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**UNITED STATES  
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**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): **December 1, 2014**

**Level 3 Communications, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-35134**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**47-0210602**  
(IRS employer  
Identification No.)

**1025 Eldorado Blvd., Broomfield, Colorado**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**80021**  
(Zip code)

**720-888-1000**  
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

**Not applicable**  
(Former name and former address, if changed since last report)

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## **Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

### **Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of the Registrant**

On December 1, 2014, Level 3 Communications, Inc. (“Level 3”) entered into an indenture (the “Indenture”) with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, in connection with Level 3’s issuance of \$600,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022 (the “5.75% Senior Notes”). The net proceeds from the offering of the 5.75% Senior Notes will be used, together with cash on hand, to redeem all of Level 3’s approximately \$605.2 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of 11.875% Senior Notes due 2019.

The 5.75% Senior Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Level 3, ranking equal in right of payment with all other senior unsecured obligations of Level 3. The 5.75% Senior Notes will mature on December 1, 2022. Interest on the 5.75% Senior Notes will be payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning on March 1, 2015.

The 5.75% Senior Notes will be subject to redemption at the option of Level 3, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice, (i) prior to December 1, 2017 at 100% of the principal amount of 5.75% Senior Notes so redeemed plus (A) the applicable make-whole premium set forth in the Indenture, as of the redemption date and (B) accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) up to, but not including, the redemption date, and (ii) on and after December 1, 2017, at the redemption prices set forth below (expressed as a percentage of principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) up to, but not including the redemption date. The redemption price for the 5.75% Senior Notes if redeemed during the twelve months beginning (i) December 1, 2017 is 102.8750%, (ii) December 1, 2018 is 101.4375% and (iii) December 1, 2019 and thereafter is 100.0000%.

At any time or from time to time on or prior to December 1, 2017, Level 3 may redeem up to 40% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 5.75% Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 105.75% of the principal amount of the 5.75% Senior Notes so redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) up to, but not including the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds contributed to the capital of Level 3 from one or more private placements of Level 3 to persons other than affiliates of Level 3 or underwritten public offerings of common stock of Level 3 resulting, in each case, in gross proceeds of at least \$100 million in the aggregate. However, at least 60% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 5.75% Senior Notes must remain outstanding immediately after giving effect to such redemption. Any such redemption shall be made within 90 days following such private placement or public offering upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice.

The offering of the 5.75% Senior Notes was not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the 5.75% Senior Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The 5.75% Senior Notes were sold to “qualified institutional buyers” as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and non-U.S. persons outside the United States under Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The foregoing description of the Indenture does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Indenture, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

On December 1, 2014, Level 3 and the initial purchasers of the 5.75% Senior Notes entered into a registration rights agreement (the “Registration Agreement”) regarding the 5.75% Senior Notes pursuant to which Level 3 agreed, among other things, to file an exchange offer registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing description of the Registration Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Registration Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.2 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

## **Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 1, 2014, Level 3 distributed a notice of redemption to the holders of Level 3’s 11.875% Senior Notes due 2019. The redemption of all of Level 3’s outstanding 11.875% Senior Notes is scheduled to occur on December 31, 2014.

On December 1, 2014, Level 3 issued a press release relating to the closing of its private offering of \$600 million aggregate principal amount of the 5.75% Senior Notes and the distribution by Level 3 of a notice of redemption to holders of its 11.875% Senior Notes due 2019.

That press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

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| 4.1  | Indenture, dated as of December 1, 2014, between Level 3 Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, relating to the 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022 of Level 3 Communications, Inc.  |
| 4.2  | Registration Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2014, among Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Jefferies LLC and J. P. Morgan Securities LLC, relating to Level 3 Communications, Inc.'s 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022. |
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated December 1, 2014, relating to the closing of Level 3 Communications, Inc.'s private offering of 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022 and distribution of notice of redemption by Level 3 Communications, Inc.   |

## 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.

Level 3 Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ Neil J. Eckstein  
Neil J. Eckstein  
Senior Vice President

Date: December 2, 2014

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Exhibit	Description
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LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

as Issuer,

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

as Trustee

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Indenture

Dated as of December 1, 2014

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5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022

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INDENTURE, dated as of December 1, 2014, between Level 3 Communications, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the "Issuer"), having its principal office at 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee").

## RECITALS OF THE ISSUER

The Issuer has duly authorized the creation of an issue of 5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022 (the "Initial Securities") and, if and when issued pursuant to a Registered Exchange Offer or Private Exchange Offer pursuant to a Registration Agreement for the Initial Securities, 5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022 (the "Exchange Securities" and, together with the Initial Securities, the "Securities"), of substantially the tenor and amount hereinafter set forth, and to provide therefor the Issuer has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture.

All things necessary have been done to make the Securities, when executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered hereunder and duly issued by the Issuer, the valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer and to make this Indenture a valid and legally binding agreement of the Issuer and the Trustee, in accordance with their and its terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities, as follows:

## ARTICLE ONE

### DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

#### SECTION 101. Definitions.

For all purposes of this Indenture, including the recitals set forth above, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article, and include the plural as well as the singular;
  - (b) all other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;
  - (c) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and, except as otherwise herein expressly provided, the term "generally accepted accounting principles" with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder shall mean
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United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect on the date of this Indenture;

(d) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section, paragraph or other subdivision;

(e) unless otherwise indicated, references to Articles, Sections, paragraphs or other subdivisions are references to such Articles, Sections, paragraphs or other subdivisions of this Indenture; and

(f) “or” is not exclusive and “including” means including without limitation.

“Accreted Value” of any Debt issued at a price less than the principal amount at stated maturity, means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the issue price of such Debt as determined in accordance with Section 1273 of the Code or any successor provisions plus (b) the aggregate of the portions of the original issue discount (the excess of the amounts considered as part of the “stated redemption price at maturity” of such Debt within the meaning of Section 1273(a)(2) of the Code or any successor provisions, whether denominated as principal or interest, over the issue price of such Debt) that shall theretofore have accrued pursuant to Section 1272 of the Code (without regard to Section 1272(a)(7) of the Code) from the date of issue of such Debt to the date of determination, minus all amounts theretofore paid in respect of such Debt, which amounts are considered as part of the “stated redemption price at maturity” of such Debt within the meaning of Section 1273(a)(2) of the Code or any successor provisions (whether such amounts paid were denominated principal or interest).

“Acquired Debt” means, with respect to any specified Person, (i) Debt of any other Person existing at the time such Person merges with or into or consolidates with or becomes a Subsidiary of such specified Person and (ii) Debt secured by a Lien encumbering any Property acquired by such specified Person, which Debt was not incurred in anticipation of, and was outstanding prior to, such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

“Act”, when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section 104.

“Additional Securities” means, subject to the Issuer’s compliance with the applicable covenants in this Indenture, including Section 1010 and Section 1011, 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022 issued from time to time after the Issue Date under the terms of this Indenture (other than pursuant to Section 306, 307, 1016 or 1108 of this Indenture and other than Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities issued pursuant to an exchange offer for other Securities outstanding under this Indenture).

“Affiliate” of any Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such Person. For the purposes of this definition, “control” when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “controlling” and “controlled” have

meanings correlative to the foregoing. For purposes of Sections 1016 and 1018 and the definition of “Telecommunications/IS Assets” only, “Affiliate” shall also mean any beneficial owner of shares representing 10% or more of the total voting power of the Voting Stock (on a fully diluted basis) of the Issuer or of rights or warrants to purchase such Voting Stock (whether or not currently exercisable) and any Person who would be an Affiliate of any such beneficial owner pursuant to the first sentence hereof.

“Affiliate Transaction” has the meaning specified in Section 1018.

“Agent Members” has the meaning specified in Section 2.1(b) of Appendix A.

“Asset Disposition” means any transfer, conveyance, sale, lease, issuance or other disposition by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in one or more related transactions (including a consolidation or merger or other sale of any such Restricted Subsidiary with, into or to another Person in a transaction in which such Restricted Subsidiary ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer, but excluding a disposition by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or by the Issuer to a Restricted Subsidiary) of (i) shares of Capital Stock or other ownership interests of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than as permitted by clause (v), (vi), (vii) or (ix) of Section 1017), (ii) substantially all of the assets of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary representing a division or line of business or (iii) other Property of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary outside of the ordinary course of business (excluding any transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition of equipment that is obsolete or no longer used by or useful to the Issuer); provided in each case that the aggregate consideration for such transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition is equal to \$5,000,000 or more in any 12-month period. The following shall not be Asset Dispositions: (i) Permitted Telecommunications Capital Asset Dispositions that comply with clause (i) of the first paragraph of Section 1016, (ii) when used with respect to the Issuer, any Asset Disposition permitted pursuant to Article Eight which constitutes a disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (iii) Receivables sales constituting Debt under Qualified Receivable Facilities permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 1010 or Section 1011 and (iv) any disposition that constitutes a Permitted Investment or a Restricted Payment permitted by Section 1012.

“Attributable Value” means, as to any particular lease under which any Person is at the time liable other than a Capital Lease Obligation, and at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the total net amount of rent required to be paid by such Person under such lease during the remaining term thereof (including any period for which such lease has been extended) as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, discounted from the last date of such remaining term to the date of determination at a rate per annum equal to the discount rate which would be applicable to a Capital Lease Obligation with like term in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The net amount of rent required to be paid under any such lease for any such period shall be the aggregate amount of rent payable by the lessee with respect to such period after excluding amounts required to be paid on account of insurance, taxes, assessments, utility, operating and labor costs and similar charges. In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of penalty, such net amount

shall also include the lesser of the amount of such penalty (in which case no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the rent which would otherwise be required to be paid if such lease is not so terminated. "Attributable Value" means, as to a Capital Lease Obligation, the principal amount thereof.

"Board of Directors" of any Person means the board of directors or comparable body of such Person.

"Board Resolution" of any Person means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of such Person to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is not a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

"Capital Lease Obligation" of any Person means the obligation to pay rent or other payment amount under a lease of (or other Debt arrangements conveying the right to use) Property of such Person which is required to be classified and accounted for as a capital lease or a liability on the face of a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (a "Capital Lease"). The stated maturity of such obligation shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a penalty. The principal amount of such obligation shall be the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on the face of a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

"Capital Stock" of any Person means any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock or other equity participations, including partnership interests, whether general or limited, of such Person and any rights (other than debt securities convertible or exchangeable into an equity interest), warrants or options to acquire an equity interest in such Person.

"Cash Equivalents" means (i) U.S. dollars or foreign currencies held from time to time in the ordinary course of business; (ii) Government Securities having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition; (iii) marketable general obligations issued by any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality thereof maturing within one year from the date of acquisition and, at the time of acquisition, having a long-term credit rating of "A" or better from S&P or "A2" or better from Moody's or a short-term credit rating of "A-2" or better from S&P or "P-2" or better from Moody's; (iv) certificates of deposit, demand deposits, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits, overnight bank deposits or bankers' acceptances having maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition thereof issued by any commercial bank the long-term debt of which is rated at the time of acquisition thereof at least "A" or the equivalent thereof by S&P or "A2" or the equivalent thereof by Moody's or any commercial bank ranking within the top ten of all



commercial banks in such bank's country of operation on the basis of consolidated assets, and, in each case, having consolidated assets with value in excess of \$500 million; (v) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) entered into with any bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (iv) above; (vi) commercial paper rated at the time of acquisition thereof at least "A" (long-term) or "A-2" (short-term) or the respective equivalent thereof by S&P or "A2" (long-term) or "P-2" (short-term) or the respective equivalent thereof by Moody's or, if both of the two named Rating Agencies cease publishing ratings of investments, carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency (other than Moody's and S&P) that rates debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year and in any case maturing within one year after the date of acquisition thereof; and (vii) interests in any investment company or money market fund which invests 95% or more of its assets in instruments of the type specified in clauses (i) through (vi) above.

"Change of Control" has the meaning specified in Section 1009.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" has the meaning specified in Section 1009.

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

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act, or, if at any time after the execution of this Indenture such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties at such time.

"Common Stock" of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person that does not rank prior, as to the payment of dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of such Person, to shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

"Consolidated Capital Ratio" means as of the date of determination the ratio of (i) the aggregate amount of Debt of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as at the date of determination to (ii) the sum of (a) \$2,024,000,000, (b) the aggregate net proceeds to the Issuer from the issuance or sale of any Capital Stock (including Preferred Stock) of the Issuer other than Disqualified Stock subsequent to the Measurement Date, (c) the aggregate net proceeds from the issuance or sale of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary subsequent to the Measurement Date convertible or exchangeable into Capital Stock of the Issuer other than Disqualified Stock, in each case upon conversion or exchange thereof into Capital Stock of the Issuer subsequent to the Measurement Date and (d) the after-tax gain on the sale, subsequent to the Measurement Date, of Special Assets to the extent such Special Assets have been sold for cash, Cash Equivalents, Telecommunications/IS Assets or the assumption of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Debt that is subordinated to the Securities or any applicable Note Guarantee) and release of the Issuer and all Restricted Subsidiaries from all liability on the Debt assumed; provided, however, that, for purposes of calculation of the Consolidated Capital Ratio, the net proceeds from the issuance or sale of Capital Stock or Debt described in clause (b) or (c) above shall not be included to the extent (x) such proceeds have

been utilized to make a Permitted Investment under clause (i) of the definition thereof or a Restricted Payment or (y) such Capital Stock or Debt shall have been issued or sold to the Issuer, a Subsidiary of the Issuer or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Issuer or any such Subsidiary for the benefit of their employees.

“Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges” for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries for any period means the Consolidated Net Income of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, for such period increased by the sum of, to the extent reducing such Consolidated Net Income for such period (or, with respect to clause (v) below, reduced by such amount to the extent increasing such Consolidated Net Income for such period), (i) Consolidated Interest Expense of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, for such period, plus (ii) Consolidated Income Tax Expense of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, for such period, plus (iii) consolidated depreciation and amortization expense and any other non-cash items (other than any such non-cash item to the extent that it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash expenditures in any future period) for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, plus (iv) other non-recurring or unusual losses or expenses of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable (as determined by the Issuer in good faith and in accordance with Regulation G, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act and the Exchange Act), plus (v) non-recurring or unusual gains of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable (as determined by the Issuer in good faith in accordance with Regulation G, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act and Exchange Act), plus (vi) acquisition-related costs and restructuring reserves incurred by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any of the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, in connection with the acquisition of, merger, amalgamation or consolidation with, any Person expensed in computing such Consolidated Net Income to the extent the same would have been capitalized prior to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141R, Business Combinations, plus (vii) the amount of (a) any restructuring charges or reserves of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, and (b) any impairment charge or asset write-off or write-down of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, in each case, pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, and plus (viii) any non-recurring expenses or charges (other than depreciation or amortization expense) related to any equity offering, Permitted Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or the Incurrence of Debt permitted to be Incurred under this Indenture (including a refinancing thereof) (whether or not successful), including (a) such fees, expenses or charges related to the offering of the Securities (including breakage costs in connection with hedging obligations) and (b) any amendment or other modification of the Securities, and, in each case, deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; provided, however, that there shall be excluded therefrom the Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges (if positive) of any Restricted Subsidiary or Restricted Subsidiary of Financing, as applicable (calculated separately for such Restricted Subsidiary or Restricted Subsidiary of Financing in the same manner as provided above for the Issuer or Financing, as applicable), that is subject to a restriction which prevents the payment of dividends or the making

of distributions to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary or Financing or another Restricted Subsidiary of Financing, as applicable, to the extent of such restrictions.

“Consolidated Income Tax Expense” for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries for any period means the aggregate amounts of the provisions for income taxes of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, for such period calculated on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

“Consolidated Interest Expense” for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries for any period means the interest expense included in a consolidated income statement (excluding interest income) of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, for such period in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including without limitation or duplication (or, to the extent not so included, with the addition of), (i) the amortization of Debt discounts and issuance costs, including commitment fees; (ii) any payments or fees with respect to letters of credit, bankers’ acceptances or similar facilities; (iii) net costs with respect to interest rate swap or similar agreements or foreign currency hedge, exchange or similar agreements (including fees); (iv) Preferred Stock Dividends (other than dividends paid in shares of Preferred Stock that is not Disqualified Stock) declared and paid or payable; (v) accrued Disqualified Stock Dividends, whether or not declared or paid; (vi) interest on Debt guaranteed by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable; (vii) the portion of any Capital Lease Obligation or Sale and Leaseback Transaction paid during such period that is allocable to interest expense; (viii) interest Incurred in connection with investments in discontinued operations; and (ix) the cash contributions to any employee stock ownership plan or similar trust to the extent such contributions are used by such plan or trust to pay interest or fees to any Person (other than the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable) in connection with Debt Incurred by such plan or trust.

“Consolidated Net Income” for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries for any period means the net income (or loss) of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; provided, however, that there shall be excluded therefrom (a) for purposes of Section 1012 only, the net income (or loss) of any Person acquired by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, in a pooling-of-interests transaction for any period prior to the date of such transaction, (b) the net income (or loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, except to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or to a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, by such Person during such period (except, for purposes of Section 1012 only, to the extent such dividends or distributions have been subtracted from the calculation of the amount of Investments to support the actual making of Investments), (c) gains or losses realized upon the sale or other disposition of any Property of the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries or the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, that is not sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business (it being understood

that Permitted Telecommunications Capital Asset Dispositions shall be considered to be in the ordinary course of business), (d) gains or losses realized upon the sale or other disposition of any Special Assets, (e) all extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (f) the cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, (g) non-cash gains or losses resulting from fluctuations in currency exchange rates, (h) any non-cash expense related to the issuance to employees or directors of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary or any Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, of (1) options to purchase Capital Stock of the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary or such Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, or (2) other compensatory rights; provided, in either case, that such options or rights, by their terms can be redeemed at the option of the holder of such option or right only for Capital Stock, (i) with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary or a Restricted Subsidiary of Financing, as applicable, that is not a Wholly Owned Subsidiary any aggregate net income (or loss) in excess of the Issuer's or any Restricted Subsidiary's or Financing's or any Restricted Subsidiary of Financing's, as applicable, pro rata share of the net income (or loss) of such Restricted Subsidiary or Restricted Subsidiary of Financing, as applicable, that is not a Wholly Owned Subsidiary; (j) if the period is the second, third or fourth fiscal quarter of 2003 or the first fiscal quarter of 2004, an aggregate of \$293,686,650 for all such quarters; and (k) for purposes of calculating Pro Forma Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 1010 and paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 1011 only, ordinary losses or gains (including related fees and expenses) on early extinguishment of Debt; provided further that there shall further be excluded therefrom the net income (but not net loss) of any Restricted Subsidiary or any Financing Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, that is subject to a restriction which prevents the payment of dividends or the making of distributions to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary or Financing or another Restricted Subsidiary of Financing, as applicable, to the extent of such restriction.

"Consolidated Tangible Assets" of any Person means the total amount of assets (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) which under generally accepted accounting principles would be included on a consolidated balance sheet of such Person and its Subsidiaries after deducting therefrom all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangibles, which in each case under generally accepted accounting principles would be included on such consolidated balance sheet.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee, at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of this Indenture is located at 400 South Hope St., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90071, except that, with respect to presentation of Securities for payment or for registration of transfer or exchange, such term shall mean the office or agency of the Trustee at which, at any particular time, its corporate agency business shall be conducted.

"Credit Facilities" means one or more credit agreements, including the Existing Credit Facility, loan agreements or similar facilities, secured or unsecured, providing for revolving credit loans, term loans and/or letters of credit, including any Qualified Receivable Facility, entered into from time to time by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, or Purchase Money Debt, or Debt Incurred pursuant to Capital Lease Obligations, Sale and Leaseback Transactions,

or senior secured note issuances, and including any related notes, Guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, as the same may be amended, supplemented, modified, restated or replaced from time to time.

“Debt” means (without duplication), with respect to any Person, whether recourse is to all or a portion of the assets of such Person and whether or not contingent, (i) every obligation of such Person for money borrowed, (ii) every obligation of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, including obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of Property, (iii) every reimbursement obligation of such Person with respect to letters of credit, bankers’ acceptances or similar facilities issued for the account of such Person, (iv) every obligation of such Person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of Property or services (including securities repurchase agreements but excluding trade accounts payable or accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business), (v) every Capital Lease Obligation of such Person and all Attributable Value in respect of Sale and Leaseback Transactions entered into by such Person, (vi) all obligations to redeem or repurchase Disqualified Stock issued by such Person, (vii) the liquidation preference of any Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock, which is covered by the preceding clause (vi)) issued by any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person, (viii) every obligation under Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreements of such Person and (ix) every obligation of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (viii) of another Person and all dividends of another Person the payment of which, in either case, such Person has Guaranteed. The “amount” or “principal amount” of Debt at any time of determination as used herein represented by (a) any Debt issued at a price that is less than the principal amount at maturity thereof, shall be, except as otherwise set forth herein, the Accreted Value of such Debt at such time or (b) in the case of any Receivables sale constituting Debt, the amount of the unrecovered purchase price (that is, the amount paid for Receivables that has not been actually recovered from the collection of such Receivables) paid by the purchaser (other than the Issuer or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer) thereof. The amount of Debt represented by an obligation under an Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement shall be equal to (x) zero if such obligation has been Incurred pursuant to clause (x) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011 or (y) the notional amount of such obligation if not Incurred pursuant to such clause.

“Default” means any event, act or condition the occurrence of which is, or after notice or the passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

“Depository” means The Depository Trust Company, its nominees and successors.

“Designation” and “Designation Amount” have the respective meanings specified in Section 1019.

“Disqualified Stock” of any Person means any Capital Stock of such Person which, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Securities; provided, however, that any Preferred Stock which would not constitute Disqualified Stock but for

provisions thereof giving holders thereof the right to require the Issuer or Financing, respectively, to repurchase or redeem such Preferred Stock upon the occurrence of (i) a change of control occurring prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Securities shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the change of control provisions applicable to such Preferred Stock are no more favorable to the holders of such Preferred Stock than the provisions applicable to the Securities contained in Section 1009 or (ii) an asset sale occurring prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Securities shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the asset sale provisions applicable to such Preferred Stock are no more favorable to the holders of such Preferred Stock than the provisions applicable to the Securities contained in Section 1016 and, in each case such Preferred Stock specifically provides that the Issuer or Financing, respectively, will not repurchase or redeem any such stock pursuant to such provisions prior to the Issuer's repurchase of such Securities as are required to be repurchased pursuant to Sections 1009 or 1016.

"Disqualified Stock Dividends" means all dividends with respect to Disqualified Stock of the Issuer held by Persons other than a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary. The amount of any such dividend shall be equal to the quotient of such dividend divided by the difference between one and the maximum statutory federal income tax rate (expressed as a decimal number between 1 and 0) applicable to the Issuer for the period during which such dividends were paid.

"Domestic Restricted Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary other than (a) a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or (b) a Subsidiary of a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary.

"8.125% Proceeds Note" means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 8.125% Senior Notes due 2019.

"8.125% Senior Notes due 2019" means Financing's 8.125% Senior Notes due 2019 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of June 9, 2011 between Level 3 Escrow, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated October 4, 2011, among Level 3 Escrow, Inc., Financing, the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, under which Financing assumed all obligations of Level 3 Escrow, Inc. under the indenture and securities issued thereunder and the Issuer guaranteed Financing's obligations under such indenture and securities.

"8.625% Proceeds Note" means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2020.

"8.625% Senior Notes due 2020" means Financing's 8.625% Senior Notes due 2020 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of January 13, 2012, among the Issuer, Financing and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

"8.875% Senior Notes due 2019" means the Issuer's 8.875% Senior Notes due 2019 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of August 1, 2012, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

"11.875% Senior Notes due 2019" means the Issuer's 11.875% Senior Notes due 2019 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of January 19, 2011, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 501.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (or any successor act), and the rules and regulations thereunder (or respective successors thereto).

"Exchange Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture.

"Excess Proceeds" has the meaning specified in Section 1016.

"Existing Credit Facility" means the Credit Agreement dated as of March 13, 2007, among the Issuer, Financing, the lenders party thereto, and Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation, as Administrative Agent, as amended and restated as of October 31, 2014.

"Existing Notes" means the Issuer's 7% Convertible Senior Notes due 2015 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$475,000,000 (includes Series B), the Issuer's 11.875% Senior Notes due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$605,217,000, the Issuer's 8.875% Senior Notes due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000,000, Financing's 2018 Floating Rate Notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000,000, Financing's 9.375% Senior Notes due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000,000, Financing's 8.125% Senior Notes due 2019 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000, Financing's 8.625% Senior Notes due 2020 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$900,000,000, Financing's 7% Senior Notes due 2020 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$775,000,000, Financing's 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$640,000,000 and Financing's 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000,000.

"Expiration Date" has the meaning specified in "Offer to Purchase" below.

"Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any Property, the price that could be negotiated in an arm's-length free market transaction, for cash, between a willing seller and a willing buyer, neither of whom is under pressure or compulsion to complete the transaction. Unless otherwise specified herein, Fair Market Value shall be determined by the Issuer acting in good faith and evidenced by a Board Resolution of the Issuer (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer).

"Financing" means Level 3 Financing, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

"Financing Debt Ratio" means the ratio of (a) the aggregate consolidated principal amount (or, in the case of Debt issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) of Debt of the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Debt owed to the Issuer or a Sister Restricted Subsidiary), on a consolidated basis, outstanding as of the most recent available quarterly or annual balance sheet, after giving pro forma effect to the proposed Incurrence of Debt giving rise

to such calculation and any other Debt Incurred or repaid since such balance sheet date and the receipt and application of the net proceeds thereof, to (b) Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries for the four full fiscal quarters next preceding such proposed Incurrence of Debt for which consolidated financial statements are available; provided, however, that if (A) since the beginning of such four full fiscal quarter period the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries shall have made one or more Asset Dispositions or an Investment (by merger or otherwise) in any Financing Restricted Subsidiary (or any Person which becomes a Financing Restricted Subsidiary) or an acquisition, merger or consolidation of Property, or (B) since the beginning of such period any Person (that subsequently became a Financing Restricted Subsidiary or was merged with or into any Financing Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period) shall have made such an Asset Disposition, Investment, acquisition, merger or consolidation, then Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges for such four full fiscal quarter period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect to such Asset Dispositions, Investments, acquisitions, mergers or consolidations as if such Asset Dispositions, Investments, acquisitions, mergers or consolidations occurred on the first day of such period. For purposes of this definition, whenever "pro forma" effect is to be given to any Asset Disposition, Investment, acquisition, merger or consolidation, the calculations shall be performed in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act, as interpreted in good faith by the chief financial officer of the Issuer, except that any such pro forma calculation may include operating expense reductions for such period attributable to the transaction to which pro forma effect is being given (including, without limitation, operating expense reductions attributable to execution or termination of any contract, reduction of costs related to administrative functions, the termination of any employees or the closing (or the approval by the Board of Directors of the Issuer, or a duly authorized committee thereof, of the closing) of any facility) that have been realized or for which all steps necessary for the realization of which have been taken or are reasonably expected to be taken within twelve months following such transaction, provided, that such adjustments are set forth in an Officers' Certificate which states (i) the amount of such adjustment or adjustments and (ii) that such adjustment or adjustments are based on the reasonable good faith beliefs of the Officers executing such Officers' Certificate.

"Financing Restricted Subsidiaries" means Financing and the Subsidiaries of Financing that are Restricted Subsidiaries.

"5.375% Proceeds Note" means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022.

"5.375% Senior Notes due 2022" means Financing's 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of August 12, 2014, between Level 3 Escrow II, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture dated October 31, 2014, among Level 3 Escrow II Inc., Financing, the Issuer, Level 3 LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, under which Financing assumed all obligations of Level 3 Escrow II, Inc. under the indenture and the securities issued thereunder and each of the Issuer and Level 3 LLC guaranteed Financing's obligations under such indenture and securities.



"Federal Bankruptcy Code" means the Bankruptcy Act of Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time.

"Foreign Financing Restricted Subsidiary" means any Financing Restricted Subsidiary that is not organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

"Foreign Restricted Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary that is not organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

"Global Security" means a Rule 144A Global Security or a Regulation S Global Security, as the case may be.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States of America, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations fully and unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof which are not callable or redeemable at the issuer's option (unless, for purposes of the definition of "Cash Equivalents" only, the obligations are redeemable or callable at a price not less than the purchase price paid by the Issuer or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary, together with all accrued and unpaid interest (if any) on such Government Securities).

"Guarantee" by any Person means any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing, or having the economic effect of guaranteeing, any Debt of any other Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Debt or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment of such Debt, including any such obligations arising by virtue of partnership arrangements or by agreements to keep-well, (ii) to purchase Property or services or to take-or-pay for the purpose of assuring the holder of such Debt of the payment of such Debt, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or other financial statement condition or liquidity of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Debt or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee against loss in respect thereof, in whole or in part (and "Guaranteed", "Guaranteeing" and "Guarantor" shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing); provided, however, that the Guarantee by any Person shall not include endorsements by such Person for collection or deposit, in either case, in the ordinary course of business.

"Guarantor" means any Person that becomes a Guarantor pursuant to Section 1010, 1011 or 1020 or any other provision of this Indenture.

“Holder” means a Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Security Register.

“Incur” means, with respect to any Debt or other obligation of any Person, to create, issue, incur (by conversion, exchange or otherwise), assume, Guarantee or otherwise become liable in respect of such Debt or other obligation including the recording, as required pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles or otherwise, of any such Debt or other obligation on the balance sheet of such Person (and “Incurrence”, “Incurred” and “Incurring” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing); provided, however, that a change in generally accepted accounting principles that results in an obligation of such Person that exists at such time becoming Debt shall not be deemed an Incurrence of such Debt and that neither the accrual of interest nor the accretion of original issue discount shall be deemed an Incurrence of Debt. Debt otherwise incurred by a Person before it becomes a Subsidiary of the Issuer shall be deemed to have been Incurred at the time at which it becomes a Subsidiary.

“Indenture” means this instrument as originally executed and as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof.

“Initial Foreign Purchaser” means each non-U.S. person (within the meaning of Regulation S) that purchased Initial Securities from the Initial Purchasers in offshore transactions meeting the requirements of Regulation S.

“Initial Purchasers” means Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Jefferies LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC.

“Initial Securities” has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture.

“Interest Payment Date” means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on the Securities.

“Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement” of any Person means any forward contract, futures contract, swap, option or other financial agreement or arrangement (including caps, floors, collars and similar agreements) relating to, or the value of which is dependent upon, interest rates or currency exchange rates or indices.

“Invested Capital” means the sum of (a) \$500,000,000, (b) the aggregate net proceeds received by the Issuer from the issuance or sale of any Capital Stock, including Preferred Stock, of the Issuer but excluding Disqualified Stock, subsequent to the Measurement Date, and (c) the aggregate net proceeds from the issuance or sale of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary subsequent to the Measurement Date convertible or exchangeable into Capital Stock of the Issuer other than Disqualified Stock, in each case upon conversion or exchange thereof into Capital Stock of the Issuer subsequent to the Measurement Date; provided, however, that the net proceeds from the issuance or sale of Capital Stock or Debt described in clause (b) or (c) shall be excluded from any computation of Invested Capital to the extent (i) utilized to make a Restricted Payment or (ii) such Capital Stock or Debt shall have been issued or sold to the Issuer,

a Subsidiary of the Issuer or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Issuer or any such Subsidiary for the benefit of their employees.

“Investment” by any Person means any direct or indirect loan, advance or other extension of credit or capital contribution (by means of transfers of cash or other Property to others or payments for Property or services for the account or use of others, or otherwise) to, purchase, redemption, retirement or acquisition of Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other securities or evidence of Debt issued by, or Incurrence of, or payment on, a Guarantee of any obligation of, any other Person; provided, however, that Investments shall exclude commercially reasonable extensions of trade credit. The amount, as of any date of determination, of any Investment shall be the original cost of such Investment, *plus* the cost of all additions, as of such date, thereto and *minus* the amount, as of such date, of any portion of such Investment repaid to such Person in cash as a repayment of principal or a return of capital, as the case may be (except to the extent such repaid amount has been included in Consolidated Net Income of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries to support the actual making of Restricted Payments), but without any other adjustments for increases or decreases in value, or write-ups, write-downs or write-offs with respect to such Investment. In determining the amount of any Investment involving a transfer of any Property other than cash, such Property shall be valued at its Fair Market Value at the time of such transfer.

“Investment Grade Rating” means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P.

“Issuer” means the Person named as “Issuer” in the first paragraph of this Indenture, until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter “Issuer” shall mean such successor Person.

“Issue Date” means December 1, 2014.

“Issue Date Purchase Money Debt” means Purchase Money Debt outstanding on the Issue Date; provided, however, that the amount of such Purchase Money Debt when Incurred did not exceed 100% of the cost of the construction, installation, acquisition, lease, development or improvement of the applicable Telecommunications/IS Assets.

“Issue Date Rating” means Caa1 in the case of Moody’s and B in the case of S&P, which are the respective ratings assigned to the Securities by the Rating Agencies on the Issue Date.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written request or order signed in the name of the Issuer by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or a Vice President, and by the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Accounting Officer, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer, and delivered to the Trustee.

“Joint Venture” means a Person in which the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary holds not more than 50% of the shares of Voting Stock.

"Level 3 LLC" means Level 3 Communications, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Financing.

"Lien" means, with respect to any Property, any mortgage or deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, security interest, lien, charge, easement (other than any easement not materially impairing usefulness), encumbrance, preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever on or with respect to such Property (including any Capital Lease Obligation, conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing and any Sale and Leaseback Transaction). For purposes of this definition the sale, lease, conveyance or other transfer by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries of, including the grant of indefeasible rights of use or equivalent arrangements with respect to, dark or lit communications fiber capacity or communications conduit shall not constitute a Lien. For the sake of clarity, subordination and setoff rights do not constitute Liens.

"Maturity", when used with respect to any Security, means the date on which the principal of such Security or an installment of principal becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, notice of redemption or otherwise.

"Measurement Date" means April 28, 1998.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or, if Moody's Investors Service, Inc. shall cease rating debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year and such ratings business shall have been transferred to a successor Person, such successor Person; provided, however, that if Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ceases rating debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year and its ratings business with respect thereto shall not have been transferred to any successor Person, then "Moody's" shall mean any other national recognized rating agency (other than S&P) that rates debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year.

"Net Available Proceeds" from any Asset Disposition by any Person means cash or cash equivalents received (including amounts received by way of sale or discounting of any note, installment receivable or other receivable, but excluding any other consideration received in the form of assumption by the acquirer of Debt or other obligations relating to such Property) therefrom by such Person, net of (i) all legal, title and recording taxes, expenses and commissions and other fees and expenses (including appraisals, brokerage commissions and investment banking fees) Incurred and all federal, state, provincial, foreign and local taxes required to be accrued as a liability as a consequence of such Asset Disposition, (ii) all payments made by such Person or its Subsidiaries on any Debt which is secured by such Property in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon or with respect to such Property or which must by the terms of such Lien, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Disposition or by applicable law, be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Disposition, (iii) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Subsidiaries or Joint Ventures of such Person as a result of such Asset Disposition and (iv) appropriate amounts to be provided by such Person or any Subsidiary thereof, as the case may be, as a reserve in

accordance with generally accepted accounting principles against any liabilities associated with such Property and retained by such Person or any Subsidiary thereof, as the case may be, after such Asset Disposition, including liabilities under any indemnification obligations and severance and other employee termination costs associated with such Asset Disposition, in each case as determined by such Person, in its reasonable good faith judgment evidenced by a Board Resolution (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of such Person) filed with the Trustee; provided, however, that any reduction in such reserve within twelve months following the consummation of such Asset Disposition will be, for all purposes of this Indenture and the Securities, treated as a new Asset Disposition at the time of such reduction with Net Available Proceeds equal to the amount of such reduction; provided further, however, that, in the event that any consideration for a transaction (which would otherwise constitute Net Available Proceeds) is required to be held in escrow pending determination of whether a purchase price adjustment will be made, at such time as such portion of the consideration is released to such Person or its Restricted Subsidiary from escrow, such portion shall be treated for all purposes of this Indenture and the Securities as a new Asset Disposition at the time of such release from escrow with Net Available Proceeds equal to the amount of such portion of consideration released from escrow.

“9.375% Proceeds Note” means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 9.375% Senior Notes due 2019.

“9.375% Senior Notes due 2019” means Financing’s 9.375% Senior Notes due 2019 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of March 4, 2011, among the Issuer, Financing and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

“Non-Telecommunications Subsidiary” means any Restricted Subsidiary not engaged in any material respect in the Telecommunications/IS Business.

“Note Guarantee” means an unconditional Guarantee of the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Securities, when and as due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise, and all other monetary obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture and the Securities, and the due and punctual performance of all covenants, agreements, obligations and liabilities of the Issuer under or pursuant to this Indenture and the Securities.

“Offer” has the meaning specified in “Offer to Purchase” below.

“Offer to Purchase” means a written offer (the “Offer”) sent (i) by the Issuer electronically or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to each Holder of Securities at its address appearing in the Security Register on the date of the Offer or (ii) in the case of Securities held through the Depository, to Depository participants via the Depository’s electronic messaging system, offering, in each case, to purchase up to the principal amount of Securities specified in such Offer at the purchase price specified in such Offer (as determined pursuant to this Indenture). Unless otherwise required by applicable law, the Offer shall specify an expiration date (the “Expiration Date”) of the Offer to Purchase which shall be, subject to any contrary requirements of applicable law, not less than 30 days or more than 60 days after the date of such

Offer and a settlement date (the "Purchase Date") for purchase of Securities within five Business Days after the Expiration Date. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee at least 15 Business Days (or such shorter period as is acceptable to the Trustee) prior to the delivery (or submission via the Depository's electronic messaging system, as applicable) of the Offer of the obligation to make an Offer to Purchase, and the Offer shall be delivered (or submitted via the Depository's electronic messaging system, as applicable) by the Issuer or, at the Issuer's request and provision of such notice information, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. The Offer shall contain information concerning the business of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries which the Issuer in good faith believes will enable such Holders to make an informed decision with respect to the Offer to Purchase. The Offer shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Securities pursuant to the Offer to Purchase. The Offer shall also state:

- a. the Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Offer to Purchase is being made;
- b. the Expiration Date and the Purchase Date;
- c. the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities offered to be purchased by the Issuer pursuant to the Offer to Purchase (including, if less than 100%, the manner by which such amount has been determined pursuant to the Section hereof requiring the Offer to Purchase) (the "Purchase Amount");
- d. the purchase price to be paid by the Issuer for \$1,000 aggregate principal amount of Securities accepted for payment (as specified pursuant to this Indenture) (the "Purchase Price");
- e. that the Holder may tender all or any portion of the Securities registered in the name of such Holder and that any portion of a Security tendered must be tendered in an integral multiple of \$1,000 principal amount;
- f. the place or places where Securities are to be surrendered for tender pursuant to the Offer to Purchase;
- g. that any Securities not tendered or tendered but not purchased by the Issuer will continue to accrue interest;
- h. that on the Purchase Date the Purchase Price will become due and payable upon each Security being accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer to Purchase and that interest thereon, if any, shall cease to accrue on and after the Purchase Date;
- i. that each Holder electing to tender a Security pursuant to the Offer to Purchase will be required to surrender such Security at the place or places specified in the Offer prior to the close of business on the Expiration Date (such Security being, if the Issuer or the Trustee so requires, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing);

j. that Holders will be entitled to withdraw all or any portion of Securities tendered if the Issuer (or the Paying Agent) receives, not later than the close of business on the Expiration Date, a telegram, telex, or facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Security the Holder tendered, the certificate number of the Security the Holder tendered and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing all or a portion of his tender;

k. that (i) if Securities in an aggregate principal amount less than or equal to the Purchase Amount are duly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, the Issuer shall purchase all such Securities and (ii) if Securities in an aggregate principal amount in excess of the Purchase Amount are tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, the Issuer shall purchase Securities having an aggregate principal amount equal to the Purchase Amount on a pro rata basis, in accordance with applicable depository procedures (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate so that only Securities in denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof shall be purchased); and

l. that in the case of any Holder whose Security is purchased only in part, the Issuer shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security without service charge, a new Security or Securities, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder, in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unpurchased portion of the Security so tendered.

Any Offer to Purchase shall be governed by and effected in accordance with the Offer for such Offer to Purchase.

"Officers' Certificate" of any Person means a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of such Person, a Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of such Person, the President or a Vice President, and by the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Accounting Officer, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of such Person and delivered to the Trustee, which shall comply with this Indenture.

"Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion of counsel of the Issuer, including an employee of the Issuer.

"Original Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 301.

"Outstanding", when used with respect to Securities, means, as of the date of determination, all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

(i) Securities theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(ii) on and after any maturity or redemption date, Securities, or portions thereof, for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Issuer) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Issuer (if the Issuer shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Securities; provided that (a) the Trustee or the Paying

Agent, as applicable, is not prohibited from paying such money to the Holders and (b) if such Securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture;

(iii) Securities, except to the extent provided in Sections 1202 and 1203, with respect to which the Issuer has effected defeasance or covenant defeasance as provided in Article Twelve; and

(iv) Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 306 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser in whose hands the Securities are valid obligations of the Issuer;

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, consent, notice or waiver hereunder, and for the purpose of making the calculations required by TIA Section 313, Securities owned by the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Issuer or such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in making such calculation or in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities which any Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows to be so owned or as to which the Trustee has received written notice shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Issuer or such other obligor.

"Paying Agent" means any Person (including the Issuer acting as Paying Agent) authorized by the Issuer to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on any Securities on behalf of the Issuer.

"Permitted Holders" means the members of the Issuer's Board of Directors on the Measurement Date and their respective estates, spouses, ancestors, and lineal descendants, the legal representatives of any of the foregoing and the trustees of any bona fide trusts of which the foregoing are the sole beneficiaries or the grantors, or any Person of which the foregoing "beneficially owns" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) at least 66 2/3% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of such Person.

"Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement" of any Person means any Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreement entered into with one or more financial institutions in the ordinary course of business that is designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates or currency exchange rates with respect to Debt Incurred and not for purposes of speculation and which, in the case of an interest rate agreement, shall have a notional amount no greater than the principal amount at maturity due with respect to the Debt being hedged thereby.



“Permitted Investments” means (a) Cash Equivalents; (b) investments in prepaid expenses; (c) negotiable instruments held for collection and lease, utility and workers’ compensation, performance and other similar deposits; (d) loans, advances or extensions of credit to employees and directors made in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice; (e) obligations under Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreements; (f) bonds, notes, debentures and other securities received as a result of Asset Dispositions pursuant to and in compliance with Section 1016; (g) Investments in any Person as a result of which such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; (h) Investments made prior to the Measurement Date; (i) Investments made after the Measurement Date in Persons engaged in the Telecommunications/IS Business in an aggregate amount not to exceed Invested Capital; and (j) additional Investments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000,000.

“Permitted Liens” means (a) Liens for taxes, assessments, governmental charges, levies or claims which are not yet delinquent or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, if a reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles shall have been made therefor; (b) other Liens incidental to the conduct of the Issuer’s and its Restricted Subsidiaries’ businesses or the ownership of its Property not securing any Debt, and which do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of the Issuer’s and its Restricted Subsidiaries’ Property when taken as a whole, or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of its business; (c) Liens, pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of statutory obligations; (d) Liens, pledges or deposits made to secure the performance of tenders, bids, leases, public or statutory obligations, sureties, stays, appeals, indemnities, performance or other similar bonds and other obligations of like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money, the obtaining of advances or credit or the payment of the deferred purchase price of Property and which do not in the aggregate materially impair the use of Property in the operation of the business of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole); (e) zoning restrictions, servitudes, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business which, in the aggregate, do not materially detract from the value of the Property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries; and (f) any interest or title of a lessor in the Property subject to any lease other than a Capital Lease.

“Permitted Telecommunications Capital Asset Disposition” means the transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition of optical fiber and/or conduit and any related equipment used in a Segment (as defined) of the Issuer’s communications network that (i) constitute capital assets in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and (ii) after giving effect to such disposition, would result in the Issuer retaining at least either (A) 24 optical fibers per route mile on such Segment as deployed at the time of such disposition or (B) 12 optical fibers and one empty conduit per route mile on such Segment as deployed at such time. “Segment” means (x) with respect to the Issuer’s intercity network, the through-portion of such network between two local networks (i.e., Omaha to Denver) and (y) with respect to a local network of the Issuer (i.e., Dallas), the entire through-portion of such network, excluding the spurs which branch off the through-portion.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

“Predecessor Security” of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 306 in exchange for a mutilated security or in lieu of a lost, destroyed or stolen Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Security.

“Preferred Stock” of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person of any class or classes (however designated) that ranks prior, as to the payment of dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of such Person, to shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

“Preferred Stock Dividends” means all dividends with respect to Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries held by Persons other than the Issuer or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary. The amount of any such dividend shall be equal to the quotient of such dividend divided by the difference between one and the maximum statutory federal income rate (expressed as a decimal number between 1 and 0) applicable to the issuer of such Preferred Stock for the period during which such dividends were paid.

“Private Exchange Offer” means the offer by the Issuer, pursuant to Section 2(f) of the Registration Agreement dated December 1, 2014, or pursuant to any similar Registration Agreement entered into in connection with the registration of Additional Securities, to issue and deliver to certain purchasers, in exchange for the Initial Securities held by such purchasers as part of their initial distribution, a like aggregate principal amount of Private Exchange Securities.

“Private Exchange Securities” means the Exchange Securities to be issued pursuant to this Indenture in connection with a Private Exchange Offer pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement.

“Pro Forma Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges” for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for any period means Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, calculated in accordance with the definition thereof; provided, however, that if (A) since the beginning of the applicable period the Issuer or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall have made one or more Asset Dispositions or an Investment (by merger or otherwise) in any Restricted Subsidiary (or any Person which becomes a Restricted Subsidiary) or an acquisition, merger or consolidation of Property which constitutes all or substantially all of an operating unit of a business or a line of business or (B) since the beginning of such period any Person (that subsequently became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged with or into the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period) shall have made such an Asset Disposition, Investment, acquisition, merger or consolidation, then Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges for such four full fiscal quarter period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect to such Asset Dispositions, Investments, acquisitions, mergers or consolidations as if such Asset

Dispositions, Investments, acquisitions, mergers or consolidations occurred on the first day of such period. For purposes of this definition, whenever “pro forma” effect is to be given to any Asset Disposition, Investment, acquisition, merger or consolidation, the calculations shall be performed in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act, as interpreted in good faith by the chief financial officer of the Issuer, except that any such pro forma calculation may include operating expense reductions for such period attributable to the transaction to which pro forma effect is being given (including, without limitation, operating expense reductions attributable to execution or termination of any contract, reduction of costs related to administrative functions, the termination of any employees or the closing (or the approval by the Board of Directors of the Issuer, or a duly authorized committee thereof, of the closing) of any facility) that have been realized or for which all steps necessary for the realization of which have been taken or are reasonably expected to be taken within twelve months following such transaction; provided that such adjustments are set forth in an Officers’ Certificate which states (i) the amount of such adjustment or adjustments and (ii) that such adjustment or adjustments are based on the reasonable good faith beliefs of the Officers executing such Officers’ Certificate.

“Property” means, with respect to any Person, any interest of such Person in any kind of property or asset, whether real, personal or mixed, or tangible or intangible, including Capital Stock in, and other securities of, any other Person. For purposes of any calculation required pursuant to this Indenture, the value of any Property shall be its Fair Market Value.

“Proportionate Interest” in any issuance of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary means a ratio (i) the numerator of which is the aggregate amount of all Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary beneficially owned by the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary beneficially owned by all Persons (excluding, in the case of this clause (ii), any Investment made in connection with such issuance).

“Purchase Amount” has the meaning specified in “Offer to Purchase” above.

“Purchase Date” has the meaning specified in “Offer to Purchase” above.

“Purchase Money Debt” means Debt (including Acquired Debt and Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings and purchase money obligations) incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the cost of construction, installation, acquisition, lease, development or improvement by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary of any Telecommunications/IS Assets of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary and including any related notes, Guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, as the same may be amended, supplemented, modified, restated or replaced from time to time.

“Purchase Price” has the meaning specified in “Offer to Purchase” above.

“Qualified Credit Facility” means one or more credit agreements, loan agreements, or similar facilities, secured or unsecured, providing for revolving credit loans, term loans and/or letters of credit, including any Qualified Receivable Facility, entered into from time to time by

the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, or senior secured note issuances, and including any related notes, Guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, as the same may be amended, supplemented, modified, restated or replaced from time to time, including, without limitation, the Existing Credit Facility.

“Qualified Institutional Buyer” or “QIB” has the meaning specified in Rule 144A.

“Qualified Receivable Facility” means Debt of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Incurred from time to time pursuant to either (x) credit facilities secured by Receivables or (y) Receivables purchase facilities, and including any related notes, Guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, as the same may be amended, supplemented, modified or restated from time to time.

“Rating Agencies” mean Moody’s and S&P.

“Rating Date” means the earlier of the date of public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or of the intention of the Issuer to effect a Change of Control.

“Rating Decline” shall be deemed to have occurred if, no later than 90 days after the Rating Date (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Securities is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies), either of the Rating Agencies assigns or reaffirms a rating to the Securities that is lower than the applicable Issue Date Rating (or the equivalent thereof). If, prior to the Rating Date, either of the ratings assigned to the Securities by the Rating Agencies is lower than the applicable Issue Date Rating, then a Rating Decline will be deemed to have occurred if such rating is not changed by the 90th day following the Rating Date. A downgrade within rating categories, as well as between rating categories, will be considered a Rating Decline. A “Rating Decline” also shall be deemed to have occurred if a Rating Decline (as defined in any indenture governing any of the Existing Notes) shall have occurred in respect of any of the Existing Notes.

“Receivables” means receivables, chattel paper, instruments, documents or intangibles evidencing or relating to the right to payment of money and proceeds and products thereof in each case generated in the ordinary course of business.

“Redemption Date”, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, in whole or in part, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

“Redemption Price”, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

“refinancing” has the meaning specified in Section 1010(b)(viii) and 1011(b)(vi).

“Registered Exchange Offer” means the offer by the Issuer, pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement, to certain Holders of Initial Securities, to issue and deliver to such Holders, in exchange for the Initial Securities, a like aggregate principal amount of Exchange Securities registered under the Securities Act.

“Registration Agreement” means the Registration Agreement dated December 1, 2014, among the Issuer and the Initial Purchasers relating to the Original Securities or any similar agreement relating to any registration of Additional Securities.

“Regulation S” means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

“Regulation S Global Security” has the meaning specified in Section 2.1(a) of Appendix A.

“Required Filing Dates” has the meaning specified in Section 1007.

“Responsible Officer”, when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Trustee’s Corporate Trust Office, including any vice president, any assistant treasurer, or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above-designated officers, and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

“Restricted Payment” has the meaning specified in Section 1012.

“Restricted Subsidiary” means (a) a Subsidiary of the Issuer or of a Restricted Subsidiary that has not been designated or classified as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to and in compliance with Section 1019 and (b) an Unrestricted Subsidiary that is redesignated as a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to such Section.

“Revocation” has the meaning specified in Section 1019.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

“Rule 144A Global Security” has the meaning specified in Section 2.1(a) of Appendix A.

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Ratings Service or, if Standard & Poor’s Ratings Service shall cease rating debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year and such ratings business shall have been transferred to a successor Person, such successor Person; provided, however, that if Standard & Poor’s Ratings Service ceases rating debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year and its ratings business with respect thereto shall not have been transferred to any successor Person, then “S&P” shall mean any other nationally recognized rating agency (other than Moody’s) that rates debt securities having a maturity at original issuance of at least one year.

“Sale and Leaseback Transaction” of any Person means any direct or indirect arrangement pursuant to which any Property is sold or transferred by such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary of such person and is thereafter leased back from the purchaser or transferee thereof by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries. The stated maturity of such arrangement shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such arrangement

prior to the first date on which such arrangement may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a penalty.

“Securities” has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture and more particularly means any Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (or any successor act), and the rules and regulations thereunder (or respective successors thereto).

“Security Register” and “Security Registrar” have the respective meanings specified in Section 303.

“7% Proceeds Note” means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 7% Senior Notes due 2020.

“7% Senior Notes due 2020” means Financing’s 7.000% Senior Notes due 2020 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of August 6, 2012, among the Issuer, Financing and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

“Shelf Registration Statement” means a registration statement filed by the Issuer in connection with the offer and sale of Initial Securities pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement.

“Significant Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that would be a “Significant Subsidiary” of the Issuer within the meaning of Rule 1-02 under Regulation S-X promulgated by the Commission.

“Sister Restricted Subsidiary” means a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Financing Restricted Subsidiary.

“6.125% Proceeds Note” means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021.

“6.125% Senior Notes due 2021” means Financing’s 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of November 14, 2013, among the Issuer, Financing and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

“Special Assets” means (a) the Capital Stock or assets of RCN Corporation and Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. (and any intermediate holding companies or other entities formed solely for the purpose of owning such Capital Stock or assets) owned, directly or indirectly, by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary on the Measurement Date, and (b) any Property, other than cash, Cash Equivalents and Telecommunications/IS Assets, received as consideration for the disposition after the Measurement Date of Special Assets (as contemplated by the first proviso in Section 1016).

“Special Interest” has the meaning specified in Exhibit 1 to Appendix A.

“Stated Maturity” when used with respect to a Security or any installment of interest thereon, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of interest is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision (but excluding any provision providing for the repurchase of such Security at the option of the Holder thereof upon the happening of any contingency beyond the control of the Issuer unless such contingency has occurred).

“Subordinated Debt” means Debt of the Issuer (a) that is not secured by any Lien on or with respect to any Property now owned or acquired after the Measurement Date and (b) as to which the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest and other payment obligations in respect of such Debt shall be subordinate to the prior payment in full in cash of the Notes to at least the following extent: (i) no payments of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on or otherwise due (including by acceleration or for additional amounts) in respect of, or repurchases, redemptions or other retirements of, such Debt (collectively, “payments of such Debt”) may be permitted for so long as any default (after giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest on the Securities exists, including as a result of acceleration; (ii) in the event that any other Default exists with respect to the Securities, upon notice by Holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the Securities to the Trustee, the Trustee shall have the right to give notice to the Issuer and the holders of such Debt (or trustees or agents therefor) of a payment blockage, and thereafter no payments of such Debt may be made for a period of 179 days from the date of such notice; provided, however, that not more than one such payment blockage notice may be given in any consecutive 360-day period, irrespective of the number of defaults with respect to the Securities during such period; (iii) if payment of such Debt is accelerated when any Securities are Outstanding, no payments of such Debt may be made until three Business Days after the Trustee receives notice of such acceleration and, thereafter, such payments may only be made to the extent the terms of such Debt permit payment at that time; and (iv) such Debt may not (x) provide for payments of principal of such Debt at the stated maturity thereof or by way of a sinking fund applicable thereto or by way of any mandatory redemption, defeasance, retirement or repurchase thereof by the Issuer (including any redemption, retirement or repurchase which is contingent upon events or circumstances but excluding any retirement required by virtue of acceleration of such Debt upon an event of default thereunder), in each case prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Securities or (y) permit redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer) of such other Debt at the option of the holder thereof prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Securities, other than, in the case of clause (x) or (y), any such payment, redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer) which is conditioned upon (A) a change of control of the Issuer pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those described in Section 1009 (and which shall provide that such Debt will not be repurchased pursuant to such provisions prior to the Issuer's repurchase of the Securities required to be repurchased by the Issuer pursuant to the provisions described in Section 1009) or (B) a sale or other disposition of assets pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those described in Section 1016 (and which shall provide that such Debt will not be repurchased pursuant to such provisions prior to the Issuer's repurchase of the Securities required to be repurchased by the Issuer pursuant to the provision described in Section 1016).

“Subsidiary” of any Person means (i) a corporation more than 50% of the combined voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof or (ii) any other Person (other than a corporation) in which such Person, or one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person or such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries thereof, directly or indirectly, has at least a majority ownership and power to direct the policies, management and affairs thereof.

“Telecommunications/IS Assets” means (a) any Property (other than cash, cash equivalents and securities) to be owned by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary and used in the Telecommunications/IS Business; (b) for purposes of Sections 1010, 1011 and 1014 only, Capital Stock of any Person; or (c) for all other purposes of this Indenture, Capital Stock of a Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the acquisition of such Capital Stock by the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary from any Person other than an Affiliate of the Issuer; provided, however, that, in the case of clause (b) or (c), such Person is primarily engaged in the Telecommunications/IS Business.

“Telecommunications/IS Business” means the business of (i) transmitting, or providing services relating to the transmission of, voice, video or data through owned or leased transmission facilities, (ii) constructing, creating, developing or marketing communications networks, related network transmission equipment, software and other devices for use in a communications business, (iii) computer outsourcing, data center management, computer systems integration, reengineering of computer software for any purpose (including, without limitation, for the purposes of porting computer software from one operating environment or computer platform to another or to address issues commonly referred to as “Year 2000 issues”) or (iv) evaluating, participating or pursuing any other activity or opportunity that is primarily related to those identified in (i), (ii) or (iii) above; provided, however, that the determination of what constitutes a Telecommunications/IS Business shall be made in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer or a duly authorized committee thereof.

“Trust Indenture Act” or “TIA” means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as in effect at the date as of which this Indenture was executed, except as provided in Section 905.

“Trustee” means the Person named as the “Trustee” in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter “Trustee” shall mean such successor Trustee.

“2018 Floating Rate Notes” means Financing’s Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2018 issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of November 26, 2013, among the Issuer, Financing and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

“2018 Floating Rate Proceeds Note” means the intercompany note issued by Level 3 LLC to Financing in respect of the proceeds of the offering of the 2018 Floating Rate Notes.

“Unrestricted Subsidiary” means (a) 91 Holding Corp. (the subsidiary that holds indirectly the Issuer’s interests in the SR91 tollroad), SR 91 Holding LLC, SR91 Corp, SR LP,



Express Lanes, Inc., California Private Transportation Company LP, CPTC LLC and 85 Tenth Avenue LLC; (b) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary; and (c) any Subsidiary of the Issuer designated as such pursuant to and in compliance with Section 1019 and not thereafter redesignated as a Restricted Subsidiary as permitted pursuant thereto. For the sake of clarity, actions taken by an Unrestricted Subsidiary will not be deemed to have been taken, directly or indirectly, by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary.

“Vice President”, when used with respect to any Person, means any vice president, whether or not designated by a number or a word or words added before or after the title “vice president”.

“Voting Stock” of any Person means Capital Stock of such Person which ordinarily has voting power for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, whether at all times or only for so long as no senior class of securities has such voting power by reason of any contingency.

“Wholly Owned Subsidiary” of any Person means a Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Voting Stock or other ownership interests (other than directors’ qualifying shares) of which shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

The following terms, unless otherwise defined pursuant to this Section 101, have the meanings given to them in Appendix A:

“Additional Securities”  
“Agent Members”  
“Definitive Security”  
“Depository”  
“Distribution Compliance Period”  
“Exchange Securities”  
“Euroclear”  
“Global Security”  
“Initial Purchasers”  
“Initial Securities”  
“Original Securities”  
“Private Exchange”  
“Private Exchange Securities”  
“Purchase Agreement”  
“QIB”  
“Registered Exchange Offer”  
“Registration Agreement”  
“Regulation S”  
“Rule 144A”  
“Rule 144A Global Security”  
“Rule 144A Securities”  
“Securities”

"Securities Act"  
"Securities Custodian"  
"Shelf Registration Statement"  
"Transfer Restricted Securities"

SECTION 102. Compliance Certificates and Opinions.

Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture (including any covenant compliance with which constitutes a condition precedent) relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (1) a statement that each individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of each such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such individual, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

SECTION 103. Form of Documents Delivered to Trustee.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an officer of the Issuer or any Guarantor may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his certificate or opinion is based are erroneous. Any such certificate or Opinion of Counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an

officer or officers of the Issuer or any Guarantor, respectively, stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Issuer or any Guarantor, respectively, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated (with proper identification of each matter covered therein) and form one instrument.

SECTION 104. Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 601) conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than his individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner that the Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The principal amount and serial numbers of Securities held by any Person, and the date of holding the same, shall be proved by the Security Register.

(d) If the Issuer shall solicit from the Holders of Securities any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, the Issuer may, at its option, by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, but the Issuer shall have no obligation to do so. Notwithstanding TIA Section 316(c), such record date shall be the record date specified in or pursuant to such Board Resolution, which shall be a date not earlier than the date 30 days prior to the first solicitation of Holders generally in connection therewith and not later than the date such solicitation is completed. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders of record at the

close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purposes of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of Outstanding Securities have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, and for that purpose the Outstanding Securities shall be computed as of such record date; provided that no such authorization, agreement or consent by the Holders on such record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than six months after the record date.

(e) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security. However, any such Holder or future Holder may revoke the request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder as to such Holder's Security or portion of the Security if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date such Act becomes effective.

SECTION 105. Notices, etc., to Trustee and the Issuer.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

(1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Issuer shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, Attention: Corporate Trust Administration, or

(2) the Issuer or any Guarantor by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Issuer or such Guarantor addressed to it (in the case of a Guarantor, in care of the Issuer) at the address of the Issuer's principal office specified in the first paragraph of this Indenture, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Issuer.

(3) The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Indenture sent by unsecured e-mail, pdf, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods, provided, however, that the Trustee shall have received an incumbency certificate listing persons designated to give such instructions or directions and containing specimen signatures of such designated persons, which such incumbency certificate shall be amended and replaced whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Issuer elects to give the Trustee e-mail or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. Except to the extent relating to matters arising out of the Trustee's gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Trustee shall not be liable

for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding that such instructions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The Issuer agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

SECTION 106. Notice to Holders; Waiver.

Where this Indenture provides for notice of any event to Holders by the Issuer or the Trustee, such notice shall be given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder affected by such event, at the address of such Holder as it appears in the Security Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders. Notices shall be effective only upon receipt. Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

In case by reason of the suspension of or irregularities in regular mail service or by reason of any other cause, it shall be impracticable to mail notice of any event to Holders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice for every purpose hereunder.

SECTION 107. Effect of Headings and Table of Contents.

The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

SECTION 108. Successors and Assigns.

All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 109. Separability Clause.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 110. Benefits of Indenture.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto, any Paying Agent, any Security Registrar and their successors hereunder and the Holders any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

SECTION 111. Governing Law.

**THIS INDENTURE AND THE SECURITIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.**

SECTION 112. Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

The Trust Indenture Act shall apply as a matter of contract to this Indenture for purposes of interpretation, construction and defining the rights and obligations hereunder. If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with any provision of the Trust Indenture Act or another provision which is required or deemed to be included in this Indenture by any of the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act, such provision or requirement of the Trust Indenture Act shall control.

If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act that may be so modified or excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or excluded, as the case may be.

SECTION 113. Legal Holidays.

In any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date, or Stated Maturity or Maturity of any Security shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Securities) payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date or at the Stated Maturity or Maturity; provided that no interest shall accrue for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date, Stated Maturity or Maturity, as the case may be.

SECTION 114. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.

No director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Issuer or any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer or any Guarantor under the Securities or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation, solely by reason of its status as a director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Issuer or a Guarantor. By accepting a Security, each Holder

waives and releases all such liability (but only such liability). The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Securities.

SECTION 115.        Independence of Covenants.

All covenants and agreements in this Indenture shall be given independent effect so that if a particular action or condition is not permitted by any of such covenants, the fact that it would be permitted by an exception to, or be otherwise within the limitations of, another covenant shall not avoid the occurrence of a Default if such action is taken or condition exists.

SECTION 116.        Exhibits.

All exhibits attached hereto are by this reference made a part hereof with the same effect as if herein set forth in full.

SECTION 117.        Counterparts.

This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 118.        Duplicate Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

SECTION 119.        Waiver of Jury Trial.

**EACH OF THE ISSUER AND THE TRUSTEE 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 INDENTURE, THE SECURITIES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

SECTION 120.        Force Majeure.

In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

SECTION 121. FATCA.

In order to assist the Trustee with its compliance with Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and the rules and regulations thereunder (as in effect from time to time, collectively, the “Applicable Law”) the Issuer agrees (i) to provide to the Trustee reasonably available information collected and stored in the Issuer’s ordinary course of business regarding holders of Securities (solely in their capacity as such) and which is necessary for the Trustee’s determination of whether it has tax related obligations under Applicable Law and (ii) that the Trustee shall be entitled to make any withholding or deduction from payments under the Indenture to the extent necessary to comply with Applicable Law. Nothing in the immediately preceding sentence shall be construed as obligating the Issuer to make any “gross up” payment or similar reimbursement in connection with a payment in respect of which amounts are so withheld or deducted.

ARTICLE TWO

SECURITY FORMS

SECTION 201. Form and Dating.

Provisions relating to the Initial Securities and the Exchange Securities are set forth in Appendix A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made part of this Indenture. The Initial Securities and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 1 to Appendix A which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The Exchange Securities and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The Securities may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, agreements to which the Issuer is subject, if any, or usage, provided that any such notation, legend or endorsement is in a form reasonably acceptable to the Issuer. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Securities set forth in Exhibit 1 to Appendix A and Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Indenture.

The definitive Securities shall be printed, lithographed or engraved on steel-engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner permitted by the rules of any securities exchange or system on which the Securities may be listed or eligible for trading, all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Securities, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities.



## ARTICLE THREE

### THE SECURITIES

SECTION 301. Amount of Securities. Subject to Section 302, the Trustee shall authenticate Initial Securities for original issue on the Issue Date in the aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 (the "Original Securities").

The Issuer shall be entitled, subject to its compliance with the applicable covenants set forth in this Indenture, including Section 1010, to issue Additional Securities under this Indenture which shall have identical terms as the Original Securities, other than with respect to the date of issuance and issue price (and such changes as are customary to permit escrow arrangements, if any, in connection with the issuance of such Additional Securities). The Original Securities, any Additional Securities and all Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities issued in exchange therefor shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture.

With respect to the Additional Securities, the Issuer shall set forth in a Board Resolution and an Officers' Certificate, a copy of each which shall be delivered to the Trustee, the following information:

- (1) the aggregate principal amount of such Additional Securities to be authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture;
- (2) the issue price, the issue date and the CUSIP number of such Additional Securities; provided, however, that no Additional Securities may be issued after the expiration of the "period of thirteen days" described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.1275-1(f)(1)(iii) unless such issuance would be a "qualified reopening" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1275-2(k)(3); and
- (3) whether such Additional Securities shall be Transfer Restricted Securities and issued in the form of Securities as set forth in the Appendix to this Indenture or shall be issued in the form of Exchange Securities as set forth in Exhibit A.

SECTION 302. Execution and Authentication. Two Officers shall sign the Securities for the Issuer by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Security, the Security shall be valid nevertheless.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Issuer may deliver Securities executed by the Issuer to the Trustee for authentication, together with a written order of the Issuer in the form of an Officers' Certificate for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, and the Trustee in accordance with such written order of the Issuer shall authenticate and deliver such Securities.

A Security shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Trustee manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Security. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent reasonably acceptable to the Issuer to authenticate the Securities. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as any Security Registrar, Paying Agent or agent for service of notices and demands.

SECTION 303. Security Registrar and Paying Agent. The Issuer shall maintain an office or agency in The City of New York where Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the "Security Registrar") and an office or agency in The City of New York where Securities may be presented for payment to the Paying Agent. The Security Registrar shall keep a register of the Securities and of their transfer and exchange (the register maintained in the office of the Security Registrar and in any other office or agency designated pursuant to Section 1002 being herein sometimes referred to as the "Security Register"). The Issuer may have one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent.

The Issuer shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Security Registrar, Paying Agent or co-registrar not a party to this Indenture, which shall incorporate the terms of the TIA. The agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such agent. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee of the name and address of any such agent. If the Issuer fails to maintain a Securities Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such and shall be entitled to appropriate compensation therefor pursuant to Section 607.

The Issuer initially appoints the Trustee as Security Registrar and Paying Agent in connection with the Securities.

SECTION 304. Paying Agent To Hold Money in Trust. Prior to each due date of the principal and interest on any Security, the Issuer shall deposit with the Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay such principal and interest when so becoming due. The Issuer shall require each Paying Agent (other than the Trustee) to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest on the Securities and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuer in making any such payment. If the Issuer or a Wholly Owned Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate the money held by it as Paying Agent and hold it as a separate trust fund. The Issuer at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed by the Paying Agent. Upon complying with this Section, the Paying Agent shall have no further liability for the money delivered to the Trustee.

SECTION 305. Holders Lists. The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Holders. If the Trustee is not the Security Registrar, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee, in writing at

least five Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of Holders.

SECTION 306. Replacement Securities. If a mutilated Security is surrendered to the Security Registrar or if the Holder of a Security claims that such Security has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Issuer shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate a replacement Security if the requirements of Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code are met and the Holder satisfies any other reasonable requirements of the Trustee. Such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Issuer and the Trustee to protect the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Security Registrar and any co-registrar from any loss which any of them may suffer if a Security is replaced. The Issuer and the Trustee may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Security.

Every replacement Security is an additional obligation of the Issuer.

SECTION 307. Temporary Securities. Until definitive Securities are ready for delivery, the Issuer may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Securities. Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities but may have variations that the Issuer considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuer shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Securities and deliver them in exchange for temporary Securities.

SECTION 308. Cancellation. The Issuer at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Security Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel and dispose of in accordance with its customary procedures (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act) all Securities surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment or cancellation unless the Issuer directs the Trustee in writing to deliver canceled Securities to the Issuer. The Issuer may not issue new Securities to replace Securities it has redeemed, paid or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 309. Defaulted Interest. If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Securities, the Issuer shall pay the defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) in any lawful manner. The Issuer may pay the defaulted interest to the persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed any such special record date and payment date to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee and shall promptly mail to each Holder a notice that states the special record date, the payment date and the amount of defaulted interest to be paid.

SECTION 310. CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use) and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided, however, that neither the Issuer nor the Trustee shall have any responsibility for any defect in the "CUSIP" number that appears on any Security, check, advice of payment or redemption notice, and any such notice may state that

no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Trustee in writing of any change in the "CUSIP" number(s).

## ARTICLE FOUR

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

#### SECTION 401. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect (subject to Section 1206 and except as to surviving rights of registration of transfer, transfer, exchange and replacement of Securities expressly provided for herein or pursuant hereto) and the Trustee, at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture when

- (1) either
  - (a) all Outstanding Securities have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
  - (b) all such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation
    - (i) have become due and payable, or
    - (ii) will become due and payable within one year, or
    - (iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under irrevocable arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee in its sole discretion for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer,and the Issuer, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal of (and premium, if any, on), and interest on, the Securities to Maturity or the Redemption Date, as the case may be;
- (2) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(3) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations under Sections 607 and 609 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to clause (1)(b) of this Section 401, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 402 and the last paragraph of Section 1003 shall survive such satisfaction and discharge.

SECTION 402. Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 1003, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 401 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

ARTICLE FIVE

REMEDIES

SECTION 501. Events of Default.

"Event of Default", wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (1) failure to pay principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security when due; or
- (2) failure to pay any interest on any Security when due, continued for 30 days; or
- (3) default in the payment of principal of (and premium, if any pursuant to Section 1009) and interest on Securities required to be purchased pursuant to an Offer to Purchase pursuant to Section 1009 when due and payable; or
- (4) failure to perform or comply with the provisions of Section 801, 803 or 1016; or
- (5) failure to perform any covenant or agreement of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in this Indenture or in any Security (other than a covenant a default in whose performance is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with) continued for

60 days after written notice to the Issuer by the Trustee or Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities, which notice shall specify the default and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(6) default under the terms of any instrument evidencing or securing Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary having an outstanding principal amount of not less than \$25,000,000 or its foreign currency equivalent at the time individually or in the aggregate which default results in the acceleration of the payment of such indebtedness or constitutes the failure to pay such indebtedness when due (after expiration of any applicable grace period); or

(7) the rendering of a judgment or judgments against the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate amount in excess of \$25,000,000 or its foreign currency equivalent at the time and shall not be waived, satisfied or discharged for any period of 45 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement shall not be in effect; or

(8) any Note Guarantee ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of such Note Guarantee) or any Guarantor denies or disaffirms its obligations under its Note Guarantee; or

(9) the entry of a decree or order by a court having jurisdiction in the premises adjudging the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable federal, state or foreign law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary or of any substantial part of its Property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 30 consecutive days; or

(10) the institution by the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary of proceedings to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable federal, state or foreign law, or the consent by it to the filing of any such petition or to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary or of any substantial part of its Property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due.

SECTION 502. Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 501(9) or 501(10) with respect to the Issuer) shall occur and be continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of

not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities may declare the principal amount of all the Securities to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount shall become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder. If an Event of Default specified in Section 501(9) or 501(10) occurs with respect to the Issuer, the principal amount of all the Securities shall ipso facto become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

At any time after a declaration of acceleration has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Trustee as hereinafter provided in this Article Five, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities, by written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if

- (1) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay
  - (A) all overdue interest on all Outstanding Securities,
  - (B) all unpaid principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Outstanding Securities which has become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration, and interest on such unpaid principal at the rate borne by the Securities,
  - (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest on overdue interest at the rate borne by the Securities, and
  - (D) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel; and
- (2) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of amounts of principal of (or premium, if any, on) Securities which have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 513.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 503. Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

The Issuer covenants that if

- (a) Default is made in the payment of any interest on any Security when due, continued for 30 days, or
- (b) default is made in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security when due,

the Issuer will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to the Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities the whole amount then due and payable on such Securities for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, and interest on any overdue principal (and premium, if any) and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, upon any overdue installment of interest, at the rate borne by the Securities, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

If the Issuer fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, may prosecute such proceeding to judgment or final decree and may enforce the same against the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities and collect the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities, wherever situated.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

SECTION 504. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities (including any Guarantor) or the Property of the Issuer or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Securities shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Issuer for the payment of overdue principal, premium, if any, or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (and premium, if any) and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Securities and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee and its agents and counsel) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

(ii) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator or sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments



directly to the Holders, to pay the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 607.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

SECTION 505. Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Securities.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee and its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

SECTION 506. Application of Money Collected.

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article Five shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, upon presentation of the Securities and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 607;

SECOND: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, respectively; and

THIRD: The balance, if any, to the Issuer.

SECTION 507. Limitation on Suits.

No Holder of any Securities shall have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to this Indenture or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

- (1) such Holder shall have previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;

(2) the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities shall have made written request and offered indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee; and

(3) the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities a direction inconsistent with such request and shall have failed to institute such proceeding within 60 days;

it being understood and intended that no one or more Holders shall have any right in any manner whatsoever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all the Holders.

SECTION 508. Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal, Premium and Interest.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, including Section 507, the Holder of any Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment as provided herein (including, if applicable, Article Twelve) and in such Security of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Security on the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 509. Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Issuer, any Guarantor, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

SECTION 510. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities in Section 306, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 511. Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Security to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article Five or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

SECTION 512. Control by Holders.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee; provided that

- (1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture,
- (2) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction, and
- (3) the Trustee need not take any action which might involve it in personal liability or be unjustly prejudicial to the Holders not consenting.

SECTION 513. Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities may, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities, waive any past Default hereunder and its consequences, except a Default

- (1) in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Security, or
- (2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under Article Nine cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected.

The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the requisite majority have consented to such waiver and attaching such consents upon which, subject to Section 104, the Trustee may conclusively rely. Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 514. Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws.

The Issuer and each Guarantor covenant (to the extent that they may lawfully do so) that they shall not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer and each Guarantor (to the extent that they may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waive all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenant that they shall not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

SECTION 515. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 515 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities.

ARTICLE SIX

THE TRUSTEE

SECTION 601. Certain Duties and Responsibilities.

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default,

(1) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; but, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(b) In case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of

care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(c) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that

(1) this paragraph (c) shall not be construed to limit the effect of paragraph (a) of this Section 601;

(2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture; and

(4) no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 601.

#### SECTION 602. Notice of Default.

If a Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee shall transmit, in the manner and to the extent provided in TIA Section 313 (c), notice of such Default within 90 days after it is known to any Responsible Officer of the Trustee or written notice of it is received by the Trustee; provided, however, that, except in the case of a Default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Security, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a trust committee of directors or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the Holders.

The Trustee is not required to take notice or deemed to have notice of any Event of Default with respect to the Securities, except an Event of Default under Section 501(1), (2), (3) or (4) hereof (provided that in the case of Section 501(4), such Event of Default constitutes a failure to purchase Securities pursuant to an Offer to Purchase pursuant to Section 1016), unless the Trustee shall have received written notice at its Corporate Trust Office (which notice shall reference the Securities, the Issuer and the Indenture) of such Event of Default from the Issuer or

any Holder or unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall otherwise have knowledge thereof.

SECTION 603. Certain Rights of Trustee.

Subject to Section 601 and to the provisions of TIA Sections 315(a) through 315(d):

- (1) the Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;
- (2) any request or direction of the Issuer mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Issuer Request or Issuer Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;
- (3) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, receive and rely upon an Officers' Certificate;
- (4) the Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;
- (5) the Trustee may act through counsel, agents, custodians and nominees and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any such person appointed with due care and in good faith;
- (6) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;
- (7) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Issuer, personally or by agent or attorney at the expense of the Issuer and shall incur no liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation;

(8) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture;

(9) the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder;

(10) the Trustee may request that the Issuer deliver an Officers' Certificate in substantially the form of Exhibit B hereto setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded;

(11) in no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action; and

(12) the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture.

SECTION 604. Trustee Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.

The recitals contained herein and in the Securities, except for the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Securities, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Indenture, authenticate the Securities and perform its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Issuer of Securities or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 605. May Hold Securities.

The Trustee, any Paying Agent, any Security Registrar or any other agent of the Issuer or of the Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and, subject to TIA Sections 310(b) and 311, may otherwise deal with the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not any Trustee, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 606. Money Held in Trust.

Money held by the Trustee in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. The Trustee shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed in writing with the Issuer.

SECTION 607. Compensation and Reimbursement.

The Issuer agrees:

(1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation as shall be agreed in writing between the Issuer and the Trustee for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as shall be determined to have been caused by the Trustee's own negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith; and

(3) to fully indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor trustee and its directors, officers, employees and agents for, and to hold them harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense including taxes (other than taxes based on the income of the Trustee) incurred without negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on the part of any of them, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust, including the costs and expenses of defending itself or themselves against any claim (whether asserted by the Issuer, a Guarantor, a Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its or their powers or duties hereunder.

The obligations of the Issuer under this Section 607 to compensate the Trustee, to pay or reimburse the Trustee for expenses, disbursements and advances and to indemnify and hold harmless the Trustee shall constitute additional indebtedness hereunder. As security for the performance of such obligations of the Issuer, the Trustee shall have a claim prior to the Securities upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any, on) or interest on particular Securities.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services in connection with an Event of Default specified in Section 501(9) or (10), the expenses (including the reasonable charges and expenses of its counsel) of and the compensation for such services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any applicable federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law.



The provisions of this Section 607 shall survive the termination of this Indenture or the earlier resignation or removal of the Trustee.

SECTION 608. Corporate Trustee Required; Eligibility; Conflicting Interests.

(a) There shall be at all times a Trustee hereunder which shall be subject to and comply with the provisions of Section 310(a)(1) of the Trust Indenture Act and shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. If such Person publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of federal, state, territorial or District of Columbia supervising or examining authority, then, for the purposes of this Section 608, the combined capital and surplus of such Person shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall have actual knowledge that the Trustee ceases to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 608, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article VI.

(b) The Trustee shall be subject to and comply with Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 609. Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article VI shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 610.

(b) The Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Issuer. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 610 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition, at the expense of the Issuer, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(c) The Trustee may be removed at any time by Act of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities, delivered to the Trustee and to the Issuer. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 610 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of removal, the Trustee designated for removal may petition, at the expense of the Issuer, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of TIA Section 310(b) after written request therefor by the Issuer or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 608(a) and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Issuer or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months, or

(3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation,

then, in any such case, (i) the Issuer, by a Board Resolution (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer), may remove the Trustee or (ii) subject to TIA Section 3.15(e), any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, the Issuer, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. If the Issuer does not promptly appoint a successor Trustee after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities delivered to the Issuer and the retiring Trustee. In either case, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment, become the successor Trustee and supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuer. If no successor Trustee shall have been so appointed by the Issuer or the Holders and accepted appointment in the manner hereinafter provided, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(f) The Issuer shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee and each appointment of a successor Trustee to the Holders of Securities in the manner provided for in Section 106. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

(g) The retiring Trustee shall not be liable for any of the acts or omissions of any successor Trustee appointed hereunder.

#### SECTION 610. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

Every successor Trustee appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on request of the Issuer or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges hereunder, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the

retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder. Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Issuer shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts.

No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible under this Article VI.

SECTION 611. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any Person into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder; provided that such Person shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article Six, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer of assets to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Securities. In case at that time any of the Securities shall not have been authenticated, any successor Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor hereunder or in the name of the successor Trustee. In all such cases such certificates shall have the full force and effect which this Indenture provides that the certificate of authentication of the Trustee shall have; provided, however, that the right to adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Trustee or to authenticate Securities in the name of any predecessor Trustee shall apply only to its successor or successors by merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer of assets.

ARTICLE SEVEN

HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND THE ISSUER

SECTION 701. Disclosure of Names and Addresses of Holders.

Every Holder of Securities, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Issuer and the Trustee that none of the Issuer or the Trustee or any agent of any of them shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders in accordance with TIA Section 3.12, regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request made under TIA Section 3.12(b).

SECTION 702. Reports by Trustee.

Within 60 days after May 15 of each year commencing with the first May 15 after the first issuance of Securities, the Trustee shall transmit to the Holders, in the manner and to the

extent provided in TIA Section 313(c), a brief report dated as of such May 15 if required by TIA Section 313(a).

A copy of each such report at the time of its mailing to Holders shall be filed with the Commission and the principal national securities exchange (if any) on which the Securities are listed.

The Issuer shall promptly notify a Responsible Officer of the Trustee if the Securities become listed on any national securities exchange or of any delisting thereof.

SECTION 703. Reports by the Issuer.

The Issuer shall file with the Trustee and deliver to the Holders of Securities the reports and other information required to be provided by them pursuant to Section 1007, subject to the provisions of Section 1007.

ARTICLE EIGHT

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 801. The Issuer May Consolidate, etc., Only on Certain Terms.

The Issuer shall not, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, (i) consolidate with or merge into any other Person or Persons or permit any other Person to consolidate with or merge into the Issuer or (ii) directly or indirectly, transfer, sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all its assets to any other Person or Persons unless:

(1) in a transaction in which the Issuer is not the surviving Person or in which the Issuer transfers, sells, leases, conveys or otherwise disposes of all or substantially all of its assets to any other Person, the resulting surviving or transferee Person (the "successor entity") is organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture executed and delivered to the Trustee in form satisfactory to the Trustee, all of the Issuer's obligations under the Indenture;

(2) immediately before and after giving effect to such transaction and treating any Debt which becomes an obligation of the Issuer (or the successor entity) or a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary at the time of the transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(3) immediately after giving effect to such transaction and treating any Debt which becomes an obligation of the Issuer (or the successor entity) or a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary at the time of the transaction, the Issuer (or the successor entity) could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 1010;

(4) if, as a result of any such transaction, Property of the Issuer (or the successor entity) or any Restricted Subsidiary would become subject to a Lien prohibited by Section 1014, the Issuer or the successor entity to the Issuer shall have secured the Securities as required by said covenant;

(5) in the case of a transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, such assets shall have been transferred as an entirety or virtually as an entirety to one Person and such Person shall have complied with all the provisions of this paragraph; and

(6) The Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, stating that such consolidation, merger, transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture, complies with this Article and that all conditions precedent to such transaction herein have been complied with.

SECTION 802. Successor Issuer Substituted.

Upon any consolidation of the Issuer with or merger of the Issuer with or into any other Person or any transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Issuer to any Person or Persons in accordance with Section 801, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Issuer is merged or to which such transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Issuer under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Issuer herein, and the predecessor Issuer (which term shall for this purpose mean the Person named as the "Issuer" in the first paragraph of this Indenture or any successor Person which shall have become such in the manner described in Section 801), except in the case of a lease, shall be released from all its obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Securities and may be dissolved and liquidated.

SECTION 803. Guarantor May Consolidate, etc., Only on Certain Terms.

A Guarantor, if any, shall not, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, (i) consolidate with or merge into any other Person or Persons (other than, with respect to a Guarantor that is a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, another Guarantor that is a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, and with respect to a Guarantor that is a Sister Restricted Subsidiary, another Guarantor that is a Sister Restricted Subsidiary or the Issuer) or permit any other Person (other than, with respect to a Guarantor that is a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, another Guarantor that is a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, and with respect to a Guarantor that is a Sister Restricted Subsidiary, the Issuer or another Guarantor that is a Sister Restricted Subsidiary) to consolidate with or merge into such Guarantor or (ii) except to another Guarantor to the extent permitted under Section 1012, directly or indirectly, transfer, sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all its assets to any other Person or Persons (other than, with respect to a Guarantor that is a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, another Guarantor that is a

Financing Restricted Subsidiary, and with respect to a Guarantor that is a Sister Restricted Subsidiary, another Guarantor that is a Sister Restricted Subsidiary or the Issuer), unless:

(1) immediately before and after giving effect to such transaction and treating any Debt which becomes an obligation of such Guarantor as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by such Guarantor at the time of the transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(2) either (A) in a transaction in which such Guarantor is not the surviving Person or in which such Guarantor transfers, sells, leases, conveys or otherwise disposes of all or substantially all of its assets to any other Person, the resulting surviving or transferee Person is organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture executed and delivered to the Trustee in form satisfactory to the Trustee, all of such Guarantor's obligations under the Indenture and its Note Guarantee; or (B) such transaction complies with Section 1016 (or the Issuer certifies in an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee that it will comply with the requirements of such covenant relating to application of the proceeds of such transaction); and

(3) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, stating that such consolidation, merger, transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture, complies with this Article Eight and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

SECTION 804. Successor Guarantor Substituted.

Upon any consolidation of a Guarantor with or merger of a Guarantor with or into any other Person or any transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of a Guarantor to any Person or Persons in accordance with Section 803, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which such Guarantor is merged or to which such transfer, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made (other than any such transaction made in accordance with Section 803(2)(B)) shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, such Guarantor under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as a Guarantor herein, and the predecessor Guarantor (which term shall for this purpose mean the Person named as the "New Guarantor" in the first paragraph of the applicable supplemental indenture or any successor Person which shall have become such in the manner described in Section 803), except in the case of a lease, shall be released from all its obligations and covenants under its Note Guarantee and the Securities and may be dissolved and liquidated.

## ARTICLE NINE

### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

#### SECTION 901. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders.

The Issuer and the Trustee may, at any time and from time to time, without notice to or consent of any Holders of Securities, enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto:

- (1) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Issuer and the assumption by such successor of the covenants of the Issuer herein and in the Securities; or
- (2) to add to the covenants of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Issuer hereby; or
- (3) to add any additional Events of Default; or
- (4) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities; or
- (5) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee pursuant to the requirements of Section 610; or
- (6) to secure the Securities; or
- (7) to comply with the Trust Indenture Act or the Securities Act (including Regulation S promulgated thereunder); or
- (8) to add Note Guarantees or to release any Guarantors from Note Guarantees as provided by the terms of this Indenture; or
- (9) as set forth in Section 1308; or
- (10) to cure any ambiguity herein, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be inconsistent with any other provision herein, or to add any other provision with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture; provided such actions shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect.

#### SECTION 902. Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders.

With the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities, by Act of such Holders delivered to the Issuer and the Trustee, the Issuer and the Trustee may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or waiving or otherwise modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders, including the waiver of certain past defaults under the Indenture pursuant to Section 513; provided,

however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby:

- (1) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest thereon that would be due and payable upon the Stated Maturity thereof, or change the place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Security or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof; or
- (2) modify any provision of Section 508 or Section 513; or
- (3) subordinate in right of payment, or otherwise subordinate, the Securities or any Note Guarantee to any other Debt (other than as set forth in Section 1308); or
- (4) except as otherwise required herein, release any security interest that may have been granted in favor of the Holders of the Securities; or
- (5) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption of any Security or change the time at which any Security may be redeemed, as described in Appendix A or Exhibit A; or
- (6) reduce the premium payable upon a Change of Control Triggering Event or, at any time after a Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred, change the time at which the Offer to Purchase relating thereto must be made or at which the Securities must be repurchased pursuant to such Offer to Purchase; or
- (7) at any time after the Issuer is obligated to make an Offer to Purchase with the Net Available Proceeds from Asset Dispositions, change the time at which such Offer to Purchase must be made or at which the Securities must be repurchased pursuant thereto; or
- (8) make any change in any Note Guarantee that would adversely affect the Holders of the Securities (other than as set forth in Section 1308); or
- (9) modify any provision of this Section 902 (except to increase any percentage set forth herein).

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section 902 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

SECTION 903. Execution of Supplemental Indentures.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article Nine or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture,



the Trustee shall receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel and an Officers' Certificate stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent to the execution of such supplemental indenture have been fulfilled. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

SECTION 904. Effect of Supplemental Indentures.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article Nine, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby.

SECTION 905. Conformity with Trust Indenture Act.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article Nine shall conform as a matter of contract or law to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

SECTION 906. Reference in Securities to Supplemental Indentures.

Securities authenticated and delivered after the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article Nine may bear a notation in form approved by the Trustee and the Issuer as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Issuer and the Trustee shall so determine, new Securities so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Securities.

SECTION 907. Notice of Supplemental Indentures.

Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article Nine, the Issuer shall give notice thereof to the Holders of each Outstanding Security affected, in the manner provided for in Section 106, setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture.

## ARTICLE TEN

### COVENANTS

SECTION 1001. Payment of Principal, Premium, if Any, and Interest.

The Issuer covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders that it shall duly and punctually pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Securities in accordance with the terms of the Securities and this Indenture.

SECTION 1002. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Issuer shall maintain in The City of New York an office or agency where Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Securities and this Indenture may be served. The Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee shall be such office or agency of the Issuer, unless the Issuer shall designate and maintain some other office or agency for one or more of such purposes. The Issuer shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Trustee as its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Issuer may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies (in or outside of The City of New York) where the Securities may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind any such designation; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Issuer of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in The City of New York for such purposes. The Issuer shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

SECTION 1003. Money for Security Payments to Be Held in Trust.

If the Issuer shall at any time act as its own Paying Agent, it shall, on or before each due date of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of the Securities, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided and shall promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

Whenever the Issuer shall have one or more Paying Agents for the Securities, it shall, on or before each due date of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Securities, deposit with a Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such principal, premium or interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee of such action or any failure so to act.

The Issuer shall cause each Paying Agent (other than the Trustee) to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section 1003, that such Paying Agent shall:

- (1) hold all sums held by it for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on Securities in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided;

(2) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Issuer (or any other obligor upon the Securities) in the making of any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest;

(3) at any time during the continuance of any such default, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent; and

(4) indemnify the Trustee and its officers, directors, employees and agents against any loss, cost or liability caused by, or incurred as a result of, such Paying Agent's acts or omissions.

The Issuer may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Issuer Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Issuer or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Issuer or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such sums.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Issuer, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Security and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer on Issuer Request or (if then held by the Issuer) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Security shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Issuer for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Issuer as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, shall at the expense of the Issuer cause to be published once, in a newspaper published in the English language, customarily published on each Business Day and of general circulation in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Issuer.

#### SECTION 1004. Corporate Existence.

Subject to Article Eight, the Issuer shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect the corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises of the Issuer and each Subsidiary of the Issuer; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not be required to preserve, with respect to the Issuer, any such right or franchise or, with respect to any such Subsidiary (subject to all the other covenants in this Indenture), any such corporate existence, right or franchise, if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole and that, in each case, the loss thereof is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders.

SECTION 1005. Maintenance of Properties.

The Issuer shall cause all properties owned by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary or used or held for use in the conduct of its business or the business of any Restricted Subsidiary to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order and supplied with all necessary equipment and shall cause to be made all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, all as in the judgment of the Issuer may be necessary so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly and advantageously conducted at all times; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 1005 shall prevent the Issuer from discontinuing the maintenance of any of such properties if such discontinuance is, in the judgment of the Issuer, desirable in the conduct of its business or the business of any Subsidiary and not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders.

SECTION 1006. Insurance.

The Issuer shall at all times keep all of its and each Restricted Subsidiary's properties which are of an insurable nature insured with insurers, believed by the Issuer to be responsible, against loss or damage to the extent that property of similar character is usually so insured by companies similarly situated and owning like properties.

SECTION 1007. Reports.

Whether or not the Issuer is subject to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision thereto, the Issuer shall file with the Commission the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents which the Issuer would have been required to file with the Commission pursuant to such Section 13(a) or 15(d) or any successor provision thereto if the Issuer were subject thereto, such documents to be filed with the Commission on or prior to the respective dates (the "Required Filing Dates") by which the Issuer would have been required to file them. The Issuer shall also in any event (a) within 15 days of each Required Filing Date (i) transmit electronically or by mail to all Holders, as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register, without cost to such Holders, and (ii) file with the Trustee copies of the annual reports, quarterly reports and other documents (without exhibits) which the Issuer would have been required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or any successor provisions thereto if the Issuer were subject thereto and (b) if filing such documents by the Issuer with the Commission is not permitted under the Exchange Act, promptly upon written request, supply copies of such documents (without exhibits) to any prospective Holder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer will be deemed to have furnished such reports to the Trustee and the Holders if the Issuer has filed such reports with the Commission via the EDGAR filing system (or any successor thereto) and such reports are publicly available.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Issuer's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates).

SECTION 1008. Statement by Officers as to Default.

(a) The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, on the date of delivery of each annual report to be delivered pursuant to Section 1007 commencing with the annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, a brief certificate from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer as to his or her knowledge of the Issuer's compliance during the period covered by such report with all conditions and covenants under this Indenture. If the signer has knowledge of any noncompliance that occurred during such period, the certificate shall describe its status and what action the Issuer has taken or is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. For purposes of this Section 1008(a), such compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice under this Indenture.

(b) When any Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture, or if the trustee for or the holder of any other evidence of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary gives any notice or takes any other action with respect to a claimed default (other than with respect to Debt in the principal amount of less than \$25,000,000 or its foreign currency equivalent at the time), the Issuer shall, within 30 days of such occurrence, notice or other action, deliver to the Trustee by registered or certified mail or by facsimile transmission an Officers' Certificate specifying such event, notice or other action, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or purposes to take with respect thereto.

SECTION 1009. Change of Control Triggering Event.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, each Holder shall have the right to require that the Issuer repurchase such Holder's Securities in whole or in part in integral multiples of \$1,000, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1009 and this Indenture.

(b) Within 30 days of the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Rating Decline with respect to the Securities (a "Change of Control Triggering Event"), the Issuer will be required to make an Offer to Purchase all Outstanding Securities at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Securities on the Purchase Date, plus accrued and unpaid interest (if any) to such Purchase Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

(c) The Issuer and the Trustee shall perform their respective obligations for the Offer to Purchase as specified in the Offer. Prior to the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall (i) accept for payment Securities or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Offer, (ii) irrevocably deposit with the Paying Agent (or, if the Issuer is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) money sufficient to pay the Purchase Price of all Securities or portions thereof so accepted ( provided that such deposit may be made no later than 11:00 A.M. New York City time on the Purchase Date if the Issuer elects) and (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee all Securities so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the Securities or portions thereof accepted for payment by the Issuer. The Paying Agent shall promptly mail or deliver to Holders of Securities so accepted payment in an amount equal to the

Purchase Price, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail or deliver to such Holders a new Security or Securities equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Security surrendered as requested by the Holder. Any Security not accepted for payment shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuer to the Holder thereof. In the event that the aggregate Purchase Price is less than the amount delivered by the Issuer to the Trustee or the Paying Agent, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall deliver the excess to the Issuer immediately after the Purchase Date.

(d) A "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) if any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act or any successor provisions to either of the foregoing), including any group acting for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Exchange Act, other than any one or more of the Permitted Holders, becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, except that a person will be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all shares that any such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of 35% or more of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Issuer; provided, however, that the Permitted Holders are the "beneficial owners" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, except that a person will be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all shares that any such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, in the aggregate of a lesser percentage of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Issuer than such other person or group (for purposes of this clause (i), such person or group shall be deemed to beneficially own any Voting Stock of a corporation (the "specified corporation") held by any other corporation (the "parent corporation") so long as such person or group beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, in the aggregate a majority of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of such parent corporation); or

(ii) the sale, transfer, assignment, lease, conveyance or other disposition, directly or indirectly, of all or substantially all the assets of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries, considered as a whole (other than a disposition of such assets as an entirety or virtually as an entirety to a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary or one or more Permitted Holders) shall have occurred; or

(iii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board of Directors of the Issuer (together with any new directors whose election or appointment by such board or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Issuer was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Issuer then in office; or

(iv) the shareholders of the Issuer shall have approved any plan of liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer.

(e) In the event that Holders of not less than 90% of the principal amount of the Securities accept an Offer to Purchase and the Issuer purchases all of the Securities held by such Holders, the Issuer will have the right, on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days has passed following the purchase pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, to redeem all of the Securities that remain outstanding following such purchase at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Securities on the redemption date plus accrued and unpaid interest (if any) to (but not including) such redemption date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date). Any such redemption, except to the extent expressly otherwise set forth in this Section 1009, shall be conducted in accordance with Article Eleven.

(f) The Issuer shall not be required to make an Offer to Purchase upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes the Offer to Purchase in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to an Offer to Purchase made by the Issuer and purchases all Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Offer to Purchase.

(g) In the event that the Issuer makes an Offer to Purchase the Securities, the Issuer shall comply with any applicable securities laws and regulations, including any applicable requirements of Section 14(e) of, and Rule 14e-1 under, the Exchange Act. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section by virtue thereof.

SECTION 1010. Limitation on Consolidated Debt.

(a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary (other than to the extent permitted by paragraph (b) of Section 1011) to, directly or indirectly, Incur any Debt; provided, however, that the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (subject, in the case of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary, to Section 1011) may Incur any Debt if, after giving pro forma effect to such Incurrence and the receipt and application of the net proceeds thereof, no Default or Event of Default would occur as a consequence of such Incurrence or be continuing following such Incurrence and either (i) the ratio of (A) the aggregate consolidated principal amount (or, in the case of Debt issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) of Debt of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding as of the most recent available quarterly or annual balance sheet, after giving pro forma effect to the Incurrence of such Debt and any other Debt Incurred or repaid since such balance sheet date and the receipt and application of the net proceeds thereof, to (B) Pro Forma Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the four full fiscal quarters next preceding the Incurrence of such Debt for which consolidated financial statements are available, would be less than 5.0 to 1.0, or (ii) the Issuer's Consolidated Capital Ratio as of the most recent available quarterly or annual balance sheet, after giving pro forma effect to (x) the Incurrence of such Debt and any other Debt Incurred or repaid since such balance sheet date, (y) the issuance of any Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer since such balance sheet date, including the issuance of any Capital Stock to be issued concurrently with the Incurrence of such Debt, and (z) the receipt and

application of the net proceeds of such Debt or Capital Stock, as the case may be, is less than 2.25 to 1.0.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Financing Restricted Subsidiary, except to the extent permitted by Section 1011) may Incur any and all of the following (each of which shall be given independent effect):

(i) Debt under the Original Securities (including any Exchange Securities issued in exchange for such Original Securities) or any Note Guarantee in respect of the Original Securities (including any Exchange Securities issued in exchange for such Original Securities);

(ii) Debt under Credit Facilities in an aggregate principal amount outstanding or available (together with the sum of (A) the amount of any outstanding Debt Incurred pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011, plus (B) the amount of all refinancing Debt outstanding or available pursuant to clause (vi) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011 in respect of Debt previously Incurred pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011, plus (C) the amount of all refinancing Debt outstanding or available pursuant to clause (viii) below in respect of Debt previously Incurred pursuant to this clause (ii)) at any one time not to exceed the greater of (x) \$5,011,000,000 and (y) 3.00 times Pro Forma Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the four full fiscal quarters next preceding the Incurrence of such Debt for which consolidated financial statements are available, which amount shall be permanently reduced by the amount of Net Available Proceeds used to repay Debt under the Credit Facilities or any refinancing Debt in respect of the Credit Facilities Incurred pursuant to clause (vi) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011 or clause (viii) below), and not reinvested in Telecommunications/IS Assets or used to purchase Securities or repay other Debt, pursuant to and as permitted by Section 1016;

(iii) Purchase Money Debt; provided, however, that the amount of such Purchase Money Debt does not exceed 100% of the cost of the construction, installation, acquisition, lease, development or improvement of the applicable Telecommunications/IS Assets;

(iv) Subordinated Debt of the Issuer; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of Debt issued at a discount, the Accreted Value) of such Debt, together with any other outstanding Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause (iv), shall not exceed \$500,000,000 at any one time (which amount shall be permanently reduced by the amount of Net Available Proceeds used to repay Subordinated Debt of the Issuer, and not reinvested in Telecommunications/IS Assets or used to purchase Securities or repay other Debt, pursuant to and as permitted by Section 1016), except to the extent such Debt in excess of \$500,000,000 (A) is subordinated to all other Debt of the Issuer other than Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause (iv) in excess of such \$500,000,000 limitation, (B) does not provide for the payment of cash interest on such Debt prior to the Stated Maturity of the Securities and (C) (1) does not provide for payments of principal of such Debt at stated maturity or by way of a sinking fund applicable thereto or by way of any



mandatory redemption, defeasance, retirement or repurchase thereof by the Issuer (including any redemption, retirement or repurchase which is contingent upon events or circumstances, but excluding any retirement required by virtue of the acceleration of any payment with respect to such Debt upon any event of default thereunder), in each case on or prior to the Stated Maturity of the Securities, and (2) does not permit redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer but excluding through conversion into capital stock of the Issuer, other than Disqualified Stock, without any payment by the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries to the holders thereof) of such Debt at the option of the holder thereof on or prior to the Stated Maturity of the Securities;

(v) Debt outstanding on the Measurement Date;

(vi) Debt owed by the Issuer to any Restricted Subsidiary or Debt owed by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that (x) upon the transfer, conveyance or other disposition by such Restricted Subsidiary or the Issuer of any Debt so permitted to a Person other than the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary or (y) if for any reason such Restricted Subsidiary ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary, the provisions of this clause (vi) shall no longer be applicable to such Debt and such Debt shall be deemed to have been Incurred by the issuer thereof at the time of such transfer, conveyance or other disposition or when such Restricted Subsidiary ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary;

(vii) Debt Incurred by a Person prior to the time (A) such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary, (B) such Person merges into or consolidates with a Restricted Subsidiary or (C) another Restricted Subsidiary merges into or consolidates with such Person (in a transaction in which such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary), which Debt was not Incurred in anticipation of such transaction and was outstanding prior to such transaction;

(viii) Debt Incurred to renew, extend, refinance, defease, repay, prepay, repurchase, redeem, retire, exchange or refund (each, a "refinancing") Debt Incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) above or clause (i), (ii), (iii), (v), (vii) or (xii) of this paragraph (b) or this clause (viii), in an aggregate principal amount (or if issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) not to exceed the aggregate principal amount (or if issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) of and accrued interest on the Debt so refinanced (which shall include Debt that is or has been refinanced within 45 days before or after such Incurrence as part of a financing strategy approved by the Board of Directors of the Issuer or a duly authorized committee thereof) plus the amount of any premium required to be paid in connection with such refinancing pursuant to the terms of the Debt so refinanced or the amount of any premium reasonably determined by the Board of Directors of the Issuer or a duly authorized committee thereof as necessary to accomplish such refinancing by means of a tender offer or privately negotiated repurchase, plus the expenses of the Issuer Incurred in connection with such refinancing; provided, however, that (A) the refinancing Debt shall not be senior in right of payment to the Debt that is

being refinanced and (B) in the case of any refinancing of Debt Incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) above or clause (i), (v), (vii) or (xii) or, if such Debt previously refinanced Debt Incurred pursuant to any such clause, this clause (viii), the refinancing Debt by its terms, or by the terms of any agreement or instrument pursuant to which such Debt is issued, (x) does not provide for payments of principal of such Debt at stated maturity or by way of a sinking fund applicable thereto or by way of any mandatory redemption, defeasance, retirement or repurchase thereof by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (including any redemption, retirement or repurchase which is contingent upon events or circumstances, but excluding any retirement required by virtue of the acceleration of any payment with respect to such Debt upon any event of default thereunder), in each case prior to the time the same are required by the terms of the Debt being refinanced and (y) does not permit redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary) of such Debt at the option of the holder thereof prior to the time the same are required by the terms of the Debt being refinanced, other than, in the case of clause (x) or (y), any such payment, redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer) which is conditioned upon a change of control pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those described under Section 1009 or upon an asset sale pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those described under Section 1016;

(ix) Debt (A) in respect of performance, surety or appeal bonds, Guarantees, letters of credit or reimbursement obligations Incurred or provided in the ordinary course of business securing the performance of contractual, franchise, lease, self-insurance or license obligations and not in connection with the Incurrence of Debt or (B) in respect of customary agreements providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price after closing, or similar obligations, or from Guarantees or letters of credit, surety bonds or performance bonds securing any such obligations of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to such agreements, Incurred in connection with the disposition of any business, assets or Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer (other than Guarantees of Debt Incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer for the purpose of financing such acquisition) and in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the gross proceeds actually received by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with such disposition;

(x) Debt consisting of Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreements;

(xi) Debt not otherwise permitted to be Incurred pursuant to clauses (i) through (x) above or clause (xii) below, which, together with any other outstanding Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause (xi), has an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$50,000,000 at any time outstanding; and

(xii) Issue Date Purchase Money Debt and Debt under the Existing Notes and the related indentures and any restricted subsidiary guarantees issued prior to the Issue Date in accordance with such related indentures.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 1010, the maximum amount of Debt that the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary may Incur pursuant to this Section 1010 shall not be deemed to be exceeded due solely to the result of fluctuations in the exchange rates of currencies.

(d) For purposes of determining any particular amount of Debt under this Section 1010, (i) Guarantees, Liens or obligations with respect to letters of credit supporting Debt otherwise included in the determination of such particular amount shall not be included and (ii) any Liens granted for the benefit of the Securities pursuant to the provisions referred to in Section 1014 shall not be treated as Debt. For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 1010, in the event that an item of Debt meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Debt described in the above clauses, the Issuer, in its sole discretion, shall classify such item of Debt and only be required to include the amount and type of such Debt in one of such clauses.

SECTION 1011. Limitation on Debt of the Financing Restricted Subsidiaries. (a) The Issuer shall not permit any Financing Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, Incur any Debt; provided, however, that any Financing Restricted Subsidiary may incur any Debt if, after giving pro forma effect to such Incurrence and the receipt and application of the net proceeds thereof, no Default or Event of Default would occur as a consequence of such Incurrence or be continuing following such Incurrence and the Financing Debt Ratio would be less than 4.75 to 1.0.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, any Financing Restricted Subsidiary may Incur any and all of the following (each of which shall be given independent effect):

(i) Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary representing a Note Guarantee;

(ii) Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary under Credit Facilities in an aggregate principal amount outstanding or available (together with the sum of (A) the amount of any outstanding Debt Incurred pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010, plus (B) the amount of all refinancing Debt outstanding or available pursuant to clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 in respect of Debt previously Incurred pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010, plus (C) the amount of all refinancing Debt outstanding or available pursuant to clause (vi) below in respect of Debt previously Incurred pursuant to this clause (ii)) at any one time not to exceed the greater of (x) \$5,011,000,000 and (y) 3.00 times Pro Forma Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the four full fiscal quarters next preceding the Incurrence of such Debt for which consolidated financial statements are available, which amount shall be permanently reduced by the amount of Net Available Proceeds used to repay Debt under the Credit Facilities (or any refinancing Debt in respect of the Credit Facilities Incurred pursuant to clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or clause (vi) below), and not reinvested in Telecommunications/IS Assets or used to purchase Securities or repay other Debt, pursuant to and as permitted by Section 1016;

(iii) Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary outstanding on the Measurement Date;

(iv) Debt owed by any Financing Restricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or another Financing Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that (x) upon the transfer, conveyance or other disposition by such Financing Restricted Subsidiary or the Issuer of any Debt so permitted to a Person other than the Issuer or another Financing Restricted Subsidiary or (y) if for any reason such Financing Restricted Subsidiary ceases to be a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, the provisions of this clause (iv) shall no longer be applicable to such Debt and such Debt shall be deemed to have been Incurred by the issuer thereof at the time of such transfer, conveyance or other disposition or when such Financing Restricted Subsidiary ceases to be a Financing Restricted Subsidiary;

(v) Debt Incurred by a Person prior to the time (A) such Person became a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, (B) such Person merges into or consolidates with a Financing Restricted Subsidiary or (C) a Financing Restricted Subsidiary merges into or consolidates with such Person (in a transaction in which such Person becomes a Financing Restricted Subsidiary), which Debt was not Incurred in anticipation of such transaction and was outstanding prior to such transaction; provided, however, that after giving effect to the Incurrence of any Debt pursuant to this clause (v), either (1) Financing could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt pursuant to paragraph (a) above computed using "5.0 to 1.0" rather than "4.75 to 1.0" as it appears therein or (2) the ratio computed pursuant to paragraph (a) above would be no higher than before giving effect to the Incurrence of such Debt;

(vi) Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary Incurred to renew, extend, refinance, defease, repay, prepay, repurchase, redeem, retire, exchange or refund (each, a "refinancing") Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary Incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) above or clause (i), (ii), (iii), (v), (x) or (xi) of this paragraph (b) or this clause (vi), in an aggregate principal amount (or if issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) not to exceed the aggregate principal amount (or if issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) of and accrued interest on the Debt so refinanced plus the amount of any premium required to be paid in connection with such refinancing pursuant to the terms of the Debt so refinanced or the amount of any premium reasonably determined by the Board of Directors of the Issuer or a duly authorized committee thereof as necessary to accomplish such refinancing by means of a tender offer or privately negotiated repurchase, plus the expenses of the Issuer and the applicable Financing Restricted Subsidiary Incurred in connection with such refinancing; provided, however, that (A) if the Person that originally Incurred the Debt to be refinanced became, or would have been required to become if not already, a Guarantor as a result of the Incurrence of the Debt being refinanced in accordance with this covenant, the Person that Incurs the refinancing Debt pursuant to this clause (vi) shall be a Guarantor, (B) the refinancing Debt shall not be senior in right of payment to the Debt that is being refinanced and (C) in the case of any refinancing of Debt Incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) above or clause (i), (v), (x) or (xi) or, if such Debt previously refinanced Debt Incurred pursuant to any such clause, this clause (vi), the refinancing Debt by its terms, or by the terms of any agreement or instrument pursuant to which such Debt is issued, (x) does not provide for payments of principal of such Debt at stated maturity or by way of a sinking fund applicable thereto or by way of any mandatory redemption, defeasance, retirement or repurchase thereof by the Issuer or any Financing Restricted Subsidiary (including any redemption, retirement or repurchase which is contingent upon events or circumstances, but excluding any retirement

required by virtue of the acceleration of any payment with respect to such Debt upon any event of default thereunder), in each case prior to the time the same are required by the terms of the Debt being refinanced and (y) does not permit redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer or a Financing Restricted Subsidiary) of such Debt at the option of the holder thereof prior to the time the same are required by the terms of the Debt being refinanced, other than, in the case of clause (x) or (y), any such payment, redemption or other retirement (including pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Issuer or a Financing Restricted Subsidiary) which is conditioned upon a change of control pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those described under Section 1009 or upon an asset sale pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those described under Section 1016;

(vii) Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary (A) in respect of performance, surety or appeal bonds, Guarantees, letters of credit or reimbursement obligations Incurred or provided in the ordinary course of business securing the performance of contractual, franchise, lease, self-insurance or license obligations and not in connection with the Incurrence of Debt or (B) in respect of customary agreements providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price after closing, or similar obligations, or from Guarantees or letters of credit, surety bonds or performance bonds securing any such obligations of the Issuer or any Financing Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to such agreements, Incurred in connection with the disposition of any business, assets or Financing Restricted Subsidiary (other than Guarantees of Indebtedness Incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or Financing Restricted Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition) and in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the gross proceeds actually received by the Issuer or any Financing Restricted Subsidiary in connection with such disposition;

(viii) Debt of any Financing Restricted Subsidiary consisting of Permitted Interest Rate or Currency Protection Agreements;

(ix) Debt of any Foreign Financing Restricted Subsidiary not otherwise permitted to be Incurred pursuant to clause (i) through (viii) above or clause (x) below, which, together with any other outstanding Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause (ix) has an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$300,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(x) Issue Date Purchase Money Debt initially Incurred by any Financing Restricted Subsidiary or another Person that became a Financing Restricted Subsidiary on or before the Issue Date; and

(xi) Debt under the 2018 Floating Rate Notes, the 9.375% Senior Notes due 2019, the 8.125% Senior Notes due 2019, the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2020, the 7% Senior Notes due 2020, the 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021 and the 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022 issued on or prior to the Issue Date.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 1011, the maximum amount of Debt any Financing Restricted Subsidiary may Incur pursuant to this Section 1011 shall not be deemed to be exceeded due solely to the result of fluctuations in the exchange rates of currencies.

(d) For purposes of determining any particular amount of Debt under this Section 1011, (i) Guarantees, Liens or obligations with respect to letters of credit supporting Debt otherwise included in the determination of such particular amount shall not be included and (ii) any Liens granted for the benefit of the Securities pursuant to the provisions referred to in Section 1014 described below shall not be treated as Debt. For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 1011, (1) any Debt outstanding under the Existing Credit Facility will be treated as Incurred on the Issue Date pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of this covenant and (2) in the event that an item of Debt meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Debt described in the above clauses, the Issuer, in its sole discretion, shall classify such item of Debt and only be required to include the amount and type of such Debt in one of such clauses.

SECTION 1012. Limitation on Restricted Payments. (a) The Issuer (i) shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, declare or pay any dividend, or make any distribution, in respect of its Capital Stock or to the holders thereof, excluding any dividends or distributions which are made solely to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary (and, if such Restricted Subsidiary is not a Wholly Owned Subsidiary, to the other stockholders of such Restricted Subsidiary on a pro rata basis or on a basis that results in the receipt by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary of dividends or distributions of greater value than it would receive on a pro rata basis) or any dividends or distributions payable solely in shares of Capital Stock of the Issuer (other than Disqualified Stock) or in options, warrants or other rights to acquire Capital Stock of the Issuer (other than Disqualified Stock); (ii) shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, purchase, redeem, or otherwise retire or acquire for value (x) any Capital Stock of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer or (y) any options, warrants or rights to purchase or acquire shares of Capital Stock of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary or any securities convertible or exchangeable into shares of Capital Stock of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, except, in any such case, any such purchase, redemption or retirement or acquisition for value (A) paid to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary (or, in the case of any such purchase, redemption or other retirement or acquisition for value with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Wholly Owned Subsidiary, to the other stockholders of such Restricted Subsidiary on a pro rata basis or on a basis that results in the receipt by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary of payments of greater value than it would receive on a pro rata basis) or (B) paid solely in shares of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer; (iii) shall not make, or permit any Restricted Subsidiary to make, any Investment (other than an Investment in the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or a Permitted Investment) in any Person, including the Designation of any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, or the Revocation of any such Designation, according to Section 1019; (iv) shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, redeem, defease, repurchase, retire or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to any scheduled maturity, repayment or sinking fund payment, Debt of the Issuer which is subordinate in right of payment to the Securities (other than any redemption, defeasance, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition or retirement for value made in anticipation of satisfying a scheduled maturity, repayment or sinking fund obligation due within one year thereof); and (v) shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, issue, transfer, convey, sell or otherwise dispose of Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary to a Person other than the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary if the result thereof is that such Restricted Subsidiary shall cease to be a Restricted Subsidiary, in which event the amount of such

"Restricted Payment" shall be the Fair Market Value of the remaining interest, if any, in such former Restricted Subsidiary held by the Issuer and the other Restricted Subsidiaries (each of clauses (i) through (v) being a "Restricted Payment") if: (1) an Event of Default, or an event that with the passing of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing, or (2) upon giving effect to such Restricted Payment, the Issuer could not Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 1010, or (3) upon giving effect to such Restricted Payment, the aggregate of all Restricted Payments made on or after the Measurement Date, including Restricted Payments made pursuant to clause (A) or (B) of the proviso at the end of this sentence, and Permitted Investments made on or after the Measurement Date pursuant to clause (i) or (j) of the definition thereof (the amount of any such Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment, if made other than in cash, to be based upon Fair Market Value) exceeds the sum of: (a) 50% of cumulative Consolidated Net Income of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries (or, in the case that Consolidated Net Income of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be negative, 100% of such negative amount) since the end of the last full fiscal quarter prior to the Measurement Date through the last day of the last full fiscal quarter ending prior to the date of such Restricted Payment for which consolidated financial statements are available and (b) plus, in the case of any Revocation made after the Measurement Date, an amount equal to the lesser of the portion (proportionate to the Issuer's equity interest in the Subsidiary to which such Revocation relates) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of Revocation and the amount of Investments previously made (and treated as a Restricted Payment) by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Subsidiary; provided, however, that the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer may, without regard to the limitations in clause (3) but subject to clauses (1) and (2), make (A) Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed the sum of \$50,000,000 and the aggregate net cash proceeds received after the Measurement Date (i) as capital contributions to the Issuer, from the issuance (other than to a Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Issuer or any such Subsidiary for the benefit of their employees) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer, and (ii) from the issuance or sale of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than to a Subsidiary, the Issuer or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Issuer or any such Subsidiary for the benefit of their employees) that after the Measurement Date has been converted into or exchanged for Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer and (B) Investments in Persons engaged in the Telecommunications/IS Business in an aggregate amount not to exceed the after-tax gain on the sale, after the Measurement Date, of Special Assets to the extent sold for cash, Cash Equivalents, Telecommunications/IS Assets or the assumption of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Debt that is subordinated to the Securities or any applicable Note Guarantee) and release of the Issuer and all Restricted Subsidiaries from all liability on the Debt assumed. The aggregate net cash proceeds referred to in the immediately preceding clauses (A)(i) and (A)(ii) shall not be utilized to make Restricted Payments pursuant to such clauses to the extent such proceeds have been utilized to make Permitted Investments under clause (i) of the definition of "Permitted Investments."

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, (i) the Issuer may pay any dividend on Capital Stock of any class of the Issuer within 60 days after the declaration thereof if, on the date when the dividend was declared, the Issuer could have paid such dividend in accordance with the

foregoing provisions; provided, however, that at the time of such payment of such dividend, no other Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (or result therefrom); (ii) the Issuer may repurchase any shares of its Common Stock or options to acquire its Common Stock from Persons who were formerly directors, officers or employees of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or other Affiliates in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 in any 12-month period; (iii) the Issuer and any Restricted Subsidiary may refinance any Debt otherwise permitted by clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or clause (vi) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011; (iv) the Issuer and any Restricted Subsidiary may retire or repurchase any Capital Stock of the Issuer or of any Restricted Subsidiary or any Subordinated Debt of the Issuer in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Issuer or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Issuer or any such Subsidiary for the benefit of their employees) of, Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer; provided, however, that the proceeds from any such exchange or sale of Capital Stock shall be excluded from any calculation pursuant to clause (A) (i) in the proviso at the end of paragraph (a) above or pursuant to clause (b) of the definition of "Invested Capital"; and (v) the Issuer may pay cash dividends in any amount not in excess of \$50,000,000 in any 12-month period in respect of Preferred Stock of the Issuer (other than Disqualified Stock). The Restricted Payments described in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (v) shall be included in the calculation of Restricted Payments; the Restricted Payments described in clauses (iii) and (iv) shall be excluded in the calculation of Restricted Payments.

SECTION 1013. Limitation on Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Restricted Subsidiaries.

(a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction (other than pursuant to law or regulation) on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary (i) to pay dividends (in cash or otherwise) or make any other distributions in respect of its Capital Stock owned by the Issuer or any other Restricted Subsidiary or pay any Debt or other obligation owed to the Issuer or any other Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) to make loans or advances to the Issuer or any other Restricted Subsidiary or (iii) to transfer any of its Property to the Issuer or any other Restricted Subsidiary.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, the Issuer may, and may permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist (i) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to any agreement in effect on the Issue Date, including, without limitation, the Existing Credit Facility and the Existing Notes, (ii) any customary (as conclusively determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer of the Issuer) encumbrance or restriction applicable to a Restricted Subsidiary that is contained in an agreement or instrument governing or relating to Debt contained in any Qualified Credit Facility or Purchase Money Debt; provided, however, that such encumbrances and restrictions permit the distribution of funds to the Issuer in an amount sufficient for the Issuer to make the timely payment of interest, premium (if any) and principal (whether at stated maturity, by way of a sinking fund applicable thereto, by way of any mandatory redemption, defeasance, retirement or repurchase thereof, including upon the occurrence of designated events or circumstances or by virtue of acceleration upon an event of



default, or by way of redemption or retirement at the option of the holder of the Debt, including pursuant to offers to purchase) according to the terms of this Indenture and the Securities and other Debt that is solely an obligation of the Issuer, but provided further, however, that such agreement may nevertheless contain customary (as so determined) net worth, leverage, invested capital and other financial covenants, customary (as so determined) covenants regarding the merger of or sale of all or any substantial part of the assets of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, customary (as so determined) restrictions on transactions with affiliates and customary (as so determined) subordination provisions governing Debt owed to the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, (iii) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement relating to any Acquired Debt, which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person so acquired, (iv) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement relating to any Debt of a Foreign Financing Restricted Subsidiary Incurred pursuant to clause (ix) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011 that is applicable only to such Foreign Financing Restricted Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries, (v) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement effecting a refinancing of Debt Incurred pursuant to an agreement referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph (b); provided, however, that the provisions contained in such agreement relating to such encumbrance or restriction are no more restrictive (as so determined) in any material respect than the provisions contained in the agreement the subject thereof, (vi) in the case of clause (iii) of paragraph (a) above, any encumbrance or restriction contained in any security agreement (including a Capital Lease Obligation) securing Debt of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary otherwise permitted under this Indenture, but only to the extent such restrictions restrict the transfer of the Property subject to such security agreement, (vii) in the case of clause (iii) of paragraph (a) above, customary provisions (A) that restrict the subletting, assignment or transfer of any Property that is a lease, license, conveyance or similar contract, (B) contained in asset sale or other asset disposition agreements limiting the transfer of the Property being sold or disposed of pending the closing of such sale or disposition or (C) arising or agreed to in the ordinary course of business, not relating to any Debt, and that do not, individually or in the aggregate, detract from the value of Property of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in any manner material to the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, (viii) any encumbrance or restriction with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement which has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or Property of such Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that the consummation of such transaction would not result in a Default or an Event of Default, that such restriction terminates if such transaction is abandoned and that the consummation or abandonment of such transaction occurs within one year of the date such agreement was entered into, and (ix) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to this Indenture and the Securities.

SECTION 1014. Limitation on Liens.

(a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, Incur or suffer to exist any Lien on or with respect to any Property now owned or acquired after the Issue Date to secure any Debt without making, or causing such Restricted Subsidiary to make, effective provision for securing the Securities (x) equally and ratably with such Debt as to such Property for so long as such Debt will be so secured or (y) in the event such

Debt is Debt of the Issuer or a Guarantor and such Debt is subordinate in right of payment to the Securities or the applicable Note Guarantee, prior to such Debt as to such Property for so long as such Debt will be so secured. The holders of such other secured Debt may exclusively control the disposition of the property subject to the Lien.

(b) The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to:

(i) Liens existing on the Issue Date and securing Debt outstanding on the Issue Date or Liens Incurred on or after the Issue Date pursuant to any Credit Facility to secure Debt permitted to be Incurred pursuant to clause (ii) of paragraph (b) under Section 1010 or clause (ii) of paragraph (b) under Section 1011;

(ii) Liens Incurred on or after the Measurement Date securing Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in an amount which, together with the aggregate amount of Debt then outstanding or available under all Credit Facilities (together with all refinancing Debt then outstanding or available pursuant to clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or clause (vi) of paragraph (b) under Section 1011 in respect of Debt previously Incurred under Credit Facilities), does not exceed 3.00 times Pro Forma Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the four full fiscal quarters preceding the Incurrence of such Lien for which the Issuer's consolidated financial statements are available, determined on a pro forma basis as if such Debt had been Incurred and the proceeds thereof had been applied at the beginning of such four fiscal quarters;

(iii) Liens in favor of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that any subsequent issue or transfer of Capital Stock or other event that results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any subsequent transfer of the Debt secured by any such Lien (except to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute the Incurrence of such Lien by the issuer thereof;

(iv) Liens outstanding on the Issue Date securing Purchase Money Debt and Liens to secure Purchase Money Debt Incurred after the Issue Date pursuant to clause (iii) of paragraph (b) under Section 1010, provided that any such Lien may not extend to any Property other than the Telecommunications/IS Assets installed, constructed, acquired, leased, developed or improved with the proceeds of such Purchase Money Debt and any improvements or accessions thereto (it being understood that all Debt to any single lender or group of related lenders or outstanding under any single credit facility, and in any case relating to the same group or collection of Telecommunications/IS Assets financed thereby, shall be considered a single Purchase Money Debt, whether drawn at one time or from time to time);

(v) Liens to secure Acquired Debt, provided that (a) such Lien attaches to the acquired Property prior to the time of the acquisition of such Property and (b) such Lien does not extend to or cover any other Property;

(vi) Liens to secure Debt Incurred to refinance, in whole or in part, Debt secured by any Lien referred to in the foregoing clauses (i), (iv) and (v) or this clause (vi) so long as such Lien does not extend to any other Property (other than improvements and accessions to the original

Property) and the principal amount of Debt so secured is not increased except as otherwise permitted under clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or clause (vi) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011;

(vii) Liens Incurred on or after the Measurement Date not otherwise permitted by the foregoing clauses (i) through (vi) (but including in the computations of Liens permitted under this clause (vii) Liens existing on the Issue Date which remain existing at the time of computation which are otherwise permitted under clause (i)) securing Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate amount not to exceed 5% of the Issuer's Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(viii) Liens on Property of any Non-Telecommunications Subsidiary; provided, however, that the Incurrence of such Lien does not require the Person Incurring such Lien to secure any Debt of any Person other than a Non-Telecommunications Subsidiary;

(ix) Liens granted after the Issue Date to secure the Securities and Liens granted after the Issue Date on the Property of Financing and its Subsidiaries to secure the 2018 Floating Rate Notes, the 9.375 % Senior Notes due 2019, the 8.125% Senior Notes due 2019, the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2020, the 7% Senior Notes due 2020, the 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021, the 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022 or any additional notes issued by Financing on or after the Issue Date permitted to be Incurred pursuant to this Indenture;

(x) Liens to secure Debt Incurred pursuant to clause (viii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011;

(xi) Liens to secure amounts deposited into an escrow account for the benefit of the holders of the 2018 Floating Rate Notes, the 9.375 % Senior Notes due 2019, the 8.125% Senior Notes due 2019, the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2020, the 7% Senior Notes due 2020, the 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021, the 5.375% Senior Notes due 2022 or any additional notes issued by Financing on or after the Issue Date permitted to be Incurred pursuant to this Indenture, in connection with the prepayment of the 2018 Floating Rate Proceeds Note, the 9.375% Proceeds Note, the 8.125% Proceeds Note, the 8.625% Proceeds Note, the 7% Proceeds Note, the 6.125% Proceeds Note or the 5.375% Proceeds Note by Level 3 LLC, or the prepayment by Level 3 LLC of any additional proceeds note issued in connection with the issuance of additional notes issued by Financing or any of its subsidiaries on or after the Issue Date;

(xii) [Reserved];

(xiii) Liens on the Property of a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries Incurred on or after the Issue Date securing Debt of such Foreign Restricted Subsidiary Incurred pursuant to clause (ix) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011; and

(xiv) Permitted Liens.

SECTION 1015. Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into, assume, Guarantee or otherwise become liable with respect to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, unless (i) the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled to Incur (a) Debt in an amount equal to the Attributable Value of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction pursuant to Section 1010 or Section 1011 and (b) a Lien pursuant to Section 1014, equal in amount to the Attributable Value of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction, without also securing the Securities, and (ii) the Sale and Leaseback Transaction is treated as an Asset Disposition and all of the conditions of Section 1016 (including the provisions concerning the application of Net Available Proceeds) are satisfied with respect to such Sale and Leaseback Transaction, treating all of the consideration received in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction as Net Available Proceeds for purposes of such Section 1016.

SECTION 1016. Limitation on Asset Dispositions.

The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, make any Asset Disposition unless: (i) the Issuer or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration for such disposition at least equal to the Fair Market Value for the Property sold or disposed of as determined by the Issuer in good faith and evidenced by a Board Resolution of the Issuer (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer) filed with the Trustee; and (ii) at least 75% of the consideration for such disposition consists of cash or Cash Equivalents or the assumption of Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Debt that is subordinated to the Securities or any applicable Note Guarantee) and release of the Issuer and all Restricted Subsidiaries from all liability on the Debt assumed (or if less than 75%, the remainder of such consideration consists of Telecommunications/IS Assets); provided, however, that, to the extent such disposition involves Special Assets, all or any portion of the consideration may, at the Issuer's election, consist of Property other than cash, Cash Equivalents, the assumption of Debt or Telecommunications/IS Assets.

The Net Available Proceeds (or any portion thereof) from Asset Dispositions may be applied by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary, to the extent the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary elects (or is required by the terms of any Debt): (1) to the permanent repayment or reduction of Debt then outstanding under any Qualified Credit Facility or Debt of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, to the extent such Qualified Credit Facility or other Debt would require such application or prohibit payments pursuant to the Offer to Purchase described in the following paragraph (other than Debt owed to the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer); or (2) to reinvest in Telecommunications/IS Assets (including by means of an Investment in Telecommunications/IS Assets by a Restricted Subsidiary with Net Available Proceeds received by the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary).

Any Net Available Proceeds from an Asset Disposition not applied in accordance with the preceding paragraph within 360 days (or, in the case of a disposition of Special Assets identified in clause (a) of the definition thereof in which the Net Available Proceeds exceed \$500,000,000, 540 days) from the date of the receipt of such Net Available Proceeds shall constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds

\$10,000,000, the Issuer will be required to make an Offer to Purchase with such Excess Proceeds on a pro rata basis according to principal amount (or, in the case of Debt issued at a discount, the then-Accreted Value) for (x) Outstanding Securities at a price in cash equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities on the purchase date plus accrued and unpaid interest (if any) thereon (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date) and (y) any other Debt of the Issuer that is pari passu with the Securities, any Debt of a Guarantor that is pari passu with such Guarantor's Note Guarantee or any Debt of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, at a price no greater than 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest (if any) to the purchase date (or 100% of the then-Accreted Value plus accrued and unpaid interest (if any) to the purchase date in the case of original issue discount Debt), to the extent, in the case of this clause (y), required under the terms thereof (other than Debt owed to the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer). To the extent there are any remaining Excess Proceeds following the completion of the Offer to Purchase, the Issuer shall apply such Excess Proceeds to the repayment of other Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, to the extent permitted or required under the terms thereof. Any other remaining Excess Proceeds may be applied to any use as determined by the Issuer which is not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture, and the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset to zero.

The Issuer and the Trustee shall perform their respective obligations for the Offer to Purchase as specified in the Offer. Prior to the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall (i) accept for payment Securities or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Offer, (ii) irrevocably deposit with the Paying Agent (or, if the Issuer is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) money sufficient to pay the Purchase Price of all Securities or portions thereof so accepted (provided that such deposit may be made no later than 11:00 A.M. New York City time on the Purchase Date if the Issuer elects) and (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee all Securities so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the Securities or portions thereof accepted for payment. The Paying Agent shall promptly mail or deliver to Holders of Securities so accepted payment in an amount equal to the Purchase Price, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail or deliver to such Holders a new Security or Securities equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Security surrendered as requested by the Holder. Any Security not accepted for payment shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuer to the Holder thereof. In the event that the aggregate Purchase Price is less than the amount delivered by the Issuer to the Trustee or the Paying Agent, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall deliver the excess to the Issuer immediately after the Purchase Date.

Not later than the date upon which written notice of an Offer to Purchase is delivered to the Trustee, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate as to (i) the amount of the Offer, (ii) the allocation of the Net Available Proceeds from the Asset Disposition pursuant to which such Offer is being made and (iii) the compliance of such allocation with the provisions of this Section 1016.

In the event that the Issuer makes an Offer to Purchase the Securities, the Issuer shall comply with any applicable securities laws and regulations, including any applicable

requirements of Section 14(e) of, and Rule 14e-1 under, the Exchange Act. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this Section, the Issuer shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section by virtue thereof.

SECTION 1017. Limitation on Issuance and Sales of Capital Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries.

The Issuer shall at all times own all the issued and outstanding Capital Stock of Financing. The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, issue, transfer, convey, sell or otherwise dispose of any shares of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or securities convertible or exchangeable into, or options, warrants, rights or any other interest with respect to, Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary to any Person other than the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary except (i) a sale of all of the Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary owned by the Issuer and any Restricted Subsidiary that complies with the provisions of Section 1016 to the extent such provisions apply, (ii) in a transaction that results in such Restricted Subsidiary becoming a Joint Venture, provided (x) such transaction complies with the provisions of Section 1016 to the extent such provisions apply and (y) the remaining interest of the Issuer or any other Restricted Subsidiary in such Joint Venture would have been permitted as a new Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment under the provisions of Section 1012, (iii) the issuance, transfer, conveyance, sale or other disposition of shares of such Restricted Subsidiary so long as after giving effect to such transaction such Restricted Subsidiary remains a Restricted Subsidiary and such transaction complies with the provisions of Section 1016 to the extent such provisions apply, (iv) the transfer, conveyance, sale or other disposition of shares required by applicable law or regulation, (v) if required, the issuance, transfer, conveyance, sale or other disposition of directors' qualifying shares, (vi) Disqualified Stock issued in exchange for, or upon conversion of, or the proceeds of the issuance of which are used to refinance, shares of Disqualified Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary, provided that the amounts of the redemption obligations of such Disqualified Stock shall not exceed the amounts of the redemption obligations of, and such Disqualified Stock shall have redemption obligations no earlier than those required by, the Disqualified Stock being exchanged, converted or refinanced, (vii) in a transaction where the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary acquires at the same time not less than its Proportionate Interest in such issuance of Capital Stock, (viii) Capital Stock issued and outstanding on the Measurement Date, (ix) Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued and outstanding prior to the time that such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary so long as such Capital Stock was not issued in contemplation of such Person's becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or otherwise being acquired by the Issuer and (x) an issuance of Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than Preferred Stock convertible or exchangeable into Common Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary) otherwise permitted by this Indenture. In the event of (a) the consummation of a transaction referred to in any of the foregoing clauses that results in a Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor no longer being a Restricted Subsidiary and (b) the execution and delivery of a supplemental indenture providing for such release in form satisfactory to the Trustee, any such Guarantor shall be released from all its obligations under its Note Guarantee.

SECTION 1018. Transactions with Affiliates.

The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any of its Property to, or purchase any Property from, or enter into any contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance, Guarantee or transaction (including the rendering of services) with or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each of the foregoing, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless (a) such Affiliate Transaction or series of Affiliate Transactions is on terms that are no less favorable to the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary with a Person that is not an Affiliate (or, in the event that there are no comparable transactions involving Persons who are not Affiliates of the Issuer or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary to apply for comparative purposes, is otherwise on terms that, taken as a whole, the Issuer has determined to be fair to the Issuer or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary) and (b) the Issuer obtains (i) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate payments in excess of \$10,000,000 but less than \$15,000,000, a certificate of the chief executive, operating or financial officer of the Issuer evidencing such officer's determination that such Affiliate Transaction or series of Affiliate Transactions complies with clause (a) above and (ii) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate payments equal to or in excess of \$15,000,000, a Board Resolution of the Issuer certifying that such Affiliate Transaction or series of Affiliate Transactions complies with clause (a) above and that such Affiliate Transaction or series of Affiliate Transactions has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Issuer, including a majority of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors of the Issuer; provided, however, that, in the event that there shall not be at least two disinterested members of the Board of Directors of the Issuer with respect to the Affiliate Transaction, the Issuer shall, in addition to such Board Resolution, obtain a written opinion from an investment banking firm of national standing in the United States which, in the good faith judgment of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, is independent with respect to the Issuer and its Affiliates and qualified to perform such task, which opinion shall be to the effect that the consideration to be paid or received in connection with such Affiliate Transaction is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall not be deemed Affiliate Transactions: (i) any employment agreement entered into by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with industry practice; (ii) any agreement or arrangement with respect to the compensation of a director or officer of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary approved by a majority of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors of the Issuer and consistent with industry practice; (iii) transactions between or among the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that no more than 5% of the Voting Stock (on a fully diluted basis) of any such Restricted Subsidiary is owned by an Affiliate of the Issuer (other than a Restricted Subsidiary); (iv) Restricted Payments and Permitted Investments permitted by Section 1012 (other than Investments in Affiliates that are not the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries); (v) transactions pursuant to the terms of any agreement or arrangement as in effect on the Measurement Date; and (vi) transactions with respect to wireline or wireless transmission capacity, the lease or sharing or other use of cable or fiber optic lines, equipment,

rights-of-way or other access rights, between the Issuer (or any Restricted Subsidiary) and any other Person; provided, however, that, in the case of this clause (vi), such transaction complies with clause (a) in the immediately preceding paragraph.

SECTION 1019. Limitation on Designations of Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

The Issuer shall not designate any Subsidiary of the Issuer (other than a newly created Subsidiary in which no Investment has previously been made) as an "Unrestricted Subsidiary" under this Indenture (a "Designation") unless:

- (a) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of or after giving effect to such Designation;
- (b) immediately after giving effect to such Designation, the Issuer would be able to Incur \$1.00 of Debt under paragraph (a) of Section 1010; and
- (c) the Issuer would not be prohibited under any provision of this Indenture from making an Investment at the time of Designation (assuming the effectiveness of such Designation) in an amount (the "Designation Amount") equal to the portion (proportionate to the Issuer's equity interest in such Restricted Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Restricted Subsidiary on such date.

In the event of any such Designation, the Issuer shall be deemed to have made an Investment constituting a Restricted Payment pursuant to Section 1012 for all purposes of this Indenture in the Designation Amount; provided, however, that, upon a Revocation of any such Designation of a Subsidiary, the Issuer shall be deemed to continue to have a permanent "Investment" in an Unrestricted Subsidiary of an amount (if positive) equal to (i) the Issuer's "Investment" in such Subsidiary at the time of such Revocation less (ii) the portion (proportionate to the Issuer's equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such Revocation. At the time of any Designation of any Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, such Subsidiary shall not own any Capital Stock of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary. In addition, neither the Issuer nor any Restricted Subsidiary shall at any time (x) provide credit support for, or a Guarantee of, any Debt of any Unrestricted Subsidiary (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument evidencing such Debt); provided, however, that the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary may pledge Capital Stock or Debt of any Unrestricted Subsidiary on a nonrecourse basis such that the pledgee has no claim whatsoever against the Issuer other than to obtain such pledged Capital Stock or Debt, (y) be directly or indirectly liable for any Debt of any Unrestricted Subsidiary or (z) be directly or indirectly liable for any Debt which provides that the holder thereof may (upon notice, lapse of time or both) declare a default thereon or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its final scheduled maturity upon the occurrence of a default with respect to any Debt, Lien or other obligation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary (including any right to take enforcement action against such Unrestricted Subsidiary), except in the case of clause (x) or (y) to the extent permitted under Sections 1012 and 1018.



Unless Designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, any Person that becomes a Subsidiary of the Issuer will be classified as a Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that such Subsidiary shall not be designated as a Restricted Subsidiary and shall be automatically classified as an Unrestricted Subsidiary if either of the requirements set forth in clauses (a) and (b) of the immediately following paragraph will not be satisfied immediately following such classification. Except as provided in the first sentence of this Section 1019, no Restricted Subsidiary may be redesignated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

A Designation may be revoked (a "Revocation") by a Board Resolution of the Issuer (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer) delivered to the Trustee, provided that the Issuer will not make any Revocation unless:

(a) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of and after giving effect to such Revocation; and

(b) all Liens and Debt of such Unrestricted Subsidiary outstanding immediately following such Revocation would, if Incurred at such time, have been permitted to be Incurred at such time for all purposes of this Indenture.

All Designations and Revocations must be evidenced by Board Resolutions of the Issuer (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer) (i) certifying compliance with the foregoing provisions and (ii) giving the effective date of such Designation or Revocation. Upon Designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in compliance with this Section 1019, such Restricted Subsidiary shall, by delivery of a supplemental indenture providing for such release in form satisfactory to the Trustee, be released from any Note Guarantee previously made by such Subsidiary.

SECTION 1020. Future Subsidiary Guarantors and Subsidiary Liens.

(a) The Issuer shall cause any Financing Restricted Subsidiary that:

(i) Guarantees any Debt of the Issuer (other than a Guarantee Incurred pursuant to Section 1010(b)(vii) and any refinancing Guarantee Incurred pursuant to Section 1010(b)(viii) in respect of a Guarantee previously Incurred pursuant to Section 1010(b)(vii)) or

(ii) Incurs a Lien (other than a Lien Incurred pursuant to Section 1014(b)(v) and any refinancing Lien Incurred pursuant to Section 1014(b)(vi) in respect of a Lien previously Incurred pursuant to Section 1014(b)(v)) on Capital Stock of another Financing Restricted Subsidiary to secure any Debt of the Issuer (including by securing a Guarantee of such Debt of the Issuer),

in each case, at the same time, in the case of a Guarantee, to execute and deliver to the Trustee, a Note Guarantee, which Note Guarantee shall be maintained for so long as the Guarantee of such other Debt is in effect and, in the case of a Lien, to make or cause the applicable Financing

Restricted Subsidiary to make effective provision for securing the Securities equally and ratably with such Debt of the Issuer for so long as such Debt of the Issuer will be secured.

(b) Any such Note Guarantee of a Guarantor or Lien of a Financing Restricted Subsidiary will be released (a) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor or Financing Restricted Subsidiary (including by way of merger or consolidation) to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, if the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor complies with Section 1016 (or the Issuer certifies in an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee that it will comply with the requirements of such covenant relating to application of the proceeds of such sale or disposition), (b) in connection with any sale of all of the Capital Stock of that Guarantor or Financing Restricted Subsidiary to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) the Issuer or a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, if the sale of all such Capital Stock of that Guarantor or Financing Restricted Subsidiary complies with Section 1016 (or the Issuer certifies in an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee that it will comply with the requirements of such covenant relating to application of the proceeds of such sale or disposition), (c) if the Issuer properly designates that Guarantor or Financing Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 1019 or (d) if the Issuer exercises the legal defeasance option or covenant defeasance option as described under Article Twelve.

SECTION 1021. Covenant Suspension. During any period of time (any such period, a "Suspension Period") that (i) the ratings assigned to the Securities by both of the Rating Agencies are Investment Grade Ratings and (ii) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to the covenants set forth in Sections 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1015(i)(a), 1016, 1017 (other than the first sentence thereof), 1018, 801(3) and clause (b) of the first sentence of Section 1019 (collectively, the "Suspended Covenants"). In the event that the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants for any period of time as a result of the preceding sentence and, on any subsequent date (the "Reversion Date"), one or both of the Rating Agencies withdraws its ratings or downgrades the ratings assigned to the Securities below the required Investment Grade Ratings or a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries will thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants and calculations of the amount available to be made as Restricted Payments under Section 1012 will be made as though Section 1012 had been in effect during the entire period of time from the Measurement Date. On the Reversion Date, all Debt Incurred during the Suspension Period will be classified to have been Incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 1010 or one of the clauses set forth in paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or paragraph (a) of Section 1011 or one of the clauses set forth in paragraph (b) of Section 1011 (in each case to the extent such Debt would be permitted to be Incurred thereunder as of the Reversion Date and after giving effect to Debt Incurred prior to the Suspension Period and outstanding on the Reversion Date). To the extent such Debt would not be permitted to be Incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 1010 or one of the clauses set forth in paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or paragraph (a) of Section 1011 or one of the clauses set forth in paragraph (b) of Section 1011, such Debt will be deemed to have been outstanding on the Measurement Date, so that it is classified as

permitted under Section 1010(b)(v) or Section 1011(b)(iii). If the Incurrence of any Debt by a Restricted Subsidiary during the Suspension Period would have been prohibited or conditioned upon such Restricted Subsidiary entering into a Note Guarantee had Section 1010 and Section 1011 been in effect at the time of such Incurrence, such Restricted Subsidiary shall enter into a Note Guarantee that is senior to or pari passu with such Debt within ten days after the Reversion Date. For purposes of determining compliance with Section 1016 on the Reversion Date, the Net Available Proceeds from all Asset Sales not applied in accordance with the covenant will be deemed to be reset to zero. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither (a) the continued existence, after the date of such withdrawal or downgrade, of facts and circumstances or obligations that were Incurred or otherwise came into existence during a Suspension Period nor (b) the performance of any such obligations, shall constitute a breach of any covenant set forth in the Indenture or cause a Default or Event of Default thereunder; provided, however, that (1) the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries did not Incur or otherwise cause such facts and circumstances or obligations to exist in anticipation of a withdrawal or downgrade below investment grade, (2) the Issuer reasonably believed that such Incurrence or actions would not result in such a withdrawal or downgrade and (3) if so required each Restricted Subsidiary shall have entered into a Note Guarantee within the specified time period. For purposes of clauses (1) and (2) in the preceding sentence, anticipation and reasonable belief may be determined by the Issuer and shall be conclusively evidenced by a Board Resolution to such effect adopted in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer (or by a resolution of a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer adopted in good faith by a duly authorized committee thereof). In reaching their determination, the Board of Directors or board committee of the Issuer may, but need not, consult with the Rating Agencies.

SECTION 1022.        Special Interest Notice.

In the event that the Issuer is required to pay Special Interest to Holders pursuant to the Registration Agreement, the Issuer will provide written notice ("Special Interest Notice") to the Trustee of its obligation to pay Special Interest no later than fifteen days prior to the proposed payment date for the Special Interest, and the Special Interest Notice shall set forth the amount of Special Interest to be paid by the Issuer on such payment date. The Trustee shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any Holders to determine the Special Interest, or with respect to the nature, extent, or calculation of the amount of Special Interest owed, or with respect to the method employed in such calculation of the Special Interest.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

SECTION 1101.        Right of Redemption.

The Securities will be subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, on the terms and at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth in paragraph 5 on the reverse of the form of Security, plus accrued and unpaid interest

thereon (if any) to the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

SECTION 1102. Applicability of Article.

This Article shall govern any redemption of the Securities pursuant to Section 1101.

SECTION 1103. Election to Redeem; Notice to Trustee.

The election of the Issuer to redeem any Securities pursuant to Section 1101 shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution of the Issuer. The Issuer shall, at least 60 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Issuer (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Securities to be redeemed and shall deliver to the Trustee such documentation and records as shall enable the Trustee to select the Securities to be redeemed pursuant to Section 1104. Such notice shall be accompanied by an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel from the Issuer to the effect that such redemption will comply with the conditions herein.

SECTION 1104. Selection by Trustee of Securities to Be Redeemed.

If less than all the Securities are to be redeemed, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Securities not previously called for redemption, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Securities are listed, or, if the Securities are not so listed, on a pro rata basis, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee shall deem appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions of the principal of Securities and, in the case of Securities represented by a Global Security held by the Depository, in accordance with Depository procedures; provided, however, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Security not redeemed to less than \$1,000.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuer in writing of all available information (including information obtainable from the Depository) concerning the Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Security redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Security which has been or is to be redeemed.

SECTION 1105. Notice of Redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner provided for in Section 106 not less than 30 nor more than 45 days prior to the Redemption Date, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed.

Each notice of redemption shall identify the Securities (including "CUSIP" number(s)) to be redeemed and shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date,
- (2) the Redemption Price and the amount of accrued interest to the Redemption Date payable as provided in Section 1107, if any,
- (3) if less than all Outstanding Securities are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of a partial redemption, the principal amounts) of the particular Securities to be redeemed,
- (4) in case any Security is to be redeemed in part only, that on and after the Redemption Date, upon surrender of such Security, the Holder will receive, without charge, a new Security or Securities of authorized denominations for the principal amount thereof remaining unredeemed,
- (5) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price (and unpaid and accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date payable as provided in Section 1107) will become due and payable upon each such Security, or the portion thereof, to be redeemed, and that, unless the Issuer defaults in making such redemption payment or the Trustee or the Paying Agent is prohibited from making such payment, interest thereon will cease to accrue on and after said date, and
- (6) the place or places where such Securities are to be presented and surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest, if any.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Issuer shall be given by the Issuer or, at the Issuer's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer; provided, however, in the latter case the Issuer shall give the Trustee at least ten days prior notice (or such shorter notice as the Trustee may permit) of the date of the giving of the notice.

SECTION 1106. Deposit of Redemption Price.

On or prior to any Redemption Date (and if on any Redemption Date, before 11:00 A.M. New York City time, on such date), the Issuer shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Issuer is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and unpaid and accrued interest (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date) on, all the Securities which are to be redeemed on that date.

SECTION 1107. Securities Payable on Redemption Date.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified (together with unpaid and accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date), and from and after such date (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest or the Trustee or the Paying Agent shall be prohibited from making such payment) such Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Security shall be paid by the Issuer at the Redemption Price, together with unpaid and accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date; provided, however, that installments of interest whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holders of such Securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, registered as such at the close of business on the relevant record dates according to their terms.

If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal (and premium, if any) shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate borne by the Securities.

SECTION 1108. Securities Redeemed in Part.

Any Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the office or agency of the Issuer maintained for such purpose pursuant to Section 1002 (with, if the Issuer and the Trustee so require, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing), and the Issuer shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security without service charge, a new Security or Securities, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered.

ARTICLE TWELVE

DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

SECTION 1201. Issuer's Option to Effect Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Issuer may, at its option by Board Resolution of the Issuer, at any time, with respect to the Securities, elect to have either Section 1202 or Section 1203 be applied to all Outstanding Securities upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article Twelve.

SECTION 1202. Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 1201 of the option applicable to this Section 1202, the Issuer and the Guarantors, if any, shall be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all Outstanding Securities on the date the conditions set

forth in Section 1204 are satisfied (hereinafter, “defeasance”). For this purpose, such defeasance means that the Issuer shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the Outstanding Securities, which shall thereafter be deemed to be “Outstanding” only for the purposes of Section 1205 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (A) and (B) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Securities and this Indenture insofar as such Securities are concerned (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (A) the Issuer’s obligations with respect to such Securities under Section 2.3 of Appendix A and Sections 303, 306, 307, 1002 and 1003 and the Issuer’s rights under Section 1101, (B) rights of Holders to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Securities (but not the Purchase Price referred to under Section 1009 or 1016) and any rights of the Holders with respect to such amounts, (C) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Trustee under the Indenture and (D) this Article Twelve. Subject to compliance with this Article Twelve, the Issuer may exercise its option under this Section 1202 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 1203 with respect to the Securities. If the Issuer exercises its option under this Section 1202, each Guarantor, if any, shall be released from all its obligations under its Note Guarantee.

SECTION 1203. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Issuer’s exercise under Section 1201 of the option applicable to this Section 1203, the Issuer and each Guarantor, if any, shall be released from their obligations under any covenant contained in Sections 801(3), (4) and (5), Sections 802, 804, 1005, 1006 and 1007 and Sections 1009 through 1021 and from the operation of Sections 501(6), (7), (8), (9) and (10) (but, in the case of Sections 501(9) and (10), with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries), with respect to the Outstanding Securities on and after the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, “covenant defeasance”), and the Securities shall thereafter be deemed not to be “Outstanding” for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent, declaration or other Act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such provisions, but shall continue to be deemed “Outstanding” for all other purposes hereunder. For this purpose, such covenant defeasance means that, with respect to the Outstanding Securities, the Issuer and the Guarantors, if any, may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such provision, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such provision or by reason of any reference in any such provision to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 501(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) or (10) (but, in the case of Section 501(9) or (10), with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries) but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities shall be unaffected thereby. If the Issuer exercises its option under this Section 1203, each Guarantor, if any, shall be released from all its obligations under its Note Guarantee.

SECTION 1204. Conditions to Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to application of either Section 1202 or Section 1203 to the Outstanding Securities:

(1) The Issuer shall irrevocably have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee (or another trustee satisfying the requirements of Section 608 who shall agree to comply with the provisions of this Article Twelve applicable to it) as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, at any time prior to the Maturity of the Securities: (A) money in an amount, or (B) Government Securities which through the payment of interest and principal will provide, not later than one day before the due date of payment in respect of the Securities, money in an amount, or (C) a combination thereof, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and interest on, the Outstanding Securities on the Stated Maturity (or Redemption Date, if applicable) of such principal (and premium, if any) or installment of interest; provided that the Trustee (or such other trustee) shall have been irrevocably instructed in writing to apply such money or the proceeds of such Government Securities to said payments with respect to the Securities. Before such a deposit, the Issuer may give to the Trustee, in accordance with Section 1103, a notice of their election to redeem all of the Outstanding Securities at a future date in accordance with Article Eleven, which notice shall be irrevocable. Such irrevocable redemption notice, if given, shall be given effect in applying the foregoing.

(2) No Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or, insofar as paragraphs (9) and (10) of Section 501 are concerned with respect to the Issuer, at any time during the period ending on the 123rd day after the date of such deposit (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until the expiration of such period).

(3) Such defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Issuer or any Guarantor is a party or by which it is bound.

(4) In the case of an election under Section 1202, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (x) the Issuer has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (y) since the date of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the Holders of the Outstanding Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance had not occurred.



(5) In the case of an election under Section 1203, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of the Outstanding Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred.

(6) The Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to either the defeasance under Section 1202 or the covenant defeasance under Section 1203 (as the case may be) have been complied with.

(7) The Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel acceptable to the Trustee to the effect that such defeasance will not result in the trust relating thereto or the Trustee being subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SECTION 1205. Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 1003, all money and Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 1205, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 1204 in respect of the Outstanding Securities shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law or to the extent the Issuer acts as its own Paying Agent.

The Issuer shall pay and indemnify the Trustee and (if applicable) its officers, directors, employees and agents against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 1204 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the Outstanding Securities.

Anything in this Article Twelve to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon the Issuer's Request any money or Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 1204 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are in excess of the amount thereof which would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent defeasance or covenant defeasance, as applicable, in accordance with this Article Twelve.

SECTION 1206. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or any Paying Agent is unable to apply any money in accordance with Section 401 or 1205 by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Issuer's and each Guarantor's, if any, obligations under this Indenture and the Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 401, 1202 or 1203, as the case may be, until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance therewith; provided, however, that if the Issuer or any Guarantor makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Security following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer or such Guarantor shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Guarantees

SECTION 1301. Guarantees. The provisions of this Article Thirteen shall be applicable to the extent that any Note Guarantee is in effect or is required to be in effect in accordance with the terms of this Indenture. Except to the extent otherwise provided in this Indenture, the Securities shall not be guaranteed by any Subsidiaries of the Issuer.

Each Guarantor, if any, hereby unconditionally guarantees, jointly and severally, to each Holder and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns (a) the full and punctual payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Securities when due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, by redemption or otherwise, and all other monetary obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture and the Securities and (b) the full and punctual performance within applicable grace periods of all other obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture and the Securities (all the foregoing being hereinafter collectively called the "Obligations"). Each Guarantor further agrees that the Obligations may be extended or renewed, in whole or in part, without notice or further assent from such Guarantor, and that such Guarantor will remain bound under this Article Thirteen notwithstanding any extension or renewal of any Obligation.

Each Guarantor waives presentation to, demand of, payment from and protest to the Issuer of any of the Obligations and also waives notice of protest for nonpayment. Each Guarantor waives notice of any default under the Securities or the Obligations. The obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall not be affected by (a) the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any right or remedy against the Issuer or any other Person under this Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement or otherwise; (b) any extension or renewal of any thereof; (c) any rescission, waiver, amendment or modification of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement; (d) the release of any security held by any Holder or the Trustee for the Obligations or any of them; (e) the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to exercise any right or remedy against any other guarantor of the Obligations; or (f) any change in the ownership of such Guarantor.

Each Guarantor further agrees that its Note Guarantee herein constitutes a guarantee of payment, performance and compliance when due (and not a guarantee of collection) and waives any right to require that any resort be had by any Holder or the Trustee to any security held for payment of the Obligations.

Except as expressly set forth in Sections 803, 804, 1017, 1019, 1202, 1203, 1303 and 1308, the obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason, including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise, and shall not be subject to any defense of setoff, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever or by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of the Guaranteed Obligations or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the obligations of each Guarantor herein shall not be discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any remedy under this Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement, by any waiver or modification of any thereof, by any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance of the obligations, or by any other act or thing or omission or delay to do any other act or thing which may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of such Guarantor or would otherwise operate as a discharge of such Guarantor as a matter of law or equity.

Each Guarantor further agrees that its Note Guarantee herein shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Obligation is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by any Holder or the Trustee upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of the Issuer or otherwise.

In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation of any other right which any Holder or the Trustee has at law or in equity against any Guarantor by virtue hereof, upon the failure of the Issuer to pay the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Obligation when and as the same shall become due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, by redemption or otherwise, or to perform or comply with any other Obligation, each Guarantor hereby promises to and will, upon receipt of written demand by the Trustee, forthwith pay, or cause to be paid, in cash, to the Holders or the Trustee an amount equal to the sum of (i) the unpaid amount of such Obligations, (ii) accrued and unpaid interest on such Obligations (but only to the extent not prohibited by law) and (iii) all other monetary Obligations of the Issuer to the Holders and the Trustee.

Each Guarantor agrees that it shall not be entitled to any right of subrogation in respect of any Obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full in cash of all Obligations. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between it, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the Obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article Five for the purposes of such Guarantor's Note Guarantee herein, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such Obligations as provided in Article Five, such Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by such Guarantor for the purposes of this Section 1301.

Each Guarantor also agrees to pay any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this Section 1301.

SECTION 1302. Contribution. Each of the Issuer and any Guarantor (a "Contributing Party") agrees that, in the event a payment shall be made by any other Guarantor under any Note Guarantee (the "Claiming Guarantor"), the Contributing Party shall indemnify the Claiming Guarantor in an amount equal to the amount of such payment multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the net worth of the Contributing Party on the date hereof and the denominator of which shall be the aggregate net worth of the Issuer and all the Guarantors on the date hereof (or, in the case of any Guarantor becoming a party hereto pursuant to Section 901, the date of the supplemental indenture executed and delivered by such Guarantor).

SECTION 1303. Release of Guarantees. The Note Guarantee of a Guarantor will be released (a) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation) to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) a Restricted Subsidiary, if the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor complies with Section 1016 (or the Issuer certifies in an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee that it will comply with the requirements of Section 1016 relating to application of the proceeds of such sale or disposition), (b) in connection with any sale of all of the Capital Stock of a Guarantor to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) a Restricted Subsidiary, if the sale of all such Capital Stock of that Guarantor complies with Section 1016 (or the Issuer certifies in an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee that it will comply with the requirements of Section 1016 relating to application of the proceeds of such sale or disposition), (c) if the Issuer properly designates any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 1019 or (d) if the Issuer exercises the legal defeasance option or covenant defeasance option in accordance with Article Twelve.

SECTION 1304. Successors and Assigns. This Article Thirteen shall be binding upon each Guarantor and its successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Trustee and the Holders and, in the event of any transfer or assignment of rights by any Holder or the Trustee, the rights and privileges conferred upon that party in this Indenture and in the Securities shall automatically extend to and be vested in such transferee or assignee, all subject to the terms and conditions of this Indenture.

SECTION 1305. No Waiver. Neither a failure nor a delay on the part of either the Trustee or the Holders in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Article Thirteen shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any right, power or privilege. The rights, remedies and benefits of the Trustee and the Holders herein expressly specified are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights, remedies or benefits which either may have under this Article Thirteen at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise.

SECTION 1306. Modification. No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Article Thirteen, nor the consent to any departure by any Guarantor therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Trustee, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. No notice to or demand on any Guarantor in any case shall entitle such Guarantor to any other or further notice or demand in the same, similar or other circumstances.

SECTION 1307. Execution of Supplemental Indenture for Future Guarantors. Each Subsidiary which is required to become a Guarantor pursuant to any Section of the Indenture shall promptly execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture in the form of Exhibit C hereto pursuant to which such Subsidiary shall become a Guarantor under this Article Thirteen and shall guarantee the Obligations. Concurrently with the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such supplemental indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by such Subsidiary and that, subject to the application of bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and to the principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity, the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor is a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Guarantor, enforceable against such Guarantor in accordance with its terms. Each Person then a Guarantor authorizes the Issuer to enter into such a supplemental indenture on its behalf.

SECTION 1308. Subordination of Note Guarantees. The Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may, without notice to or consent of any holder of Securities, enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Indenture substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, or amend any indenture supplemental to the Indenture entered into by the Issuer, such Guarantor and the Trustee for the purpose of adding a Note Guarantee pursuant to Section 1020 to provide that the payment obligation on a Note Guarantee of a Guarantor (other than any Sister Restricted Subsidiary) be expressly subordinated in any bankruptcy, liquidation or winding up proceeding of such Guarantor to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations of such Guarantor under any Guarantee of, or obligation as borrower under, any Qualified Credit Facility Incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1010 or clause (ii) of paragraph (b) of Section 1011; provided, however, that the terms of the subordination of a Note Guarantee to any such Guarantee of, or obligation as borrower under, a Qualified Credit Facility may not eliminate or otherwise adversely affect the subordination of the payment obligation on any other Debt of such Guarantor to the payment obligation of the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., as Issuer

By

/s/ Rafael Martinez-Chapman

Name: Rafael Martinez-Chapman

Title: Senior Vice President and Treasurer

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,  
as Trustee

By

/s/ Teresa Petta

Name: Teresa Petta

Title: Vice President

FOR OFFERINGS TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS PURSUANT TO RULE 144A AND TO CERTAIN PERSONS  
IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INITIAL SECURITIES  
AND EXCHANGE SECURITIES

1. Definitions

1.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this Appendix A the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

“Additional Securities” means, subject to the Issuer’s compliance with the covenants in this Indenture, including Section 1010, 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022 issued from time to time after the Issue Date under the terms of the Indenture (other than pursuant to Section 306, 307, 1016 or 1108 of the Indenture and other than Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities issued pursuant to an exchange offer for other Securities outstanding under the Indenture).

“Definitive Security” means a certificated Initial Security or Exchange Security or Private Exchange Security bearing, if required, the restricted securities legend set forth in Section 2.3(c).

“Depository” means The Depository Trust Company, its nominees and their respective successors.

“Distribution Compliance Period”, with respect to any Securities, means the period of 40 consecutive days beginning on and including the later of (i) the day on which such Securities are first offered to persons other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) in reliance on Regulation S and (ii) the Issue Date with respect to such Securities.

“Exchange Securities” has the meaning stated in the first recital of the Indenture.

“Euroclear” means the Euroclear Clearance System or any successor securities clearing agency.

“Initial Purchasers” means Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Jefferies LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC.

“Initial Securities” has the meaning stated in the first recital of the Indenture.

“Original Securities” means Initial Securities in the aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 issued on December 1, 2014.

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“Private Exchange” means the offer by the Issuer, pursuant to Section 2(f) of the Registration Agreement dated as of December 1, 2014, or pursuant to any similar provision of any other Registration Agreement, to issue and deliver to certain purchasers, in exchange for the Initial Securities held by such purchasers as part of their initial distribution, a like aggregate principal amount of Private Exchange Securities.

“Private Exchange Securities” means the Exchange Securities to be issued pursuant to this Indenture in connection with a Private Exchange Offer pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement.

“Purchase Agreement” means the Purchase Agreement dated as of November 17, 2014, among the Issuer and the Initial Purchasers relating to the Original Securities, or any similar agreement relating to any future sale of Initial Securities by the Issuer.

“QIB” means a “qualified institutional buyer” as defined in Rule 144A.

“Registered Exchange Offer” means the offer by the Issuer, pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement, to certain Holders of Initial Securities, to issue and deliver to such Holders, in exchange for the Initial Securities, a like aggregate principal amount of Exchange Securities registered under the Securities Act.

“Registration Agreement” means the Registration Agreement dated as of December 1, 2014, among the Issuer and the Initial Purchasers relating to the Original Securities, or any similar agreement relating to any registration of Additional Securities.

“Rule 144A Securities” means all Initial Securities offered and sold to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A.

“Securities” has the meaning stated in the first recital of the Indenture and more particularly means any Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (or any successor act), and the rules and regulations thereunder (or respective successors thereto).

“Securities Custodian” means the custodian with respect to a Global Security (as appointed by the Depository) or any successor person thereto, who shall initially be the Trustee.

“Shelf Registration Statement” means a registration statement filed by the Issuer in connection with the offer and sale of Initial Securities or Private Exchange Securities pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement.

“Transfer Restricted Securities” means Definitive Securities and any other Securities that bear or are required to bear the legend set forth in Section 2.3(c) hereto.

## 1.2 Other Definitions

Term	Defined in Section:
"Agent Members"	2.1(b)
"Global Security"	2.1(a)
"Regulation S"	2.1
"Regulation S Global Security"	2.1(a)
"Rule 144A"	2.1
"Rule 144A Global Security"	2.1(a)

## 2. The Securities

### 2.1 Form and Dating.

The Initial Securities will be offered and sold by the Issuer, from time to time, pursuant to one or more Purchase Agreements. The Initial Securities will be resold initially only to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A") and in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"). Initial Securities may thereafter be transferred to, among others, QIBs and purchasers in reliance on Regulation S.

(a) Global Securities. Initial Securities initially resold pursuant to Rule 144A shall be issued initially in the form of one or more permanent global Securities in definitive, fully registered form (collectively, the "Rule 144A Global Security") and Initial Securities initially resold pursuant to Regulation S shall be issued initially in the form of one or more global securities (collectively, the "Regulation S Global Security"), in each case without interest coupons and with the global securities legend and restricted securities legend set forth in Exhibit 1 hereto, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Initial Securities represented thereby with the Securities Custodian, and registered in the name of the Depository or a nominee of the Depository, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in this Indenture. The Rule 144A Global Security and Regulation S Global Security are collectively referred to herein as "Global Securities." The aggregate principal amount of the Global Securities may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depository or its nominee as hereinafter provided.

(b) Book-Entry Provisions. This Section 2.1(b) shall apply only to a Global Security deposited with or on behalf of the Depository.

The Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with this Section 2.1(b) and pursuant to an order of the Issuer, authenticate and deliver initially one or more Global Securities that (a) shall be registered in the name of the Depository for such Global Security or Global Securities or the nominee of such Depository and (b) shall be delivered by the Trustee to such Depository or pursuant to such Depository's instructions or held by the Trustee as Securities Custodian.

Members of, or participants in, the Depository ("Agent Members") shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Security held on their behalf by the

Depository or by the Trustee as Securities Custodian or under such Global Security, and the Depository may be treated by the Issuer, the Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee as the absolute owner of such Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Issuer, the Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depository or impair, as between the Depository and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices of such Depository governing the exercise of the rights of a holder of a beneficial interest in any Global Security.

(c) Definitive Securities. Except as provided in Section 2.3 or 2.4, owners of beneficial interests in Global Securities will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Definitive Securities.

2.2 Authentication. The Trustee shall authenticate and deliver: (1) Original Securities, (2) any Additional Securities, and (3) the Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities for issue only in a Registered Exchange Offer or a Private Exchange, respectively, pursuant to the relevant Registration Agreement, for a like principal amount of Initial Securities or Private Exchange Securities, as applicable, upon a written order of the Issuer signed by two Officers or by an Officer and either an Assistant Treasurer or an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer. Such order shall specify the amount of the Securities to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Securities is to be authenticated and whether the Securities are to be Initial Securities or Exchange Securities.

2.3 Transfer and Exchange. (a) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Securities. When Definitive Securities are presented to the Security Registrar or a co-registrar with a request:

(x) to register the transfer of such Definitive Securities; or

(y) to exchange such Definitive Securities for an equal principal amount of Definitive Securities of other authorized denominations,

the Security Registrar or co-registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange as requested if its reasonable requirements for such transaction are met; provided, however, that the Definitive Securities surrendered for transfer or exchange:

(i) shall be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Issuer and the Security Registrar or co-registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing; and

(ii) if such Definitive Securities bear a restricted securities legend, they are being transferred or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or pursuant to clause (A), (B) or (C) below, and are accompanied by the following additional information and documents, as applicable:

(A) if such Definitive Securities are being delivered to the Security Registrar by a Holder for registration in the name of such Holder, without transfer, a certification from such Holder to that effect; or

(B) if such Definitive Securities are being transferred to the Issuer, a certification to that effect; or

(C) if such Definitive Securities are being transferred pursuant to an exemption from registration in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, (i) a certification to that effect and (ii) if the Issuer so requests, an opinion of counsel or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to it as to the compliance with the restrictions set forth in the legend set forth in Section 2.3(d)(i).

(b) Transfer and Exchange of Global Securities. (i) The transfer and exchange of Global Securities or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through the Depository, in accordance with this Indenture (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth herein, if any) and the procedures of the Depository therefor. A transferor of a beneficial interest in a Global Security shall deliver a written order given in accordance with the Depository's procedures containing information regarding the participant account of the Depository to be credited with a beneficial interest in the Global Security and such account shall be credited in accordance with such instructions with a beneficial interest in the Global Security and the account of the Person making the transfer shall be debited by an amount equal to the beneficial interest in the Global Security being transferred.

(ii) If the proposed transfer is a transfer of a beneficial interest in one Global Security to a beneficial interest in another Global Security, the Security Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of the Global Security to which such interest is being transferred in an amount equal to the principal amount of the interest to be so transferred, and the Security Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and a corresponding decrease in the principal amount of the Global Security from which such interest is being transferred.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Appendix A (other than the provisions set forth in Section 2.4), a Global Security may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such successor Depository.

(iv) In the event that a Global Security is exchanged for Definitive Securities pursuant to Section 2.4 prior to the consummation of a Registered Exchange Offer or the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Securities, such Securities may be exchanged only in accordance with such procedures as are substantially consistent with the provisions of this Section 2.3 (including the certification requirements set forth on the reverse of the Initial Securities intended to ensure that such transfers comply with Rule 144A, Regulation S or such other applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act, as the case may be) and such other procedures as may from time to time be adopted by the Issuer.

(c) Legend.

(i) Except as permitted by the following paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv), each certificate evidencing the Global Securities and the Definitive Securities (and all Securities issued in exchange therefor or in substitution thereof) shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS NOTE, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED (X) PRIOR TO THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISSUANCE HEREOF (OR ANY PREDECESSOR SECURITY HERETO) OR (Y) BY ANY HOLDER THAT WAS AN "AFFILIATE" (WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) OF THE ISSUER AT ANY TIME DURING THE THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER, IN EITHER CASE OTHER THAN (1) TO THE ISSUER, (2) SO LONG AS THIS NOTE IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A"), TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE RESALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A (AS INDICATED BY THE BOX CHECKED BY THE TRANSFEROR ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NOTE), (3) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION (AS DEFINED UNDER REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AS INDICATED BY THE BOX CHECKED BY THE TRANSFEROR ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NOTE), (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 (IF APPLICABLE) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (5) PURSUANT TO

AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS NOTE, REPRESENTS AND AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT IT IS (1) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A OR (2) A NON-U.S. PERSON OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF (OR AN ACCOUNT SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (k)(2)(i) OF RULE 902 UNDER) REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."

Each Definitive Security will also bear the following additional legend:

"IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE SECURITY REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS."

(ii) Upon any sale or transfer of a Transfer Restricted Security (including any Transfer Restricted Security represented by a Global Security) pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act:

(A) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is a Definitive Security, the Security Registrar shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for a Security that does not bear the legends set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security; and

(B) in the case of any Transfer Restricted Security that is represented by a Global Security, the Security Registrar shall permit the Holder thereof to exchange such Transfer Restricted Security for a Security that does not bear the legends set forth above and rescind any restriction on the transfer of such Transfer Restricted Security,

in either case, if the Holder certifies in writing to the Security Registrar that its request for such exchange was made in reliance on Rule 144 (such certification to be in the form set forth on the reverse of the Initial Security).

(iii) After a transfer of any Initial Securities or Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Initial Securities or Private Exchange Securities, all requirements pertaining to restricted legends on such Initial Security or such Private Exchange Security will cease to apply and an Initial

Security or Private Exchange Security, as the case may be, in global form without restricted legends will be available to the transferee of the beneficial interests of such Initial Securities or Private Exchange Securities. Upon the occurrence of any of the circumstances described in this paragraph, the Issuer will deliver an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee instructing the Trustee to issue Securities without restricted legends.

(iv) Upon the consummation of a Registered Exchange Offer with respect to the Initial Securities pursuant to which certain Holders of such Initial Securities are offered Exchange Securities in exchange for their Initial Securities, Exchange Securities in global form without the restricted legends will be available to Holders or beneficial owners that exchange such Initial Securities (or beneficial interests therein) in such Registered Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of any of the circumstances described in this paragraph, the Issuer will deliver an Officers' Certificate to the Trustee instructing the Trustee to issue Securities without restricted legends.

(d) Cancellation or Adjustment of Global Security. At such time as all beneficial interests in a Global Security have either been exchanged for Definitive Securities, redeemed, repurchased or canceled, such Global Security shall be returned by the Depository to the Trustee for cancellation or retained and canceled by the Trustee. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Security is exchanged for Definitive Securities, redeemed, repurchased or canceled, the principal amount of Securities represented by such Global Security shall be reduced and an adjustment shall be made on the books and records of the Trustee (if it is then the Securities Custodian for such Global Security) with respect to such Global Security, by the Trustee or the Securities Custodian, to reflect such reduction.

(e) Obligations with Respect to Transfers and Exchanges of Securities.

(i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Definitive Securities and Global Securities at the Security Registrar's or co-registrar's request.

(ii) No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax, assessments, or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes, assessments or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 907, 1013, 1017 and 1108 of this Indenture).

(iii) The Security Registrar or co-registrar shall not be required to register the transfer of or exchange of any Security for a period beginning 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption or an offer to repurchase Securities or 15 days before an interest payment date.

(iv) Prior to the due presentation for registration of transfer of any Security, the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Security Registrar or any co-registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name a Security is registered as the absolute owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security is overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Security Registrar or any co-registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(v) All Securities issued upon any transfer or exchange pursuant to the terms of this Indenture shall evidence the same debt and shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as the Securities surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

(f) No Obligation of the Trustee.

(i) The Trustee shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of a Global Security, a member of, or a participant in the Depository or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depository or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Securities or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than the Depository) of any notice (including any notice of redemption or repurchase) or the payment of any amount, under or with respect to such Securities. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders under the Securities shall be given or made only to the registered Holders (which shall be the Depository or its nominee in the case of a Global Security). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Security shall be exercised only through the Depository subject to the applicable rules and procedures of the Depository. The Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depository with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(ii) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Security (including any transfers between or among Depository participants, members or beneficial owners in any Global Security) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.



## 2.4 Definitive Securities

(a) A Global Security deposited with the Depository or with the Trustee as Securities Custodian pursuant to Section 2.1 shall be transferred to the beneficial owners thereof in the form of Definitive Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Global Security, in exchange for such Global Security, only if such transfer complies with Section 2.3 and (i) the Depository notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a Depository for such Global Security or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a “clearing agency” registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor Depository is not appointed by the Issuer within 90 days of such notice, or (ii) a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or (iii) the Issuer, in its sole discretion, notifies the Trustee in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Definitive Securities under this Indenture.

(b) Any Global Security that is transferable to the beneficial owners thereof pursuant to this Section 2.4 shall be surrendered by the Depository to the Trustee, to be so transferred, in whole or from time to time in part, without charge, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, upon such transfer of each portion of such Global Security, an equal aggregate principal amount of Definitive Securities of authorized denominations. Definitive Securities issued in exchange for any portion of a Global Security transferred pursuant to this Section shall be executed, authenticated and delivered only in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof and registered in such names as the Depository shall direct. Any Definitive Security delivered in exchange for an interest in the Global Security shall, except as otherwise provided by Section 2.3(c), bear the restricted securities legend set forth in Exhibit 1 hereto.

(c) The registered Holder of a Global Security may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members and Persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action that a Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Securities.

(d) In the event of the occurrence of any of the events specified in Section 2.4(a)(i), (ii) or (iii), the Issuer will promptly make available to the Trustee a reasonable supply of Definitive Securities in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons.

[FORM OF FACE OF INITIAL SECURITY]

[Global Securities Legend]

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.]

[Restricted Securities Legend]

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS NOTE, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED (X) PRIOR TO THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISSUANCE HEREOF (OR ANY PREDECESSOR SECURITY HERETO) OR (Y) BY ANY HOLDER THAT WAS AN "AFFILIATE" (WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) OF THE ISSUER AT ANY TIME DURING THE THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER, IN EITHER CASE, OTHER THAN (1) TO THE ISSUER, (2) SO LONG AS THIS NOTE IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A") TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A, PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE RESALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A (AS INDICATED BY THE BOX CHECKED BY THE TRANSFEROR ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NOTE), (3) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION (AS DEFINED UNDER REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AS INDICATED BY THE BOX CHECKED BY THE TRANSFEROR ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NOTE), (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION

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FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 (IF APPLICABLE) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS NOTE, REPRESENTS AND AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT IT IS (1) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A OR (2) A NON-U.S. PERSON OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF (OR AN ACCOUNT SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (k)(2) (i) OF RULE 902 UNDER) REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.

[Definitive Securities Legend]

[IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE SECURITY REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.]

[FORM OF FACE OF INITIAL SECURITY]

No. [ • ]

[up to \$500,000,000 in an initial amount of \$[ • ]; the principal amount of Level 3 Communication Inc.'s 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022 represented by this note and all other notes constituting Original Securities (and any Exchange Securities issued in exchange therefore) not to exceed at any time the lesser of \$600,000,000 and the aggregate principal amount of such 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022 then outstanding.]\*\*

5.750% Senior Notes due 2022

CUSIP No. [52729N BW9]\*[U52782 AL0]†  
ISIN No. [US52729NBW92] ‡ [USU52782AL03] §

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation, promises to pay to [Cede & Co.]\*\*, or registered assigns, the principal sum [of                      Dollars]†† [as set forth on the                      Schedule of Increases or Decreases annexed hereto] on December 1, 2022.

Interest Payment Dates: March 1 and September 1.

Record Dates: February 15 and August 15.

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\*\* Insert for Global Securities

\* For 144A Initial Notes

† For Regulation S Initial Notes.

‡ For 144A Initial Notes

§ For Regulation S Initial Notes.

†† Insert for Definitive Securities

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Additional provisions of this Security are set forth on the other side of this Security.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be duly executed.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHENTICATION

Dated:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

as Trustee, certifies  
that this is one of  
the Securities referred  
to in the Indenture.

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

[FORM OF REVERSE SIDE OF INITIAL SECURITY]

5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022

1. Interest

(a) LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation (such corporation, and its successors and assigns under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, being herein called the "Issuer"), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Security at the rate per annum shown above. The Issuer will pay interest semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2015. Interest on the Security will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from December 1, 2014. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(b) Special Interest. The holder of this Security is entitled to the benefits of a Registration Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2014, among the Issuer and the Initial Purchasers named therein, or any other similar Registration Agreement for the registration of Additional Securities (each, a "Registration Agreement"). Capitalized terms used in this paragraph (b) but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the relevant Registration Agreement. If (i) on or prior to August 28, 2015, neither the Exchange Offer Registration Statement nor the Shelf Registration Statement has been filed with the Commission, (ii) on or prior to November 26, 2015 neither the Exchange Offer Registration Statement nor the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, (iii) on or prior to the later of December 26, 2015 and 30 business days following the initial effectiveness date of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, neither the Exchange Offer has been consummated nor the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, or (iv) after either the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, such Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective or usable (subject to certain exceptions) in connection with resales of Original Securities or New Securities offered in exchange for such Original Securities, in accordance with and during the periods specified in, the Registration Agreement (each such event referred to in clauses (i) through (iv), a "Registration Default"), interest ("Special Interest") will accrue on the principal amount of the Original Securities and the New Securities offered in exchange for such Original Securities (in addition to the stated interest on the Original Securities and such New Securities) from and including the date on which the first such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the date on which all Registration Defaults have been cured. Special Interest will accrue at a rate of 0.50% per annum during the 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of such Registration Default and shall increase by 0.25% per annum at the end of each subsequent 90-day period, but in no event shall such rate exceed 1.00% per annum. Special Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an event referred to in clause (ii) above, a Registration Default will not be deemed to have occurred so long as the Issuer has used and is continuing to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be declared effective.

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## 2. Method of Payment

The Issuer will pay interest on the Securities (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered holders of Securities at the close of business on the February 15 or August 15 next preceding the interest payment date even if Securities are canceled after the record date and on or before the interest payment date. Holders must surrender Securities to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. The Issuer will pay principal and interest in money of the United States of America that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. Payments in respect of the Securities represented by a Global Security (including principal, premium and interest) will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by The Depository Trust Company. The Issuer will make all payments in respect of a Definitive Security (including principal, premium and interest), by mailing a check to the registered address of each Holder thereof; provided, however, that, at the option of the Issuer, payments on the Securities may also be made, in the case of a Holder of at least \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Securities, by wire transfer to a U.S. dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in the United States if such Holder requests payment by wire transfer by giving written notice to the Trustee or the Paying Agent to such effect designating such account no later than 30 days immediately preceding the relevant due date for payment (or such other date as the Trustee may accept in its discretion).

## 3. Paying Agent and Security Registrar

Initially, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., a national banking association (the "Trustee"), will act as Paying Agent and Security Registrar. The Issuer may appoint and change any Paying Agent, Security Registrar or co-registrar without notice.

## 4. Indenture

The Issuer issued the Securities under an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2014 (the "Indenture"), between the Issuer and the Trustee. The terms of the Securities include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbb) as in effect on the date of the Indenture (the "TIA"). Terms defined in the Indenture and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Indenture. The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of those terms.

The Securities are unsubordinated unsecured obligations of the Issuer. [This Security is one of the Original Securities referred to in the Indenture issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000. The Securities include the Original Securities, any Additional Securities, and any Exchange Securities issued in exchange for Original or Additional Securities]. [This Security is one of the Additional Securities issued in addition to the Original Securities and Exchange Securities issued in exchange therefor in an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 previously issued under the Indenture. The Original Securities, the Exchange Securities issued in exchange for the Original Securities, the Additional Securities and any Exchange Securities issued in exchange for the Additional Securities are treated as a single class

of securities under the Indenture.] The Indenture imposes certain limitations on the ability of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries to, among other things, make certain Investments and other Restricted Payments, pay dividends and other distributions, incur Debt, enter into consensual restrictions upon the payment of certain dividends and distributions by such Restricted Subsidiaries, issue or sell shares of capital stock of such Restricted Subsidiaries, enter into or permit certain transactions with Affiliates, create or incur Liens and make Asset Sales. The Indenture also imposes limitations on the ability of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries to consolidate or merge with or into any other Person or sell, transfer, assign, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Property of such entities.

#### 5. Optional Redemption

At any time prior to December 1, 2017, the Issuer may redeem all or a part of the Securities, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities so redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) to, but not including, the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date).

"Applicable Premium" means, with respect to any Security on any Redemption Date, the greater of (1) 1.0% of the principal amount of such Security and (2) the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at such Redemption Date of (i) the Redemption Price of such Security at December 1, 2017 (such Redemption Price being set forth in the table appearing in this Section 5), plus (ii) all required interest payments due on such Security through December 1, 2017 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such Redemption Date plus 50 basis points, over (b) the principal amount of such Security.

"Treasury Rate" means, as of any Redemption Date, the yield to maturity as of such Redemption Date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to such Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to December 1, 2017; *provided, however*, that if the period from the Redemption Date to December 1, 2017 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

On and after December 1, 2017, the Issuer may redeem all or a part of the Securities, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, at the Redemption Prices set forth below (expressed as a percentage of principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) to, but not including, the Redemption Date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve months beginning December 1, of the years indicated below:



Period	Redemption Price
2017	102.8750%
2018	101.4375%
2019 and thereafter	100.0000%

In addition, at any time or from time to time on or prior to December 1, 2017, the Issuer may redeem up to 40% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including any Additional Securities) at a Redemption Price equal to 105.7500% of the principal amount of the Securities so redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereof (if any) to the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date), with the net cash proceeds contributed to the capital of the Issuer of one or more private placements to Persons other than Affiliates of the Issuer or underwritten public offerings of Common Stock of the Issuer resulting, in each case, in gross proceeds of at least \$100,000,000 in the aggregate; provided, however, that at least 60% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including any Additional Securities) would remain outstanding immediately after giving effect to such redemption. Any such redemption shall be made within 90 days of such private placement or public offering upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice; provided, further, that the Trustee shall not be responsible for any calculations.

#### 6. Sinking Fund

The Securities are not subject to any sinking fund.

#### 7. Notice of Redemption

Notice of redemption will be mailed by first-class mail at least 30 days but not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed at his or her registered address; provided that in the case of Securities held through the Depository by Depository participants, such notice will be submitted via the Depository's electronic messaging system. Securities in denominations larger than \$1,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000. If money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of and accrued interest on all Securities (or portions thereof) to be redeemed on the Redemption Date is deposited with the Paying Agent on or before the Redemption Date and certain other conditions are satisfied, on and after such date interest ceases to accrue on such Securities (or such portions thereof) called for redemption.

#### 8. Repurchase of Securities at the Option of Holders upon Change of Control Triggering Event

Within 30 days of a Change of Control Triggering Event, the Issuer will be required to make an offer to purchase all outstanding Securities at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Securities to be repurchased on the Purchase Date plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on

the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date that is on or prior to the date of purchase) as provided in, and subject to the terms of, the Indenture.

9. Denominations; Transfer; Exchange

The Securities are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and whole multiples of \$1,000. A Holder may transfer or exchange Securities in accordance with the Indenture. Upon any transfer or exchange, the Security Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements or transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Security Registrar need not register the transfer of or exchange any Securities selected for redemption (except, in the case of a Security to be redeemed in part, the portion of the Security not to be redeemed) or to transfer or exchange any Securities for a period of 15 days prior to the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed or 15 days before an interest payment date.

10. Persons Deemed Owners

The registered Holder of this Security may be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

11. Unclaimed Money

If money for the payment of principal or interest remains unclaimed for two years, the Trustee or Paying Agent shall pay the money back to the Issuer at its written request unless an abandoned property law designates another Person. After any such payment, Holders entitled to the money must look only to the Issuer and not to the Trustee for payment.

12. Discharge and Defeasance

Subject to certain conditions, the Issuer at any time may terminate some of or all its obligations under the Securities and the Indenture if the Issuer deposits with the Trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations for the payment of principal and interest on the Securities to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

13. Amendment, Waiver

Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, (i) the Indenture or the Securities may be amended without prior notice to any Holder but with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority (or, with respect to certain covenants, the written consent of at least two-thirds) in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities and (ii) any default or noncompliance with any provision may be waived with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities. Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, without the consent of any Holder of Securities, the Issuer and the Trustee may amend the Indenture or the Securities (i) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Issuer and the assumption by such successor of the covenants of the Issuer in the

Indenture and the Securities, (ii) to add to the covenants of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Issuer by the Indenture; (iii) to add any additional Events of Default; (iv) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities; (v) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the Indenture of a successor Trustee; (vi) to secure the Securities; (vii) to comply with the Trust Indenture Act or the Securities Act (including Regulation S promulgated thereunder); (viii) to add Note Guarantees or to release any Guarantors from Note Guarantees as provided by the terms of the Indenture; (ix) to subordinate Note Guarantees under the circumstances and to the extent set forth in the Indenture; and (x) to cure any ambiguity in the Indenture, to correct or supplement any provision in the Indenture which may be inconsistent with any other provision therein or to add any other provision with respect to matters or questions arising under the Indenture; provided such actions shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect.

#### 14. Defaults and Remedies

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding, subject to certain limitations, may declare all the Securities to be immediately due and payable. Certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency are Events of Default and shall result in the Securities being immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of such Events of Default without any further act of the Trustee or any Holder.

Holders of Securities may not enforce the Indenture or the Securities except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may refuse to enforce the Indenture or the Securities unless it receives reasonable indemnity or security. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power under the Indenture. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding, by written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, may rescind any declaration of acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree, and if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration.

#### 15. Trustee Dealings with the Issuer

Subject to certain limitations imposed by the TIA, the Trustee under the Indenture, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with and collect obligations owed to it by the Issuer or its Affiliates and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee.

#### 16. No Recourse Against Others

A director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder, as such, of the Issuer or any Guarantor shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Securities

or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation, solely by reason of its status as a director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of such Person. By accepting a Security, each Holder waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

17. Authentication

This Security shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent) manually signs the certificate of authentication on the other side of this Security.

18. Abbreviations

Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as TEN COM (=tenants in common), TEN ENT (=tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (=joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (=custodian), and U/G/M/A (=Uniform Gift to Minors Act).

19. Governing Law

THIS SECURITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

20. CUSIP Numbers

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Issuer has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Securities and has directed the Trustee to use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

**The Issuer will furnish to any Holder of Securities upon written request and without charge to the Holder a copy of the Indenture which has in it the text of this Security.**

## ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Security, fill in the form below:

I or we assign and transfer this Security to

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. No.)

and irrevocably appoint \_\_\_\_\_ agent to transfer this Security on the books of the Issuer. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Security.

In connection with any transfer of any of the Securities evidenced by this certificate occurring prior to the expiration of the period referred to in Rule 144(d) under the Securities Act after the later of the date of original issuance of such Securities and the last date, if any, on which such Securities were owned by the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer, the undersigned confirms that such Securities are being transferred in accordance with its terms:

### CHECK ONE BOX BELOW

- (1) ☐ to the Issuer; or
- (2) ☐ pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933; or
- (3) ☐ inside the United States to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933) that purchases for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer to whom notice is given that such transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, in each case pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933; or
- (4) ☐ outside the United States in an offshore transaction within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act in compliance with Rule 904 under the Securities Act of 1933; or

(5) ☐ pursuant to another available exemption from registration provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933.

Unless one of the boxes is checked, the Trustee will refuse to register any of the Securities evidenced by this certificate in the name of any person other than the registered holder thereof; provided, however, that if box (4) or (5) is checked, the Trustee may require, prior to registering any such transfer of the Securities, such legal opinions, certifications and other information as the Issuer has reasonably requested to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.

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Your signature

Signature Guarantee:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature must be guaranteed  
by a participant in a  
recognized signature guaranty  
medallion program or other  
signature guarantor acceptable  
to the Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Signature  
Guarantee

TO BE COMPLETED BY PURCHASER IF (3) ABOVE IS CHECKED:

The undersigned represents and warrants that it is purchasing this Security for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Issuer as the undersigned has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon the undersigned's foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: To be executed by an  
executive officer

[TO BE ATTACHED TO GLOBAL SECURITIES]

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL SECURITY

The initial principal amount of this Global Security is \$[      ]. The following increases or decreases in this Global Security have been made:

<b>Date of Exchange</b>	<b>Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Security</b>	<b>Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Security</b>	<b>Principal amount of this Global Security following such decrease or increase</b>	<b>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee or Securities Custodian</b>
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**OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE**

If you want to elect to have this Security purchased by the Issuer pursuant to Section 1016 (Asset Sale) or 1009 (Change of Control Triggering Event) of the Indenture, check the box:

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If you want to elect to have only part of this Security purchased by the Issuer pursuant to Section 1016 or 1009 of the Indenture, state the amount:

\$

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of the Security)

Signature Guarantee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized  
signature guaranty medallion program or other signature guarantor acceptable to the  
Trustee.

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[FORM OF FACE OF SECURITY]

[Global Securities Legend]

[UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.]

[Definitive Securities Legend]

[IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE SECURITY REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH TRANSFER AGENT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.]

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[FORM OF FACE OF SECURITY]

No. [ • ]

[up to \$500,000,000 in an initial amount of \$[ • ]; the principal amount of Level 3 Communication Inc.'s 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022 represented by this note and all other notes constituting Original Securities (and any Exchange Securities issued in exchange therefore) not to exceed at any time the lesser of \$600,000,000 and the aggregate principal amount of such 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022 then outstanding.]\*\*

5.750% Senior Notes due 2022

CUSIP No.  
ISIN No.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation, promises to pay to [Cede & Co.]\*\* or registered assigns, the principal sum [of                      Dollars] [as set forth on the Schedule of Increases or Decreases annexed hereto] on December 1, 2022.

Interest Payment Dates: March 1 and September 1.

Record Dates: February 15 and August 15.

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\*\* If the Security is to be issued in global form, add the attachment from Exhibit 1 to Appendix A captioned "TO BE ATTACHED TO GLOBAL SECURITIES - SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL SECURITY".

\* Insert for Definitive Securities.

Additional provisions of this Security are set forth on the other side of this Security.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be duly executed.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHENTICATION

Dated:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

as Trustee, certifies  
that this is one of  
the Securities referred  
to in the Indenture.

by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

[FORM OF REVERSE SIDE OF SECURITY]

5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022

1. Interest

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation (such corporation, and its successors and assigns under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, being herein called the "Issuer"), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Security at the rate per annum shown above. The Issuer will pay interest semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2015. Interest on the Security will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from December 1, 2014. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

2. Method of Payment

The Issuer will pay interest on the Securities (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered holders of Securities at the close of business on the February 15 or August 15 next preceding the interest payment date even if Securities are canceled after the record date and on or before the interest payment date. Holders must surrender Securities to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. The Issuer will pay principal and interest in money of the United States of America that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. Payments in respect of the Securities represented by a Global Security (including principal, premium and interest) will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by The Depository Trust Company. The Issuer will make all payments in respect of a Definitive Security (including principal, premium and interest), by mailing a check to the registered address of each Holder thereof; provided, however, that, at the option of the Issuer, payments on the Securities may also be made, in the case of a Holder of at least \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Securities, by wire transfer to a U.S. dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in the United States if such Holder requests payment by wire transfer by giving written notice to the Trustee or the Paying Agent to such effect designating such account no later than 30 days immediately preceding the relevant due date for payment (or such other date as the Trustee may accept in its discretion).

3. Paying Agent and Security Registrar

Initially, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., a national banking association (the "Trustee"), will act as Paying Agent and Security Registrar. The Issuer may appoint and change any Paying Agent, Security Registrar or co-registrar without notice.

4. Indenture

The Issuer issued the Securities under an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2014 (the "Indenture"), between the Issuer and the Trustee. The terms of the Securities include those

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stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbb) as in effect on the date of the Indenture (the "TIA"). Terms defined in the Indenture and not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Indenture. The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of those terms.

The Securities are unsubordinated unsecured obligations of the Issuer. [This Security is one of the Original Securities referred to in the Indenture issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000. The Securities include the Original Securities, any Additional Securities, and any Exchange Securities issued in exchange for Original or Additional Securities]. [This Security is one of the Additional Securities issued in addition to the Original Securities and Exchange Securities issued in exchange therefor in an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 previously issued under the Indenture. The Original Securities, the Exchange Securities issued in exchange for the Original Securities, the Additional Securities and any Exchange Securities issued in exchange for the Additional Securities are treated as a single class of securities under the Indenture.] The Indenture imposes certain limitations on the ability of the Issuer, Financing and its Restricted Subsidiaries to, among other things, make certain Investments and other Restricted Payments, pay dividends and other distributions, incur Debt, enter into consensual restrictions upon the payment of certain dividends and distributions by such Restricted Subsidiaries, issue or sell shares of capital stock of such Restricted Subsidiaries, enter into or permit certain transactions with Affiliates, create or incur Liens and make Asset Sales. The Indenture also imposes limitations on the ability of the Issuer, and its Restricted Subsidiaries to consolidate or merge with or into any other Person or sell, transfer, assign, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Property of such entities.

#### 5. Optional Redemption

At any time prior to December 1, 2017, the Issuer may redeem all or a part of the Securities, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities so redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) to, but not including, the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date).

"Applicable Premium" means, with respect to any Security on any Redemption Date, the greater of (1) 1.0% of the principal amount of such Security and (2) the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at such Redemption Date of (i) the Redemption Price of such Security at December 1, 2017 (such Redemption Price being set forth in the table appearing in this Section 5), plus (ii) all required interest payments due on such Security through December 1, 2017 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such Redemption Date plus 50 basis points, over (b) the principal amount of such Security.

"Treasury Rate" means, as of any Redemption Date, the yield to maturity as of such Redemption Date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become

publicly available at least two Business Days prior to such Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to December 1, 2017; *provided, however*, that if the period from the Redemption Date to December 1, 2017 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

On and after December 1, 2017, the Issuer may redeem all or a part of the Securities, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, at the Redemption Prices set forth below (expressed as a percentage of principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon (if any) to, but not including, the Redemption Date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the twelve months beginning June 1, of the years indicated below:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
2015	102.8750%
2016	101.4375%
2017 and thereafter	100.0000%

In addition, at any time or from time to time on or prior to December 1, 2017, the Issuer may redeem up to 40% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including any Additional Securities) at a Redemption Price equal to 105.7500% of the principal amount of the Securities so redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereof (if any) to the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date), with the net cash proceeds contributed to the capital of the Issuer of one or more private placements to Persons other than Affiliates of the Issuer or underwritten public offerings of Common Stock of the Issuer resulting, in each case, in gross proceeds of at least \$100,000,000 in the aggregate; provided, however, that at least 60% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Securities (including any Additional Securities) would remain outstanding immediately after giving effect to such redemption. Any such redemption shall be made within 90 days of such private placement or public offering upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice; provided, further, that the Trustee shall not be responsible for any calculations.

#### 6. Sinking Fund

The Securities are not subject to any sinking fund.

#### 7. Notice of Redemption

Notice of redemption will be mailed by first-class mail at least 30 days but not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed at his or her registered address; provided that in the case of Securities held through the Depository by Depository participants, such notice will be submitted via the Depository's electronic messaging system. Securities in denominations larger than \$1,000 may be redeemed in part but

only in whole multiples of \$1,000. If money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of and accrued interest on all Securities (or portions thereof) to be redeemed on the Redemption Date is deposited with the Paying Agent on or before the Redemption Date and certain other conditions are satisfied, on and after such date interest ceases to accrue on such Securities (or such portions thereof) called for redemption.

8. Repurchase of Securities at the Option of Holders upon Change of Control Triggering Event

Within 30 days of a Change of Control Triggering Event, the Issuer will be required to make an offer to purchase all outstanding Securities at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Securities to be repurchased on the Purchase Date plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date that is on or prior to the date of purchase) as provided in, and subject to the terms of, the Indenture.

9. Denominations; Transfer; Exchange

The Securities are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and whole multiples of \$1,000. A Holder may transfer or exchange Securities in accordance with the Indenture. Upon any transfer or exchange, the Security Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements or transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Security Registrar need not register the transfer of or exchange any Securities selected for redemption (except, in the case of a Security to be redeemed in part, the portion of the Security not to be redeemed) or to transfer or exchange any Securities for a period of 15 days prior to the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed or 15 days before an interest payment date.

10. Persons Deemed Owners

The registered Holder of this Security may be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

11. Unclaimed Money

If money for the payment of principal or interest remains unclaimed for two years, the Trustee or Paying Agent shall pay the money back to the Issuer at its written request unless an abandoned property law designates another Person. After any such payment, Holders entitled to the money must look only to the Issuer and not to the Trustee for payment.

12. Discharge and Defeasance

Subject to certain conditions, the Issuer at any time may terminate some of or all its obligations under the Securities and the Indenture if the Issuer deposits with the Trustee

money or U.S. Government Obligations for the payment of principal and interest on the Securities to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

### 13. Amendment, Waiver

Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, (i) the Indenture or the Securities may be amended without prior notice to any Holder but with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority (or, with respect to certain covenants, the written consent of at least two-thirds) in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities and (ii) any default or noncompliance with any provision may be waived with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities. Subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Indenture, without the consent of any Holder of Securities, the Issuer and the Trustee may amend the Indenture or the Securities (i) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Issuer and the assumption by such successor of the covenants of the Issuer in the Indenture and the Securities, (ii) to add to the covenants of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Issuer by the Indenture; (iii) to add any additional Events of Default; (iv) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities; (v) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the Indenture of a successor Trustee; (vi) to secure the Securities; (vii) to comply with the Trust Indenture Act or the Securities Act (including Regulation S promulgated thereunder); (viii) to add Note Guarantees or to release any Guarantors from Note Guarantees as provided by the terms of the Indenture; (ix) to subordinate Note Guarantees under the circumstances and to the extent set forth in the Indenture; and (x) to cure any ambiguity in the Indenture, to correct or supplement any provision in the Indenture which may be inconsistent with any other provision therein or to add any other provision with respect to matters or questions arising under the Indenture; provided such actions shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect.

### 14. Defaults and Remedies

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding, subject to certain limitations, may declare all the Securities to be immediately due and payable. Certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency are Events of Default and shall result in the Securities being immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of such Events of Default without any further act of the Trustee or any Holder.

Holders of Securities may not enforce the Indenture or the Securities except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may refuse to enforce the Indenture or the Securities unless it receives reasonable indemnity or security. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power under the Indenture. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding, by written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, may rescind any declaration of acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree, and if all existing Events of Default have been cured or



waived except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration.

15. Trustee Dealings with the Issuer

Subject to certain limitations imposed by the TIA, the Trustee under the Indenture, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with and collect obligations owed to it by the Issuer or its Affiliates and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee.

16. No Recourse Against Others

A director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder, as such, of the Issuer or any Guarantor shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation, solely by reason of its status as a director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of such Person. By accepting a Security, each Holder waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

17. Authentication

This Security shall not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent) manually signs the certificate of authentication on the other side of this Security.

18. Abbreviations

Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as TEN COM (=tenants in common), TEN ENT (=tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (=joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (=custodian), and U/G/M/A (=Uniform Gift to Minors Act).

19. Governing Law

THIS SECURITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

20. CUSIP Numbers

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Issuer has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Securities and has directed the Trustee to use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a

convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

**The Issuer will furnish to any Holder of Securities upon written request and without charge to the Holder a copy of the Indenture which has in it the text of this Security.**

## ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Security, fill in the form below:

I or we assign and transfer this Security to

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. No.)

and irrevocably appoint \_\_\_\_\_ agent to transfer this Security on the books of the Issuer. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Security. Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized signature guaranty medallion program or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee.

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**OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE**

**If you want to elect to have this Security purchased by the Issuer pursuant to Section 1016 (Asset Sale) or 1009 (Change of Control Triggering Event) of the Indenture, check the box:**

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**If you want to elect to have only part of this Security purchased by the Issuer pursuant to Section 1016 or 1009 of the Indenture, state the amount:**

**\$**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of the Security)**

**Signature Guarantee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized signature guaranty medallion program or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee.**

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**INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, being the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Company") does hereby certify that the individuals listed below are qualified and acting officers of the Company as set forth in the right column opposite their respective names and the signatures appearing in the extreme right column opposite the name of each such officer is a true specimen of the genuine signature of such officer and such individuals have the authority to execute documents to be delivered to, or upon the request of, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee under the Indenture dated as of December 1, 2014, between Level 3 Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Signature</u>
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed and delivered this Certificate as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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## FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Supplemental Indenture") dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, among [GUARANTOR] (the "New Guarantor"), a direct or indirect subsidiary of Level 3 Communications, Inc. (or its successor), a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), on behalf of itself and the Guarantors (the "Existing Guarantors"), if any, under the Indenture referred to below, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., a national banking association, as trustee under the indenture referred to below (the "Trustee").

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS the Issuer has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2014 (the "Indenture"; capitalized terms used but not defined herein having the meanings assigned thereto in the Indenture), providing for the issuance of its 5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022;

WHEREAS the Indenture permits the New Guarantor to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the New Guarantor shall unconditionally guarantee all the Issuer's obligations under the Securities pursuant to a Guarantee on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS the Guarantee contained in this Supplemental Indenture shall constitute a "Note Guarantee", and the New Guarantor shall constitute a "Guarantor", for all purposes of the Indenture;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 901 and Section 1307 of the Indenture, the Trustee and the Issuer are authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all acts and requirements necessary to make this Supplemental Indenture the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Issuer[, the Existing Guarantors] and the New Guarantor have been done;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the New Guarantor, the Issuer, the Existing Guarantors and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities as follows:

1. Agreement to Guaranty. The New Guarantor hereby agrees, jointly and severally with all the existing Guarantors, to unconditionally guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the Securities and the Indenture on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Article 13 of the Indenture and to be bound by all other applicable provisions of the Indenture and the Securities.

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2. Successors and Assigns. This Supplemental Indenture shall be binding upon the New Guarantor and its successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Trustee and the Holders and, in the event of any transfer or assignment of rights by any Holder or the Trustee, the rights and privileges conferred upon that party in the Indenture and in the Securities shall automatically extend to and be vested in such transferee or assignee, all subject to the terms and conditions of this Indenture.

3. No Waiver. Neither a failure nor a delay on the part of either the Trustee or the Holders in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Supplemental Indenture, the Indenture or the Securities shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any right, power or privilege. The rights, remedies and benefits of the Trustee and the Holders herein and therein expressly specified are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights, remedies or benefits which either may have under this Supplemental Indenture, the Indenture or the Securities at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise.

4. Modification. No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Supplemental Indenture, nor the consent to any departure by the New Guarantor therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Trustee, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. No notice to or demand on the New Guarantor in any case shall entitle the New Guarantor to any other or further notice or demand in the same, similar or other circumstances.

5. Opinion of Counsel. Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that this Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the New Guarantor and the Issuer and that, subject to the application of bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and to the principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity, the Guarantee of the New Guarantor is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the New Guarantor, enforceable against the New Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

6. Ratification of Indenture; Supplemental Indentures Part of Indenture. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed and all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect. This Supplemental Indenture shall form a part of the Indenture for all purposes, and every holder of Securities heretofore or hereafter authenticated and delivered shall be bound hereby.

7. Governing Law. **THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT**

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**THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.**

8. Counterparts. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

9. Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not effect the construction thereof.

10. Trustee. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture. The recitals and statements herein are deemed to be those of the Issuer, the Existing Guarantors and the New Guarantor, and not of the Trustee.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

[NEW GUARANTOR],

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., on behalf of itself as the Issuer and the Existing Guarantors, if any,

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,  
as Trustee,

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title

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SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this “Supplemental Indenture”) dated as of [ ], among [GUARANTOR], a [ ] (the “New Guarantor”), LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., a national banking association, as trustee under the Indenture referred to below (the “Trustee”).

W I T N E S S E T H : (5)

WHEREAS the Issuer and the Trustee have heretofore executed and delivered (a) an Indenture dated as of December 1, 2014 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Indenture”; capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned thereto in the Indenture), providing for the issuance by the Issuer of its 5.750% Senior Notes Due 2022 (the “Securities”), and (b) a Supplemental Indenture dated [ ], pursuant to which the New Guarantor has guaranteed the Issuer’s obligations under the Indenture (the “Subordinated Guarantee”);

WHEREAS the Issuer, Level 3 Financing, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Financing”), certain lenders (together with their successors and assigns and any future Lenders under and as defined in the Credit Agreement (as hereafter defined) (the “Lenders”)) and Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation, as administrative agent and collateral agent (the “Administrative Agent”), have entered into a Credit Agreement dated as of March 13, 2007 (as amended and restated as of October 31, 2014, the “Credit Agreement”), under which Financing has borrowed term loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$4,610,500,000 from the Lenders (the “Term Loans”);

WHEREAS the obligations of the Issuer under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (as defined therein) have been guaranteed by the New Guarantor;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 1308 of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to enter into a supplemental indenture which subordinates in any bankruptcy, liquidation or winding up proceeding a guarantee of a Financing Restricted Subsidiary as guarantor or borrower pursuant to the Indenture to the obligations of such Subsidiary under a Qualified Credit Facility;

WHEREAS upon the guarantee of the Securities by a Financing Restricted Subsidiary, the Issuer, the Trustee and such Financing Restricted Subsidiary shall enter into a supplemental indenture in substantially the form of this Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such guarantee will be subordinated in any bankruptcy, liquidation or

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(5) Revise recitals and definitions to reflect any replacement or successor Qualifying Credit Facility.

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winding up proceeding to the obligations of such Financing Restricted Subsidiary under the Loan Documents (as defined in the Credit Agreement);

WHEREAS the Credit Agreement constitutes a Qualified Credit Facility and the guarantee of the obligations under the Credit Agreement by the New Guarantor and the issuance and pledge of the Loan Proceeds Note constitute Guarantees of a Qualified Credit Facility; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 901 and Section 1308 of the Indenture, the Trustee, Financing, the Issuer and the New Guarantor are authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Financing, the Issuer, the New Guarantor and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the holders of the Securities as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### Subordination

SECTION 1.1. Subordination. The Trustee hereby agrees that all obligations in respect of any amounts payable by the New Guarantor pursuant to the Subordinated Guarantee, including the guarantee of the payment of principal, premium (if any), interest or all other amounts payable in respect of the Securities (the “Subordinated Obligations”), shall be subordinate and junior in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner provided in the Indenture (as supplemented by this Supplemental Indenture), to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations (including without limitation the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement)) of the New Guarantor under or in respect of the Loan Documents (as defined in the Credit Agreement), including the payment of principal, premium (if any), interest (including interest arising after the commencement of a bankruptcy or other proceeding, whether or not such a claim is permitted in such proceeding), the guarantees thereof or all other amounts payable thereunder (the “Senior Obligations”).

SECTION 1.2. Subordination in the Event of Dissolution or Insolvency of the New Guarantor. Upon any distribution of assets of the New Guarantor in connection with its dissolution or insolvency or upon any dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization of the New Guarantor, whether in bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement or receivership or similar proceedings, or upon any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshaling of the assets and liabilities of the New Guarantor:

(a) the holders of the Senior Obligations (the “Senior Creditors”) shall first be entitled to receive payment in full in cash of the Senior Obligations in accordance with the terms of such Senior Obligations before the Holders shall be entitled to receive

any payment on account of the Subordinated Obligations owed by the New Guarantor in respect of the Securities, whether of principal, premium (if any), interest, pursuant to the Subordinated Guarantee or otherwise; and

(b) any payment by, or distribution of the assets of, the New Guarantor of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, to which the Holders would be entitled except for the provisions of Section 1308 of the Indenture and this Supplemental Indenture shall be paid or delivered by the Person making such payment or distribution (whether a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver, custodian or liquidating trustee or otherwise) directly to the Administrative Agent or the Senior Creditors to the extent necessary to make payment in full in cash of all Senior Obligations remaining unpaid, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the Administrative Agent or the Senior Creditors in respect of the Senior Obligations.

SECTION 1.3. Certain Payments Held in Trust. In the event that any payment by, or distribution of the assets of, the New Guarantor of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, and whether directly or otherwise, shall be received by or on behalf of the Trustee or the Holders at a time when such payment is prohibited by or contrary to the agreements set forth in this Supplemental Indenture, such payment or distribution shall be held in trust for the benefit of, and shall be paid over to, the Administrative Agent or the Senior Creditors to the extent necessary to make payment in full in cash of all Senior Obligations remaining unpaid, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the Administrative Agent or the Senior Creditors in respect of such Senior Obligations.

SECTION 1.4 Trustee Not Fiduciary. The Trustee shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the Senior Creditors and shall not be liable to any such Senior Creditor if the Trustee shall in good faith mistakenly pay over or distribute to the Holders or to the Issuer or to any other person cash, property or securities to which any holders of Senior Obligations shall be entitled by virtue of this Article or otherwise. With respect to the holders of Senior Obligations, the Trustee undertakes to perform or to observe only such of its covenants or obligations as are specifically set forth in this Article and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to holders of Senior Obligations shall be read into this Supplemental Indenture against the Trustee.

SECTION 1.5. Legend. Any and all instruments or records now or hereafter creating or evidencing the Subordinated Obligations, whether upon refunding, extension, renewal, refinancing, replacement or otherwise, shall contain the following legend:

*"Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, neither the principal of nor the interest on, nor any other amounts payable in respect of, the indebtedness created or evidenced by this instrument or record shall be paid or payable with or by the funds provided by [GUARANTOR], except to the extent permitted under the Supplemental Indenture dated [ ], among Level*

*3 Communications, Inc., [GUARANTOR] and the Trustee, which Supplemental Indenture is incorporated herein with the same effect as if fully set forth herein."*

SECTION 1.6. Obligations Hereunder Not Affected. So long as the Credit Agreement shall constitute a Qualified Credit Facility, this Supplemental Indenture shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment of the Senior Obligations or any part thereof shall be rescinded or must otherwise be returned by the Administrative Agent and the Senior Creditors upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the New Guarantor or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

## ARTICLE II

### Miscellaneous

SECTION 2.1. Governing Law. **THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.**

SECTION 2.2. Modification. No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Supplemental Indenture shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Trustee, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given.

SECTION 2.3. Opinion of Counsel. Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that this Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Issuer and the New Guarantor and that, subject to the application of bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and to the principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity, this Supplemental Indenture is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Issuer and the New Guarantor, enforceable against each of them in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 2.4. Ratification of Indenture; Supplemental Indentures Part of Indenture. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed and all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect. This Supplemental Indenture shall form a part of the Indenture for all purposes, and every holder of Securities heretofore or hereafter authenticated and delivered shall be bound hereby.

SECTION 2.5. Counterparts. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

SECTION 2.6. Headings. Article and Section headings used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Supplemental Indenture and are not to affect the construction of, or to be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Supplemental Indenture.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

By

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Name:  
Title:

[GUARANTOR],

By

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Name:  
Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,  
as Trustee,

By

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Name:  
Title:

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

\$600,000,000 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022

REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

New York, New York  
December 1, 2014

To: Citigroup Global Markets Inc.  
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated  
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC  
Barclays Capital Inc.  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
Jefferies LLC  
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

In care of:

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.  
388 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10013

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated  
One Bryant Park  
New York, NY 10036

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC  
1585 Broadway  
New York, NY 10036

Barclays Capital Inc.  
745 Seventh Avenue  
New York, NY 10019

Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
200 West Street  
New York, NY 10282

Jefferies LLC  
520 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

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J.P. Morgan Securities LLC  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10179

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This Registration Agreement (this “Agreement”), dated December 1, 2014, is entered into by and among Level 3 Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Jefferies LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (the “Purchasers”). The Company proposes to issue and sell to the Purchasers, upon the terms set forth in a purchase agreement dated November 17, 2014 (the “Purchase Agreement”), \$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022 (the “Original Notes”) (such sale, the “Initial Placement”). As an inducement to the Purchasers to enter into the Purchase Agreement and in satisfaction of a condition to your obligations thereunder, the Company agrees with you, (i) for your benefit and (ii) for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Original Notes (including you) (each of the foregoing a “Holder” and together the “Holders”), as follows:

1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have their respective meanings set forth in the Purchase Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized defined terms shall have the following meanings:

“Affiliate” of any specified person means any other person which, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person. For purposes of this definition, control of a person means the power, direct or indirect, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person whether by contract or otherwise; and the terms “controlling” and “controlled” have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Agreement” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“Exchange Offer Prospectus” means the prospectus included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the New Notes covered by such Exchange Offer Registration Statement, and all amendments and supplements thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

“Exchange Offer Registration Period” means the 270-day period following the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, exclusive of any period during which any stop order shall be in effect suspending the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

“Exchange Offer Registration Statement” means a registration statement of the Company on an appropriate form under the Securities Act with respect to the Registered Exchange Offer, all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

“Exchanging Dealer” means any Holder (which may include the Purchasers) which is a broker-dealer electing to exchange Original Notes acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities for New Notes.

“Holder” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“Indenture” means the Indenture relating to the Original Notes and the New Notes, dated as of December 1, 2014, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

“Company” has the meaning specified in the first introductory paragraph hereto.

“Initial Placement” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“Majority Holders” means the Holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Original Notes and the New Notes registered under a Registration Statement.

“Managing Underwriters” means the investment banker or investment bankers and manager or managers that shall administer an offering of securities under a Shelf Registration Statement.

“New Notes” means debt securities of the Company identical in all material respects to the Original Notes (except that the interest rate step-up provisions and the transfer restrictions will be modified or eliminated, as appropriate), to be issued under the Indenture.

“Original Notes” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“ Purchase Agreement ” has the meaning specified in the first introductory paragraph hereto.

“ Purchasers ” has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“ Prospectus ” means the prospectus included in any Registration Statement (including, without limitation, a prospectus that discloses information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A, Rule 430B or Rule 430C under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Original Notes or the New Notes covered by such Registration Statement, and all amendments and supplements to the Prospectus, including post-effective amendments.

“ Registered Exchange Offer ” means the proposed offer to the Holders to issue and deliver to such Holders, in exchange for the Original Notes, a like principal amount of the New Notes.

“ Registration Securities ” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a) hereof.

“ Registration Statement ” means any Exchange Offer Registration Statement or Shelf Registration Statement that covers any of the Original Notes or the New Notes pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including, without limitation, post-effective amendments, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

“ Securities Act ” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“ Shelf Registration ” means a registration effected pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

“ Shelf Registration Period ” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(b) hereof.

“ Shelf Registration Statement ” means a “shelf” registration statement of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 hereof which covers some of or all the Original Notes or New Notes, as applicable, on an appropriate form under Rule 415 under the Securities Act, or any similar rule that may be adopted by the Commission, all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

“ Trustee ” means the trustee with respect to the Original Notes and the New Notes under the Indenture.

“underwriter” means any underwriter of securities in connection with an offering thereof under a Shelf Registration Statement.

2. Registered Exchange Offer; Resales of New Notes by Exchanging Dealers; Private Exchange.

(a) The Company shall prepare and, not later than August 28, 2015 (such date being 270 days after the date hereof), shall file with the Commission the Exchange Offer Registration Statement with respect to the Registered Exchange Offer. The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to become effective under the Securities Act not later than November 26, 2015 (such date being 360 days after the date hereof).

(b) Upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly commence the Registered Exchange Offer, it being the objective of such Registered Exchange Offer to enable each Holder electing to exchange Original Notes for New Notes (assuming that such Original Notes do not constitute a portion of an unsold allotment acquired by such Holder directly from the Company, such Holder is not an Affiliate of the Company, such Holder acquires the New Notes in the ordinary course of its business and such Holder has no arrangements with any person to participate in the distribution of the New Notes) to trade such New Notes from and after their receipt without any limitations or restrictions under the Securities Act and without material restrictions under the securities laws of a substantial proportion of the several states of the United States.

(c) In connection with the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

(i) mail to each Holder a copy of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal and related documents;

(ii) keep the Registered Exchange Offer open for not less than 20 business days after the date notice thereof is mailed to the Holders (or longer if required by applicable law);

(iii) utilize the services of a depository for the Registered Exchange Offer with an address in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York; and

(iv) comply in all material respects with all applicable laws.

(d) As soon as practicable after the close of the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

(i) accept for exchange all Original Notes tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer;

(ii) deliver to the Trustee for cancellation all Original Notes so accepted for exchange; and

(iii) cause the Trustee promptly to authenticate and deliver to each Holder of Original Notes a principal amount of New Notes equal to the principal amount of the Original Notes of such Holder so accepted for exchange.

(e) The Purchasers and the Company acknowledge that, pursuant to current interpretations by the Commission's staff of Section 5 of the Securities Act, and in the absence of an applicable exemption therefrom, each Exchanging Dealer is required to deliver a Prospectus in connection with a sale of any New Notes received by such Exchanging Dealer pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer in exchange for Original Notes acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. Accordingly, the Company shall:

(i) include the information set forth in Annex A hereto on the cover of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, in Annex B hereto in the forepart of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in a section setting forth details of the Exchange Offer, in Annex C hereto in the underwriting or plan of distribution section of the Prospectus forming a part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, and in Annex D hereto in the Letter of Transmittal delivered pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer (it being understood that a Holder's participation in the Exchange Offer is conditioned on the Holder, by executing and returning the Letter of Transmittal, representing in writing to the Company as set forth in Rider B of Annex D hereto); and

(ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement continuously effective under the Securities Act during the Exchange Offer Registration Period for delivery by Exchanging Dealers in connection with sales of New Notes received pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer, as contemplated by Section 4(h) below.

(f) In the event that any Purchaser determines that it is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer with respect to the exchange of Original Notes constituting any portion of an unsold allotment, at the request of such Purchaser, the Company shall issue and deliver to such Purchaser or the party purchasing New Notes registered under a Shelf Registration Statement as contemplated by Section 3 hereof from such Purchaser, in exchange for such Original Notes, a like principal amount of New Notes. The Company shall seek to cause the CUSIP Service Bureau to issue the same CUSIP number for such New Notes as for New Notes issued pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer.

3. Shelf Registration. If, (i) because of any change in law or applicable interpretations thereof by the Commission's staff, the Company determines upon advice of outside counsel that it is not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as contemplated by Section 2 hereof, or (ii) for any other reason the Exchange Offer

Registration Statement is not declared effective by November 26, 2015 (such date being 360 days after the date hereof) or the Registered Exchange Offer is not consummated on or prior to the later of (x) December 26, 2015 (such date being 390 days after the date hereof) and (y) 30 business days following the initial effectiveness date of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, or (iii) any Purchaser so requests with respect to Original Notes (or any New Notes received pursuant to Section 2(f)) not eligible to be exchanged for New Notes in a Registered Exchange Offer or, in the case of any Purchaser that participates in any Registered Exchange Offer, such Purchaser does not receive freely tradable New Notes, or (iv) any Holder (other than a Purchaser) is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer or (v) in the case of any such Holder that participates in the Registered Exchange Offer, such Holder does not receive freely tradable New Notes in exchange for tendered securities, other than by reason of such Holder being an affiliate of the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act (it being understood that, for purposes of this Section 3, (x) the requirement that a Purchaser deliver a Prospectus containing the information required by Items 507 and/or 508 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act in connection with sales of New Notes acquired in exchange for such Original Notes shall result in such New Notes being not “freely tradeable” but (y) the requirement that an Exchanging Dealer deliver a Prospectus in connection with sales of New Notes acquired in the Registered Exchange Offer in exchange for Original Notes acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities shall not result in such New Notes being not “freely tradeable”), the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The Company shall as promptly as practicable (but in no event after the later of (i) August 28, 2015 (such date being 270 days after the date hereof) and (ii) 45 days after so required or requested pursuant to this Section 3), file with the Commission and thereafter shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective under the Securities Act, or, if permitted by Rule 430B under the Securities Act, otherwise designate an existing registration statement filed with the Commission as, a Shelf Registration Statement relating to the offer and sale of the Original Notes or the New Notes, as applicable, by the Holders from time to time in accordance with the methods of distribution elected by such Holders and set forth in such Shelf Registration Statement (such Original Notes or New Notes, as applicable, to be sold by such Holders under such Shelf Registration Statement being referred to herein as “Registration Securities”); provided, however, that, with respect to New Notes received by a Purchaser in exchange for Original Notes constituting any portion of an unsold allotment, the Company may, if permitted by current interpretations by the Commission's staff, file a post-effective amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement containing the information required by Regulation S-K Items 507 and/or 508, as applicable, in satisfaction of its obligations under this paragraph (a) with respect thereto, and any such Exchange Offer Registration Statement, as so amended, shall be referred to herein as, and governed by the provisions herein applicable to, a Shelf Registration Statement. Unless the Shelf Registration Statement is an automatic shelf registration statement (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), the Company shall include the information required by Rule 430B(b)(2)(iii) under the Securities Act.

(b) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective in order to permit the Prospectus forming part thereof to be usable by Holders for a period of one year from the date the Shelf Registration Statement becomes effective or is designated as such or such shorter period that will terminate when all the Original Notes or New Notes, as applicable, covered by the Shelf Registration Statement have been sold pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement (in any such case, such period being called the “Shelf Registration Period”). The Company shall be deemed not to have used its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement effective during the Shelf Registration Period if the Company voluntarily takes any action that would result in Holders of securities covered thereby not being able to offer and sell such securities during that period, unless (i) such action is required by applicable law or (ii) such action is taken by such party in good faith and for valid business reasons (not including avoidance of the obligations of the Company hereunder), including the acquisition or divestiture of assets, so long as the Company promptly thereafter complies with the requirements of Section 4(k) hereof, if applicable.

4. Registration Procedures. In connection with any Shelf Registration Statement and, to the extent applicable, any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) (i) The Company shall furnish to you, prior to the filing or designation thereof with the Commission, a copy of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, each amendment thereof and each amendment or supplement, if any, to the Prospectus included therein and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to reflect in each such document, when so filed or designated with the Commission, such comments as you reasonably may propose.

(ii) The Company shall furnish to you, prior to the filing or designation thereof with the Commission, a copy of any Shelf Registration Statement, each amendment thereof and each amendment or supplement, if any, to the Prospectus included therein and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to reflect in each such document, when so filed or designated with the Commission, such comments as any Holder whose securities are to be included in such Shelf Registration Statement reasonably may propose.

(b) The Company shall ensure that (i) any Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any Prospectus forming part thereof and any amendment or supplement thereto complies in all material respects with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, (ii) any Registration Statement and any amendment thereto does not, when it becomes effective (or, in the case of a previously filed registration statement that is effective at the time it is designated as a Shelf Registration Statement, when it is so designated), contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated

therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (iii) any Prospectus forming part of any Registration Statement, and any amendment or supplement to such Prospectus, does not include an 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.

(c) (1) The Company shall advise you and, in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, the Holders of securities covered thereby, and, if requested by you or any such Holder, confirm such advice in writing:

(i) when a Registration Statement and any amendment thereto has been filed (or, in the case of a previously filed registration statement designated as a Shelf Registration Statement, when it is so designated) with the Commission and when the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective (or, in the case of a previously filed registration statement that is effective at the time it is designated as a Shelf Registration Statement, when it is so designated); and

(ii) of any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus included therein or for additional information.

(2) The Company shall advise you and, in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, the Holders of securities covered thereby, and, in the case of an Exchange Offer Registration Statement, any Exchanging Dealer which has provided in writing to the Company a telephone or facsimile number or e-mail address and address for notices, and, if requested by you or any such Holder or Exchanging Dealer, confirm such advice in writing:

(i) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose;

(ii) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the securities included therein for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; and

(iii) of the happening of any event that requires the making of any changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus so that, as of such date, the statements therein are not misleading and do not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of the Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading (which advice



shall be accompanied by an instruction to suspend the use of the Prospectus until the requisite changes have been made).

Each such Holder or Exchanging Dealer agrees by its acquisition of such securities to be sold by such Holder or Exchanging Dealer, that, upon being so advised by the Company of any event described in clause (iii) of this paragraph (c) (2), such Holder or Exchanging Dealer will forthwith discontinue disposition of such securities under such Registration Statement or Prospectus, until such Holder's or Exchanging Dealer's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by paragraph 4(k) hereof, or until it is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed.

(d) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of any Registration Statement at the earliest possible time.

(e) The Company shall furnish to each Holder of securities included within the coverage of any Shelf Registration Statement, without charge, at least one copy of such Shelf Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules, and, if the Holder so requests in writing, any documents incorporated by reference therein and all exhibits thereto (including those incorporated by reference therein).

(f) The Company shall, during the Shelf Registration Period, deliver to each Holder of securities included within the coverage of any Shelf Registration Statement, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus (including each preliminary Prospectus) included in such Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as such Holder may reasonably request; and the Company hereby consents to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders of securities in connection with the offering and sale of the securities covered by the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto.

(g) The Company shall furnish to each Exchanging Dealer which so requests, without charge, at least one copy of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules and, if the Exchanging Dealer so requests in writing, any documents incorporated by reference therein and all exhibits thereto (including those incorporated by reference therein).

(h) The Company shall, during the Exchange Offer Registration Period, promptly deliver to each Exchanging Dealer, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus included in such Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as such Exchanging Dealer may reasonably request for delivery by such Exchanging Dealer in connection with a sale of New

Notes received by it pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer; and the Company consents to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by any such Exchanging Dealer, as aforesaid.

(i) Prior to the Registered Exchange Offer or any other offering of securities pursuant to any Registration Statement, the Company shall register or qualify or cooperate with the Holders of securities included therein and their respective counsel in connection with the registration or qualification of such securities for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as any such Holder reasonably requests in writing and do any and all other acts or things necessary or advisable to enable the offer and sale in such jurisdictions of the securities covered by such Registration Statement; provided, however, that the Company will not be required to qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified or to take any action which would subject it to general service of process or to taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.

(j) The Company shall cooperate with the Holders of Original Notes to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Original Notes to be sold pursuant to any Registration Statement free of any restrictive legends and in such denominations and registered in such names as Holders may request prior to sales of securities pursuant to such Registration Statement.

(k) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by paragraph (c)(2)(iii) above, the Company shall promptly prepare a post-effective amendment to any Registration Statement or an amendment or supplement to the related Prospectus or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to purchasers of the securities included therein, the Prospectus will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(l) Not later than the effective date (or the designation date, in the case of a previously filed registration statement that is effective at the time it is designated as a Shelf Registration Statement) of any such Registration Statement hereunder, the Company shall provide a CUSIP number for each of the Original Notes or the New Notes, as the case may be, registered under such Registration Statement, and provide the Trustee with printed certificates for such Original Notes or New Notes, in a form, if requested by the applicable Holder or Holder's counsel, eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company or any successor thereto under the Indenture.

(m) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission to the extent and so long as they are applicable to the Registered Exchange Offer or the Shelf Registration and will make generally available to the security holders of the

Company a consolidated earning statement (which need not be audited) covering a twelve-month period commencing after the effective date (or the designation date, in the case of a previously filed registration statement that is effective at the time it is designated as a Shelf Registration Statement) of the Registration Statement and ending not later than 15 months thereafter, as soon as practicable after the end of such period, which consolidated earning statement shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act.

(n) The Company shall cause the Indenture to be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, on or prior to the effective date (or the designation date, in the case of a previously filed registration statement that is effective at the time it is designated as a Shelf Registration Statement) of any Shelf Registration Statement or Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

(o) The Company may require each Holder of securities to be sold pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement to furnish to the Company in writing such information regarding the Holder and the distribution of such securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably require for inclusion in such Registration Statement. The Company may exclude from any such Registration Statement the securities of any such Holder who fails to furnish such information within a reasonable time after receiving such request. Each Holder as to which any Shelf Registration is being effected agrees to furnish promptly to the Company all information required to be disclosed in order to make the information previously furnished to the Company by such Holder not materially misleading. Each Holder further agrees that neither such Holder nor any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement on such Holder's behalf will make any offer relating to the securities to be sold pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement that would constitute an issuer free writing prospectus (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433 of the Securities Act, unless it has obtained the prior written consent of the Company (and except for as otherwise provided in any underwriting agreement entered into by the Company and any such underwriter).

(p) The Company shall, if requested, promptly incorporate in a Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment to a Shelf Registration Statement, such information as the Managing Underwriters, if any, and the Majority Holders reasonably agree should be included therein and shall make all required filings of such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment as soon as notified of the matters to be incorporated in such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment.

(q) (i) In the case of any Shelf Registration Statement, the Company shall enter into such agreements (including underwriting agreements) and take all other appropriate actions in order to expedite or facilitate the registration or the disposition of the Original Notes, and in connection therewith, if an underwriting agreement is entered into, cause the same to contain indemnification provisions and procedures no less favorable than those set forth in Section 6 hereof (or such other provisions and procedures acceptable to the Majority Holders and the Managing Underwriters, if any), with respect to all parties to be indemnified pursuant to Section 6 hereof.

(ii) Without limiting in any way paragraph (q)(i), no Holder may participate in any underwritten registration hereunder unless such Holder (x) agrees to sell such Holder's securities to be covered by such registration on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Majority Holders and the Managing Underwriters and (y) completes and executes in a timely manner all customary questionnaires, powers of attorney, underwriting agreements and other documents reasonably required by the Company or the Managing Underwriters in connection with such underwriting arrangements.

(r) In the case of any Shelf Registration Statement, the Company shall (i) make reasonably available for inspection by the Holders of securities to be registered thereunder, any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to such Registration Statement, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by the Holders or any such underwriter all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries reasonably requested by such person; (ii) cause the officers, directors and employees of the Company to supply all relevant information reasonably requested by the Holders or any such underwriter, attorney, accountant or agent in connection with any such Registration Statement as is customary for due diligence examinations in connection with primary underwritten offerings; provided, however, that any information that is nonpublic at the time of delivery of such information shall be kept confidential by the Holders or any such underwriter, attorney, accountant or agent, unless such disclosure is made in connection with a court proceeding or required by law, or such information becomes available to the public generally or through a third party without an accompanying obligation of confidentiality; (iii) make such representations and warranties to the Holders of securities registered thereunder and the underwriters, if any, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by an issuer to underwriters in primary underwritten offerings; (iv) obtain opinions of counsel to the Company (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Managing Underwriters, if any) addressed to each selling Holder and the underwriters, if any, covering such matters as are customarily covered in opinions requested in underwritten offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by such Holders and underwriters; (v) obtain "cold comfort" letters (or, in the case of any person that does not satisfy

the conditions for receipt of a “cold comfort” letter specified in Statement on Auditing Standards No. 72 or any successor standard, an “agreed-upon procedures” letter under Statement on Auditing Standards No. 35 or any successor standard) and updates thereof from the independent certified public accountants of the Company (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements and financial data are, or are required to be, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement), addressed to each selling Holder of securities registered thereunder and the underwriters, if any, in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in “cold comfort” letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings; and (vi) deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by the Majority Holders and the Managing Underwriters, if any, including those to evidence compliance with Section 4(k) and with any customary conditions contained in the underwriting agreement or other agreement entered into by the Company. The foregoing actions set forth in clauses (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of this Section 4(r) shall be performed (A) on the effective date (or the designation date, in the case of a previously filed registration statement that is effective at the time it is designated as a Shelf Registration Statement) of such Registration Statement and each post-effective amendment thereto and (B) at each closing under any underwriting or similar agreement as and to the extent required thereunder.

(s) In the case of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall (i) make reasonably available for inspection by each Purchaser, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by such Purchaser, all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries reasonably requested by such person; (ii) cause the officers, directors and employees of the Company to supply all relevant information reasonably requested by such Purchaser or any such attorney, accountant or agent in connection with any such Registration Statement as is customary for due diligence examinations in connection with primary underwritten offerings; provided, however, that any information that is nonpublic at the time of delivery of such information shall be kept confidential by such Purchaser or any such attorney, accountant or agent, unless such disclosure is made in connection with a court proceeding or required by law, or such information becomes available to the public generally or through a third party without an accompanying obligation of confidentiality; (iii) make such representations and warranties to such Purchaser, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by an issuer to underwriters in primary underwritten offerings; (iv) obtain opinions of counsel to the Company (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to such Purchaser and its counsel), addressed to such Purchaser, covering such matters as are customarily covered in opinions requested in underwritten offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by such Purchaser or its counsel; (v)

obtain “cold comfort” letters and updates thereof from the independent certified public accountants of the Company (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements and financial data are, or are required to be, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement), addressed to such Purchaser, in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in “cold comfort” letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, or if requested by such Purchaser or its counsel in lieu of a “cold comfort” letter, an agreed-upon procedures letter under Statement on Auditing Standards No. 35 or any successor standard, covering matters requested by such Purchaser or its counsel; and (vi) deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by such Purchaser or its counsel, including those to evidence compliance with Section 4(k) and with conditions customarily contained in underwriting agreements. The foregoing actions set forth in clauses (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of this Section 4(s) shall be performed (A) at the close of the Registered Exchange Offer and (B) on the effective date of any post-effective amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

5. Registration Expenses. The Company shall bear all expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations under Sections 2, 3 and 4 hereof and, in the event of any Shelf Registration Statement, will reimburse the Holders for the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm or counsel (in addition to one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction) designated by the Majority Holders to act as counsel for the Holders in connection therewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Holders of the securities being registered shall pay all agency or brokerage fees and commissions and underwriting discounts and commissions attributable to the sale of such securities and the fees and disbursements of any counsel or other advisors or experts retained by such Holders (severally or jointly), other than the counsel and experts specifically referred to above in this Section 5, transfer taxes on resale of any of the securities by such Holders and any advertising expenses incurred by or on behalf of such Holders in connection with any offers they may make.

6. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) In connection with any Registration Statement, the Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder of securities covered thereby (including each Purchaser and, with respect to any Prospectus delivery as contemplated in Section 4(h) hereof, each Exchanging Dealer), the directors, officers, employees and agents of each such Holder and each other person, if any, who controls any such Holder within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of 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 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 any preliminary Prospectus or Prospectus, or in

any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or in any issuer free writing prospectus approved for use by the Company, 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 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 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 such Holder specifically for inclusion therein. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.

The Company also agrees to indemnify or contribute to Losses (as defined below) of, as provided in Section 6(d), any underwriters of Original Notes or New Notes registered under a Shelf Registration Statement, their officers, directors, employees and agents and each person who controls such underwriters on substantially the same basis as that of the indemnification of the Purchasers and the selling Holders provided in this Section 6(a) and shall, if requested by any Holder, enter into an underwriting agreement reflecting such agreement, as provided in Section 4(q) hereof.

(b) Each Holder of securities covered by a Registration Statement (including each Purchaser and, with respect to any Prospectus delivery as contemplated in Section 4(h) hereof, each Exchanging Dealer) severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors and officers and each other person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each such Holder, but only with reference to written information relating to such Holder furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Holder specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any such Holder may otherwise have.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 6 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 6, 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 reasonably 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 (and local 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 reasonably 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 includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding. It is understood, however, that the Company shall, in connection with any one such action or separate but substantially similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of only one separate firm of attorneys (in addition to any local counsel) at any time for all such Holders and controlling persons. An indemnifying party shall not be liable under this Section 6 to any indemnified party regarding any settlement 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 is consented to by such indemnifying party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) In the event that the indemnity provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 6 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party for any reason, then the Company and the Holders, as applicable, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, shall, and in the case of the Holders shall severally but not jointly, contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) (collectively "Losses") to which the Company and the Holders 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 Holders, on the other hand, from the Initial Placement and the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses; provided, however, that in no case shall any Purchaser or any subsequent Holder of any Original Note or New Note be responsible, in the aggregate, for any amount in excess of the purchase discount or commission applicable to such Original Note, or in the case of a New Note, applicable to the security which was exchangeable into such New Note, as set forth in the Final Memorandum and in the Purchase Agreement, nor shall any underwriter be responsible for any amount in excess of the underwriting discount or commission applicable to the securities purchased by such underwriter under the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses. If the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is unavailable for any reason, the Company and the Holders 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 the Holders, on the other hand, 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 sum of (x) the total net proceeds from the Initial Placement (before deducting expenses) as set forth in the Final Memorandum and in the Purchase Agreement and (y) the total amount of additional interest which the Company was not required to pay as a result of registering the securities covered by the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses. Benefits received by the Purchasers shall be deemed to be equal to the total purchase discounts and commissions as set forth in the Final Memorandum and in the Purchase Agreement, and benefits received by any other Holders shall be deemed to be equal to the value of receiving Original Notes or New Notes, as applicable, registered under the Securities Act. Benefits received by any underwriter shall be deemed to be equal to the total underwriting discounts and commissions, as set forth on the cover page of the Prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses. Relative fault shall be determined by reference to whether any alleged untrue statement or omission relates to information provided by the Company, on the one hand, or by Holders, on the other hand. The parties 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), 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 6, each person who controls a Holder within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act and each director, officer, employee and agent of such Holder shall have the same rights to contribution as such Holder, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, each of its officers who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each of its directors shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the applicable terms and conditions of this paragraph (d).

(e) The provisions of this Section 6 will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Purchaser, any other Holder,

the Company or any underwriter or any of the officers, directors or controlling persons referred to in this Section 6, and will survive the sale by a Holder of securities covered by a Registration Statement.

7. Miscellaneous.

(a) No Inconsistent Agreements. The Company has not, as of the date hereof, entered into, nor shall it, on or after the date hereof, enter into, any agreement with respect to its securities that limits the rights granted to the Holders herein or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof.

(b) Amendments and Waivers. The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, qualified, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, unless the Company has obtained the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority of the then outstanding aggregate principal amount of Original Notes (or, after the consummation of any Exchange Offer in accordance with Section 2 hereof, of New Notes); provided that, with respect to any matter that directly or indirectly affects the rights of any Purchaser hereunder, the Company shall obtain the written consent of each such Purchaser against which such amendment, qualification, supplement, waiver or consent is to be effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing (except the foregoing proviso), a waiver or consent to departure from the provisions hereof with respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders whose securities are being sold pursuant to a Registration Statement and that does not directly or indirectly affect the rights of other Holders may be given by the Majority Holders, determined on the basis of securities being sold rather than registered under such Registration Statement.

(c) Notices. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand-delivery, first-class mail, facsimile, or air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery:

(1) if to a Holder, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7(c), which address initially is, with respect to each Holder, the address of such Holder maintained by the registrar under the Indenture, with a copy in like manner to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. by facsimile (212-816-7912), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated by facsimile (212-901-7897), Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC by facsimile (212-507-8308), Barclays Capital Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. by facsimile (212-902-9316), Jefferies LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and confirmed by mail to them at, respectively, 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013, Attention: General Counsel, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, Attention: High Yield Legal Department, 1585 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, Attention: High Yield Syndicate Desk, 745 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019, Attention: Syndicate Registration, 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, Attention: Prospectus Department, Jefferies LLC at 520 Madison Avenue,

(2) if to you, initially at the applicable address set forth in the Purchase Agreement; and

(3) if to the Company, initially at the address set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given when received.

The Purchasers or the Company by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

(d) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the parties, including, without the need for an express assignment or any consent by the Company or subsequent Holders of Original Notes and/or New Notes. The Company hereby agrees to extend the benefits of this Agreement to any Holder of Original Notes and/or New Notes and any such Holder may specifically enforce the provisions of this Agreement as if an original party hereto.

(e) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(f) Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

(g) Governing Law. **THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF).**

(h) Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstances, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect for any reason, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions hereof shall not be in any way impaired or affected thereby, it being intended that all the rights and privileges of the parties shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

(i) Securities Held by the Company, etc. Whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of principal amount of Original Notes or New Notes is required hereunder, Original Notes or New Notes, as applicable, held by

the Company or its Affiliates (other than subsequent Holders of Original Notes or New Notes if such subsequent Holders are deemed to be Affiliates solely by reason of their holdings of such Original Notes or New Notes) shall not be counted in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage.

(j) Termination. This Agreement shall automatically terminate, without any further action on the part of the Company or the Purchasers, upon the termination or cancellation of the Purchase Agreement prior to the Closing Date.

Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth the agreement between the Company and you.

Very truly yours,

Level 3 Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ John M. Ryan

Name: John M. Ryan

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and  
Secretary

[Signature page to the Level 3 Registration Agreement]

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The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

By: Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

By: /s/ Stuart Dickson  
Name: Stuart Dickson  
Title: Managing Director

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By: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

By: /s/ Bernard Tsang

Name: Bernard Tsang

Title: Director

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By: Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

By: /s/ Reagan Philipp

Name: Reagan Philipp

Title: Authorized Signatory

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By: Barclays Capital Inc.

By: /s/ Robert Chen

Name: Robert Chen

Title: Managing Director

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By: Goldman, Sachs & Co.

By: /s/ Richard Cohn

Name: Richard Cohn

Title: Managing Director

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By: Jefferies LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Prem Parameswaran  
Title: Managing Director, Global Head — Media  
& Telecom Investment Banking

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By: J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

By: /s/ Varun Rastogi  
Name: Varun Rastogi  
Title: Executive Director

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Each broker-dealer that receives New Notes for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes. The Letter of Transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of New Notes received in exchange for Original Notes where such New Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, starting on the date hereof (the “Expiration Date”) and ending on the close of business on the day that is 270 days following the Expiration Date, it will make this Prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See “Plan of Distribution.”

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Each broker-dealer that receives New Notes for its own account in exchange for Original Notes, where such Original Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes. See “Plan of Distribution.”

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## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives New Notes for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes. The Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of New Notes received in exchange for Original Notes where such Original Notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, starting on the Expiration Date and ending on the close of business on the day that is 270 days following the Expiration Date, it will make this Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until [ ], all dealers effecting transactions in the Exchange Securities may be required to deliver a prospectus.\*

The Company will not receive any proceeds from any sale of New Notes by broker-dealers. New Notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the New Notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of any such New Notes. Any broker-dealer that resells New Notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such New Notes may be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit of any such resale of New Notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The Letter of Transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act.

For a period of 270 days after the Expiration Date, the Company will promptly send additional copies of this Prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this Prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the Letter of Transmittal. The Company has agreed to pay all expenses incident to the Exchange Offer (other than the expenses of counsel for the Holders of the Original Notes) other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the Holders of the Original Notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

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\* In addition, the legend required by Item 502(e) of Regulation S-K will appear on the back cover page of the Exchange Offer Prospectus.

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[If applicable, add information required by Regulation S-K Items 507 and/or 508.]

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Rider A

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A BROKER-DEALER AND WISH TO RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROSPECTUS AND 10 COPIES OF ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.

Name:

Address:

Rider B

If the undersigned is not a broker-dealer, the undersigned represents that it acquired the New Notes in the ordinary course of its business, it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of New Notes and it has no arrangements or understandings with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Notes. If the undersigned is a broker-dealer that will receive New Notes for its own account in exchange for Original Notes, it represents that the Original Notes to be exchanged for New Notes were acquired by it as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Notes; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act.

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PRESS RELEASE

### **Level 3 Completes Offering of \$600 Million Aggregate Principal Amount of Senior Notes**

**BROOMFIELD, Colo., Dec. 1, 2014** — Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: LVL3) today announced that it has completed its previously announced offering of \$600 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.75% Senior Notes due 2022 in a private offering to “qualified institutional buyers,” as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and non-U.S. persons outside the United States under Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933.

The 5.75% Senior Notes will mature on December 1, 2022. The net proceeds from the offering, together with cash on hand, will be used to redeem all of Level 3’s outstanding 11.875% Senior Notes due 2019 (the “11.875% Senior Notes”), including accrued interest, applicable premiums and expenses.

Today, a notice of redemption was distributed to holders of Level 3’s 11.875% Senior Notes. The redemption of all the outstanding 11.875% Senior Notes is scheduled to occur on Dec. 31, 2014.

The 5.75% Senior Notes are not registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or any state securities laws, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold except pursuant to an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and applicable state securities laws.

#### **About Level 3 Communications**

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: LVL3) is a Fortune 500 company that provides local, national and global communications services to enterprise, government and carrier customers. Level 3’s comprehensive portfolio of secure, managed solutions includes fiber and infrastructure solutions; IP-based voice and data communications; wide-area Ethernet services; video and content distribution; data center and cloud-based solutions. Level 3 serves customers in more than 500 markets in over 60 countries over a global services platform anchored by owned fiber networks on three continents and connected by extensive undersea facilities. For more information, please visit [www.level3.com](http://www.level3.com) or get to know us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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#### **Forward-Looking Statement**

*Some statements made in this press release are forward-looking in nature and are based on management’s current expectations or beliefs. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of performance and are subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside Level 3’s control, which could cause actual events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the statements. Important factors that could prevent Level 3 from achieving its stated goals include, but are not limited to, the company’s ability to: successfully integrate the tw telecom acquisition; manage risks associated with continued uncertainty in the global economy; increase*

*revenue from its services to realize its targets for financial and operating performance; maintain and increase traffic on its network; develop and maintain effective business support systems; manage system and network failures or disruptions; avert the breach of its network and computer system security measures; develop new services that meet customer demands and generate acceptable margins; manage the future expansion or adaptation of its network to remain competitive; defend intellectual property and proprietary rights; manage continued or accelerated decreases in market pricing for communications services; obtain capacity for its network from other providers and interconnect its network with other networks on favorable terms; attract and retain qualified management and other personnel; successfully integrate future acquisitions; effectively manage political, legal, regulatory, foreign currency and other risks it is exposed to due to its substantial international operations; mitigate its exposure to contingent liabilities; and meet all of the terms and conditions of its debt obligations. Additional information concerning these and other important factors can be found within Level 3's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements in this press release should be evaluated in light of these important factors. Level 3 is under no obligation to, and expressly disclaims any such obligation to, update or alter its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.*

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