (e) although the Representatives may be required or choose to provide certain Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS disclosures to the Company in connection with the public offering, the Representatives and the other Underwriters are not making a recommendation to the Company to enter into this Agreement, and nothing set forth in such disclosures is intended to suggest that the Representatives or any Underwriter is making such a recommendation. Furthermore, the Company agrees that it is solely responsible for making its own judgments in connection with the offering and other matters addressed herein or contemplated hereby (irrespective of whether any of the Underwriters has advised or is currently advising the Company on related or other matters), and has consulted its own legal, accounting, financial, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent deemed appropriate. The Company agrees that it will not claim that the Underwriters have rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owe an agency, fiduciary or similar duty to the Company, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.
- 17. <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

- 18. <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed within the State of New York.
- 19. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. The Company 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.
- 20. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, including by facsimile transmission, PDF or other electronic communication (including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law, e.g., www.docusign.com), each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 21. <u>Headings</u>. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

THE PENNANT GROUP, INC.

By:/s/ Lynnette B. Walbom
Lynnette B. Walbom
Chief Financial Officer

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date specified in Schedule I hereto.

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Truist Securities, Inc.

By: Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

By:/s/ Nishant Jadav

Name: Nishant Jadav Title: Managing Director

By: Truist Securities, Inc.

By:/s/ Jordan Wilder

Name: Jordan Wilder Title: Director

For themselves and the other several Underwriters named in Schedule II to the foregoing Agreement.

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE I

Underwriting Agreement dated October 2, 2024

Registration Statement No. 333-281302

Representative(s):

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Truist Securities, Inc.

Title, Purchase Price and Description of Securities:

Title: Common Stock

Number of Underwritten Securities to be sold by the Company: 3,500,000

Number of Option Securities to be sold by the Company: 525,000

Price per Share to Public (include accrued dividends, if any): \$31.00

Price per Share to the Underwriters – total: \$29.45

Closing Date and Time: October 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Type of Offering: Non-Delayed

Date referred to in Section 5(g) after which the Company may offer or sell securities issued by the Company without the consent of the Representative(s): December 31, 2024

SCHEDULE II

Underwriters	Number of Underwritten Securities to be Purchased	Maximum Number of Option Securities to be Purchased if Maximum Option Exercised
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	1,306,667	196,000
Truist Securities, Inc.	933,333	140,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	472,500	70,875
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	472,500	70,875
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.	157,500	23,625
Stephens Inc.	157,500	23,625
Total	3,500,000	525,000

SCHEDULE III

Schedule of Free Writing Prospectuses included in the Disclosure Package

None.

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SCHEDULE IV

Schedule of Written Testing-the-Waters Communication

None.

SCHEDULE V

PERSONS DELIVERING LOCK-UP AGREEMENTS

Brent J. Guerisoli Lynette B. Walbom John Gochnour Barry M. Smith Christopher R. Christensen John G. Nackel, Ph.D. Stephen M. R. Covey JoAnne Stringfield Scott E. Lamb Gregory K. Morris

EXHIBIT A

Form of Lock-Up Agreement

The Pennant Group, Inc.

Public Offering of Common Stock

[•], 2024

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Truist Securities, Inc. As Representatives of the several Underwriters,

c/o Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 388 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10013

c/o Truist Securities, Inc. 3333 Peachtree Road NE, 11th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter agreement (this "<u>Letter Agreement</u>") is being delivered to you in connection with the proposed underwriting agreement (the "<u>Underwriting Agreement</u>"), between The Pennant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and each of you as representatives of a group of Underwriters named therein, relating to an underwritten public offering of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), of the Company (the "<u>Offering</u>").

In order to induce you and the other Underwriters to enter into the Underwriting Agreement, the undersigned will not, without the prior written consent of each of the Representatives, (1) offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, (or enter into any transaction which is designed to, or might reasonably be expected to, result in the disposition (whether by actual disposition or effective economic disposition due to cash settlement or otherwise) by the undersigned or any affiliate of the undersigned or any person in privity with the undersigned or any affiliate of the undersigned), directly or indirectly, including the filing (or participation in the filing) of a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") in respect of, or establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder with respect to, any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into, or exercisable or exchangeable for such capital stock (collectively, with the Common Stock or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Lock-Up Securities, whether to be settled by delivery of the Lock-Up Securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with

respect to the registration of any Lock-Up Securities, or (4) publicly announce an intention to effect any such transaction, for a period from the date hereof until 90 days after the date of the Underwriting Agreement (the "Restricted Period").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned may:

- (1) transfer the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities:
 - (a) as a bona fide gift or gifts or charitable contribution, or for bona fide estate planning purposes,
 - (b) by will, other testamentary document or intestacy;
 - (c) to a partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which the undersigned and the immediate family of the undersigned are the legal and beneficial owner of all of the outstanding equity securities or similar interests.
 - (d) to a nominee or custodian of a person or entity to whom a disposition or transfer would be permissible under clauses (a) through (c) above,
 - (e) if the undersigned is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other business entity, (A) to another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other business entity that is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) of the undersigned, or to any investment fund or other entity controlling, controlled by, managing or managed by or under common control with the undersigned or affiliates of the undersigned (including, for the avoidance of doubt, where the undersigned is a partnership, to its general partner or a successor partnership or fund, or any other funds managed by such partnership), or (B) as part of a distribution to members or shareholders of the undersigned,
 - (f) by operation of law, such as pursuant to the rules of descent and distribution or pursuant to a qualified domestic order, divorce settlement, divorce decree, separation agreement or any other court order,
 - (g) to the Company upon death or disability of the undersigned, or, if the undersigned is an employee of the Company, upon termination of employment,
 - (h) as part of a sale of the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities acquired in the Offering or acquired in open market transactions after the closing date for the Offering,

- (i) (A) by surrender or forfeiture of the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon exercise or vesting or the exercise price upon a cashless net exercise, in each case, of stock options, equity awards, warrants or other right to acquire Common Stock expiring during the Restricted Period pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans listed as exhibits to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the "Plans") or (B) through a "sell to cover" transaction for the purpose of satisfying tax withholding obligations upon the issuance of stock awards or vesting of restricted stock units pursuant to the Company's Plans, or
- (j) pursuant to a bona fide third-party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction that is approved by the board of directors of the Company and made to all holders of the Company's capital stock involving a Change of Control (as defined below) of the Company (for purposes hereof, "Change of Control" shall mean the transfer (whether by tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction), in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to a person or group of affiliated persons, of shares of capital stock if, after such transfer, such person or group of affiliated persons would hold at least a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company); provided that in the event that such tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction is not completed, the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities shall remain subject to the provisions of this Letter Agreement;

provided that (i) in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clause (1)(a) through (f), (h) and (j), such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and each donee, devisee, transferee or distributee shall execute and deliver to the Representatives a lock-up letter in the form of this Letter Agreement; (ii) in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clause (1)(c), no filing by any party (donor, donee, devisee, transferor, transferee, distributer or distributee) under the Exchange Act, or other public announcement shall be required or shall be made voluntarily in connection with such transfer or distribution (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the Restricted Period referred to above); and (iii) in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clause (1)(a), (b), (d), (f), (g), (h) and (i), it shall be a condition to such transfer that no public filing, report or announcement shall be voluntarily made and if any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, or other public filing, report or announcement reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock in connection with such transfer or distribution shall be legally required during the Restricted Period, such filing, report or announcement shall clearly indicate in the footnotes thereto the nature and conditions of such transfer and, in the case of a transfer pursuant to clause (1)(a), (b) and (d), that the transferee has agreed to be bound by the terms of this letter;

- (2) exercise outstanding options, settle restricted stock units or other equity awards or exercise warrants pursuant to plans described in the Plans; provided that any Lock-Up Securities received upon such exercise, vesting or settlement shall be subject to the terms of this Letter Agreement;
- (3) establish trading plans pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of Lock-Up Securities; provided that (a) such plans do not provide for the transfer of Lock-Up Securities during the Restricted Period, (b) no filing by any party under the Exchange Act or other public disclosure shall be made voluntarily in connection with such trading plan during the Restricted Period (c) any required public disclosure of such plans shall include a statement regarding the restrictions set forth in this Letter Agreement, and (d) if any required filing is made under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, such filing shall clearly indicate that the undersigned is not permitted to transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of securities under such plan during the applicable cooling-off period under Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act and have the appropriate box checked. Notwithstanding the foregoing, sales of the undersigned's Lock-Up Securities may be effected pursuant to a trading plan adopted pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 (an "Existing 10b5-1 Plan") under the Exchange Act, provided that, (i) such Existing 10b5-1 Plan was entered into prior to the closing date of the Offering, and (ii) any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act that is made in connection with any such sales during the Restricted Period shall state that such sales have been executed under a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, shall state the date such trading plan was adopted and have the appropriate box checked.

If (i) the Company issues an earnings release or material news, or a material event relating to the Company occurs, during the last 17 days of the Restricted Period, or (ii) prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the Restricted Period, the restrictions imposed by this agreement shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event, unless Citigroup Global Markets Inc. waives, in writing, such extension. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that the Company has agreed in the Underwriting Agreement to provide written notice of any event that would result in an extension of the Restricted Period and agrees that any such notice properly delivered will be deemed to have given to, and received by, the undersigned.

This Letter Agreement and all related restrictions and obligations shall automatically terminate upon the earliest to occur, if any, of (a) the Representatives, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, advising the other in writing prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement that the Representatives have or the Company has determined not to proceed with the Offering contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, (b) the termination of the Underwriting Agreement (other than the provisions thereof which survive termination)

before the sale of any shares of Common Stock to the Underwriters, or (c) October 31, 2024, in the event that the Underwriting Agreement has not been executed by that date.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company, and any duly appointed transfer agent for the registration or transfer of the Lock-Up Securities, are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of the Lock-Up Securities if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Letter Agreement.

The undersigned understands that the Underwriters and the Company are entering into the Underwriting Agreement and proceeding with the Offering in reliance upon this Letter Agreement. The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Letter Agreement. All authority herein conferred or agreed to be conferred and any obligations of the undersigned shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs or personal representatives of the undersigned.

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters have not provided any recommendation or investment advice nor have the Underwriters solicited any action from the undersigned with respect to the Offering of the Common Stock and the undersigned has consulted their own legal, accounting, financial, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent deemed appropriate. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that, although the Representatives may be required or choose to provide certain Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS disclosures or other related documentation to you in connection with the Offering, the Representatives and the other Underwriters are not making a recommendation to you to enter into this Letter Agreement, participate in the Offering or sell any Common Stock at the price determined in the Offering, and nothing set forth in such disclosures is intended to suggest that the Representatives or any Underwriter is making such a recommendation.

Whether or not the Offering actually occurs depends on a number of factors, including market conditions. Any Offering will only be made pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, the terms of which are subject to negotiation between the Company and the Underwriters.

This Letter Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Letter Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

This Letter Agreement may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including pdf or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, e.g., www.docusign.com or www.echosign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

1	Yours very truly,
]	Ву:
	Name:
	Title:



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October 4, 2024

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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-281302 (the "Registration Statement"), filed by The Pennant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), which Registration Statement became effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act. Pursuant to the Registration Statement, the Company is issuing 4,025,000 shares (the "Shares") of its Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share. The Shares are to be sold by the Company pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated October 2, 2024 (the "Underwriting Agreement") among the Company and the Underwriters named therein.

This opinion letter is being delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

We have examined the Registration Statement, the Underwriting Agreement, the Company's certificate of incorporation and the resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the Company and the pricing committee thereof established by such board relating to the Registration Statement and the issuance of the Shares by the Company. We have also examined originals, or copies of originals certified to our satisfaction, of such agreements, documents, certificates and statements of the Company and other corporate documents and instruments, and have examined such questions of law, as we have considered relevant and necessary as a basis for this opinion letter. We have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all persons and the conformity with the original documents of any copies thereof submitted to us for examination. As to facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have relied without independent investigation or verification upon, and assumed the accuracy and completeness of, certificates, letters and oral and written statements and representations of public officials and officers and other representatives of the Company.

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Based on and subject to the foregoing and the other limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the issuance and sale of 4,025,000 of the Shares covered by the Registration Statement pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement have been duly authorized by the Company, and such Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable when certificates representing such Shares shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and duly delivered to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof or, if any such Shares are to be issued in uncertificated form, the Company's books shall reflect the issuance of such Shares to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof, in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement.

This opinion letter is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We express no opinion as to the laws, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the federal laws of the United States of America or any state securities or blue sky laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an Exhibit to the Registration Statement and to all references to our Firm included in or made a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidley Austin LLP