UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 21, 2015

Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-35331 (Commission File Number) 45-2492228 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6100 Tower Circle, Suite 1000, Franklin, Tennessee 37067 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(615) 861-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2. below):

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

5.625% Senior Notes Due 2023

As previously reported, on September 14, 2015, Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Acadia" or the "Company"), and its subsidiary guarantors named therein (the "Guarantors") entered into a Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") pursuant to which it agreed to sell \$275 million in aggregate principal amount of its 5.625% senior notes due 2023 (the "Notes") to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Jefferies LLC and the several other initial purchasers named in <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Purchase Agreement (the "Initial Purchasers").

On September 21, 2015, the Company completed the sale of the Notes to the Initial Purchasers, and the Initial Purchasers resold the Notes to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to persons outside of the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Company used the net proceeds from the offering to fund the repurchase of approximately \$88.3 million in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 12.875% Senior Notes due 2018 (the "Senior Notes due 2018") validly tendered in connection with the cash tender offer for any and all of the outstanding Senior Notes due 2018 and to repay outstanding indebtedness under its senior secured revolving line of credit, and will use the remaining proceeds for general corporate purposes, including to fund acquisition activity.

The Notes were issued as additional notes pursuant to an indenture, dated as of February 11, 2015 (the "Indenture"), among the Company, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. The Notes mature on February 15, 2023 and bear interest at a rate of 5.625% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning on February 15, 2016. The Notes are the Company's senior unsecured obligations and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by the Guarantors.

The Company may redeem the Notes at its option, in whole or part, at any time prior to February 15, 2018, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date and plus an applicable premium. The Company may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, on or after February 15, 2018, at the redemption prices set forth in the Indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. At any time on or before February 15, 2018, the Company may elect to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 105.625% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings.

The Indenture contains covenants that limit the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things: (i) pay dividends, redeem stock or make other distributions or investments; (ii) incur additional debt or issue certain preferred stock; (iii) transfer or sell assets; (iv) engage in certain transactions with affiliates; (v) create restrictions on dividends or other payments by the restricted subsidiaries; (vi) merge, consolidate or sell substantially all of the Company's assets and (vii) create liens on assets. If on any date following the issue date the Notes are rated investment grade (as more fully described in the Indenture), certain covenants, including with respect to asset sales, restricted payments and indebtedness, will be suspended (for so long as the Notes maintain such rating and no event of default has occurred). The Indenture also provides for customary events of default.

The Initial Purchasers and/or their affiliates have provided and in the future may provide investment banking, commercial banking and/or advisory services to Acadia from time to time for which they have received and in the future may receive customary fees and expenses and may have entered into and in the future may enter into other transactions with Acadia. In particular, affiliates of certain of the Initial Purchasers are lenders under the Company's Amended and Restated Senior Secured Credit Facility and acted as dealer managers in connection with the concurrent cash tender offer.

The descriptions of the Notes and the Indenture contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete text of the Notes and the Indenture, copies of which are filed as <u>Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2</u> hereto and are incorporated herein by reference. The Purchase Agreement was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 15, 2015.

Registration Rights Agreement

On September 21, 2015, in connection with the private placement of the Notes, the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The terms of the Registration Rights Agreement require the Company and the Guarantors to (i) file a registration statement no later than 180 days after the closing date of the offering with respect to an offer to exchange the Notes for a new issue of debt securities registered under the Securities Act, with terms substantially identical to those of the Notes (except for provisions relating to the transfer restrictions and payment of additional interest); (ii) use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause the exchange offer registration statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act no later than 270 days after the closing date of the offering; and (iii) in certain circumstances, file a shelf registration statement for the resale of the Notes. If the Company and the Guarantors fail to satisfy their registration obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement, then the annual interest on the Notes will increase by 0.25% per annum and by an additional 0.25% per annum for each subsequent 90-day period during which the registration default continues, up to a maximum additional interest rate of 1.0% per annum.

The foregoing is only a summary of the material terms of the Registration Rights Agreement and does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Registration Rights Agreement, a copy of which is filed as <u>Exhibit 4.3</u> hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

To the extent applicable, the information set forth in Item 1.01 above is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 21, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the results of its previously announced cash tender offer (the "Tender Offer") to purchase any and all of its outstanding Senior Notes due 2018, which expired as of 5:00 p.m., New York City Time, on September 18, 2015 (the "Expiration Time"). As of the Expiration Time, a total of approximately \$88.3 aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes due 2018 had been validly tendered and not validly withdrawn in the Tender Offer. The Company has accepted all Senior Notes due 2018 validly tendered and not withdrawn and has paid the purchase price therefor.

The Company has delivered a notice to redeem all of the Senior Notes due 2018 that remain outstanding following the consummation of the Tender Offer. The redemption of the outstanding Senior Notes due 2018 will be effective November 1, 2015 with payment to be made to note holders on November 2, 2015. The Company will redeem the Senior Notes due 2018 in accordance with their terms.

A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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Description

- 4.1 Indenture, dated February 11, 2015, by and among Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee. (1)
- 4.2 Form of 5.625% Senior Note due 2023 (Included in Exhibit 4.1).
- 4.3 Registration Rights Agreement, dated September 21, 2015, by and among Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Jefferies LLC, as Representatives of the Initial Purchasers.
- 99.1 Press Release of Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. dated September 21, 2015.
- (1) Incorporated by reference to exhibits filed with the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2015 (File No. 001-35331).

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.

Date: September 21, 2015

ACADIA HEALTHCARE COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher L. Howard

Christopher L. Howard Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

September 21, 2015

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED JEFFERIES LLC As Representatives of the Initial Purchasers

c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

c/o Jefferies LLC 520 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), is issuing and selling to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Jefferies LLC and the other several initial purchasers (the "**Initial Purchasers**") named in Schedule I of the Purchase Agreement dated September 14, 2015 (the "**Purchase Agreement**"), by and among the Company, the guarantors named therein and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Jefferies LLC, as representatives (the "**Representatives**") of the several Initial Purchasers, upon the terms set forth in the Purchase Agreement, \$275,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.625% Senior Notes due 2023 issued by the Company (each, a "**Note**" and collectively, the "**Notes**"). As an inducement to the Initial Purchasers to enter into the Purchase Agreement, the Company and the Guarantors agree with the Initial Purchasers, for the benefit of the Holders (as defined below) of the Notes (including, without limitation, the Initial Purchasers), as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

Capitalized terms that are used herein without definition and are defined in the Purchase Agreement shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Purchase Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Additional Interest." See Section 4(a).

"Advice." See Section 6(u).

"Agreement." This Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers.

"Applicable Period." See Section 2(e).

"Business Day." A day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York are authorized or required by law or executive order to be closed.

"Closing Date." September 21, 2015.

"Company." See the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"**Day**." Unless otherwise expressly provided, a calendar day.

"Effectiveness Date." The 270th day after the Closing Date.

"Effectiveness Period." See Section 3(a).

"Exchange Act." The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

"Exchange Notes." 5.625% Senior Notes due 2023 of the Company, registered under the Securities Act, to be issued under the Indenture, which Exchange Notes shall be identical in all material respects to the Notes, including the guarantees relating thereto, if any, except for provisions relating to series, restrictive legends and Additional Interest.

"Exchange Offer." See Section 2(a).

"Exchange Registration Statement." See Section 2(a).

"Filing Date." The 180th day after the Closing Date.

"FINRA." Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

"Guarantor." Each subsidiary of the Company that guarantees the obligations of the Company under the Notes and the Indenture.

"Holder." Any registered holder of Registrable Notes, unless the context requires beneficial holder of Registrable Notes.

"Indemnified Party." See Section 8(c).

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"**Indenture**." The Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Company, the Guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, pursuant to which the Notes are being issued, as amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Initial Purchasers." See the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"Initial Shelf Registration." See Section 3(a).

"Inspectors." See Section 6(o).

"Losses." See Section 8(a).

"Notes." See the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"Participating Broker-Dealer." See Section 2(e).

"**Person**." An individual, trustee, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, union, business association, firm, government or agency or political subdivision thereof, or other legal entity.

"**Prospectus**." 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 promulgated under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement filed by the Company with the SEC, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement, and all other amendments and supplements filed by the Company with the SEC to the Prospectus, including post-effective amendments, and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

"Purchase Agreement." See the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"Records." See Section 6(o).

"Registration Default." See Section 4(a).

"Registrable Notes." Notes; *provided, however*, that a Note shall cease to be a Registrable Note upon the earliest to occur of the following: (i) in the circumstances contemplated by Section 2(a), the Note has been exchanged for an Exchange Note in an Exchange Offer as contemplated in Section 2(a); (ii) in the circumstances contemplated by Section 3, a Shelf Registration registering such Note under the Securities Act has been declared or becomes effective and such Note has been sold or otherwise transferred by the holder thereof pursuant to and in a manner contemplated by such effective Shelf Registration; (iii) such Note is actually sold by the holder thereof pursuant to Rule 144 under circumstances in which any legend borne by such Note relating to restrictions on transferability thereof, under the Securities Act or otherwise, is removed by the Company or pursuant to the Indenture; or (iv) such Note shall cease to be outstanding.

"**Registration Statement**." Any registration statement of the Company and the Guarantors filed with the SEC under the Securities Act (including, but not limited to, the Exchange Registration Statement, the Initial Shelf Registration and any subsequent Shelf Registration) that covers any of the Registrable Notes pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, including the Prospectus, amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, all exhibits and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such registration statement.

"Representatives." See the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"**Rule 144**." Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule (other than Rule 144A) or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC providing for offers and sales of securities made in compliance therewith resulting in offers and sales by subsequent holders that are not affiliates of an issuer or such securities being free of the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

"**Rule 144A**." Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule (other than Rule 144) or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC.

"Rule 415." Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC.

"**Rule 430A**." Rule 430A promulgated under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC.

"SEC." The United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities." The Notes and the Exchange Notes.

"Securities Act." The Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

"Shelf Effectiveness Date." The date that is the 90th day after the receipt of the relevant Shelf Notice.

"Shelf Notice." See Section 2(i).

"Shelf Registration." See Section 3(b).

"Shelf Suspension Period." See Section 3(e).

"Subsequent Shelf Registration." See Section 3(b).

"TIA." The Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trustee." The trustee under the Indenture and, if existent, the trustee under any indenture governing the Exchange Notes.

"Underwritten Registration or Underwritten Offering." A registration in which securities of the Company are sold to an underwriter for reoffering to the public.

Section 2. Exchange Offer.

(a) Unless the Exchange Offer would not be permitted by applicable laws or a policy of the SEC, the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) (i) prepare and file with the SEC, in no event later than the Filing Date, a registration statement (the "**Exchange Registration Statement**") on an appropriate form under the Securities Act with respect to an offer (the "**Exchange Offer**") to the Holders of Notes to issue and deliver to such Holders, in exchange for the Notes, a like principal amount of Exchange Notes, (ii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Exchange Registration Statement to become effective as promptly as practicable after the filing thereof, but in no event later than the Effectiveness Date, (iii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Exchange Registration Statement effective until the consummation of the Exchange Offer in accordance with its terms, and (iv) commence the Exchange Offer and use its commercially reasonable efforts to issue on or prior to 60 Business Days after the date on which the Exchange Registration Statement is declared effective, Exchange Notes in exchange for all Notes tendered prior thereto in the Exchange Offer. The Exchange Offer shall not be subject to any conditions, other than that the Exchange Offer does not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the SEC.

(b) The Exchange Notes shall be issued under, and entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture or a trust indenture that is substantially identical to the Indenture (other than such changes as are necessary to comply with any requirements of applicable law or the SEC to effect or maintain the qualifications thereof under the TIA).

(c) Interest on the Exchange Notes will accrue from (i) the later of (x) the last interest payment due date on which interest was paid on the Notes surrendered in exchange therefor or (y) if the Note is surrendered for exchange after the record date for an interest payment date to occur on or after the date of such exchange and as to which interest will be paid, the date of such interest payment date or (ii), if no interest has been paid on the Notes, from August 15, 2015. Each Exchange Note shall bear interest at the rate set forth thereon; *provided*, that interest with respect to the period prior to the issuance thereof shall accrue at the rate or rates borne by the Notes from time to time during such period.

(d) The Company may require each Holder as a condition to participation in the Exchange Offer to represent (i) that any Exchange Notes received by such Holder will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business, (ii) that at the time of the commencement and consummation of the Exchange Offer such Holder has not entered into any

arrangement or understanding with any Person to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the Exchange Notes in violation of the provisions of the Securities Act, (iii) that if such Holder is an "affiliate" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act, it will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable to it, (iv) if such Holder is not a broker-dealer, that it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, the distribution of the Exchange Notes and (v) if such Holder is a Participating Broker-Dealer (as defined below), that it will deliver a Prospectus in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes.

(e) The Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) include within the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Registration Statement a section entitled "Plan of Distribution" reasonably acceptable to the Initial Purchasers, which shall contain all of the information that the SEC may require with respect to the potential "underwriter" status of any broker-dealer that is the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of Exchange Notes received by such broker-dealer in the Exchange Offer for its own account in exchange for Notes that were acquired by it as a result of market-making or other trading activity and from whom the Company has received written notice that such broker-dealer will be a Participating Broker-Dealer in the applicable Exchange Offer (a "**Participating Broker-Dealer**"). Such "Plan of Distribution" section shall also allow, to the extent permitted by applicable policies and regulations of the SEC, the use of the Prospectus by all Participating Broker-Dealers, and include a statement describing the manner in which Participating Broker-Dealers may resell the Exchange Notes. The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Exchange Registration Statement effective and to amend and supplement the Prospectus contained therein, in order to permit such Prospectus to be lawfully delivered by Participating Broker-Dealers for such period of time as such Persons must comply with such requirements in order to resell the Exchange Notes; provided, that such period shall not exceed the lesser of 180 days and the date on which all Participating Broker Dealers have sold all Exchange Notes held by them (the "**Applicable Period**").

(f) In connection with the Exchange Offer, the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to):

(i) mail or cause to be mailed to each Holder of record a copy of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal (substantially in the form attached as an exhibit to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement) and any related documents;

(ii) keep the 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 Exchange Offer with an address in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, which may be the Trustee or an affiliate thereof;

(iv) permit Holders to withdraw tendered Registrable Notes at any time prior to the close of business, New York City time, on the last Business Day on which the Exchange Offer shall remain open; and

(v) otherwise comply in all material respects with all applicable laws.

(g) As soon as practicable after the close of the Exchange Offer the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to):

(i) accept for exchange all Registrable Notes validly tendered pursuant to the Exchange Offer and not validly withdrawn;

(ii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation all Registrable Notes so accepted for exchange; and

(iii) cause the Trustee to authenticate and deliver promptly to each Holder validly tendering such Registrable Notes, Exchange Notes equal in principal amount to the Notes of such Holder so accepted for exchange.

(h) The Exchange Notes may be issued under (i) the Indenture or (ii) an indenture substantially identical to the Indenture (other than such changes as are necessary to comply with any requirements of the SEC to effect or maintain the qualification thereof under the TIA), which in either event will provide that the Exchange Notes will not be subject to the transfer restrictions set forth in the Indenture, and that the Exchange Notes and the Notes, if any, will be deemed one class of security (subject to the provisions of the Indenture).

(i) If: (i) prior to the consummation of the Exchange Offer, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Registrable Notes determines in its or their reasonable judgment that (A) upon the advice of counsel that the Exchange Notes would not, upon receipt, be tradeable by the Holders thereof without restriction under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and without material restrictions under applicable Blue Sky or state securities laws, or (B) the interests of the Holders under this Agreement, taken as a whole, would be materially adversely affected by the consummation of the Exchange Offer, and in the case of (A) or (B), notifies the Company in writing of such determination; (ii) any change in law or in applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC would not permit the consummation of the Exchange Offer prior to the Effectiveness Date; (iii) subsequent to the consummation of the Exchange Offer, if any Initial Purchaser continues to hold any Notes for its own account, and such Initial Purchaser so requests; (iv) the Exchange Registration Statement is not declared effective on or prior to the Effectiveness Date for any reason; or (v) in the case of (A) any Holder not permitted by applicable law or SEC policy to participate in the Exchange Offer, (B) any Holder participating in the Exchange Offer that receives Exchange Notes that may not be sold without restriction under federal securities laws (other than due solely to the status of such Holder as an affiliate of the Company within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act) or (C) any broker-dealer that holds Notes acquired by such broker-dealer directly from the Company or any of its affiliates and, in each such case

contemplated by clause (iii) or this clause (v), such Holder notifies the Company in writing within 20 Business Days of the consummation of the Exchange Offer, then the Company shall promptly (and in any event within five Business Days of such notification) deliver to the Holders (or in the case of an occurrence of any event described in clause (v) of this Section 2(i), to any such Holder) and the Trustee notice thereof (the "**Shelf Notice**") and shall as promptly as practicable thereafter file an Initial Shelf Registration pursuant to Section 3.

Section 3. Shelf Registration.

If a Shelf Notice is delivered pursuant to Section 2(i) prior to the commencement of the Exchange Offer, then this Section 3 shall apply to all Registrable Notes and the term "Shelf Notes" shall apply to all Registrable Notes. Otherwise, upon consummation of the Exchange Offer in accordance with Section 2, the provisions of Section 3 shall apply solely with respect to (i) Notes held by any Holder thereof not permitted to participate in the Exchange Offer, (ii) Notes held by any broker-dealer that acquired such Notes directly from the Company or any of its affiliates and (iii) Exchange Notes that are not freely tradeable, in each case as contemplated by Section 2(i)(v) hereof, *provided* that in each case that the relevant Holder has duly notified the Company within 20 Business Days of consummation of the Exchange Offer as required by Section 2(i)(v), and the term "Shelf Notes" shall apply solely with respect to Registrable Notes held by such Holder.

(a) *Initial Shelf Registration*. The Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to), as promptly as practicable, file with the SEC a Registration Statement for an offering to be made on a continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 covering all of the Shelf Notes (the "**Initial Shelf Registration**"). The Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Initial Shelf Registration to be declared effective as promptly as practicable thereafter (but in no event later than the Shelf Effectiveness Date). The Initial Shelf Registration shall be on Form S-3 or another appropriate form permitting registration of such Shelf Notes for resale by Holders in the manner or manners reasonably designated by them (including, without limitation, one or more Underwritten Offerings). The Company and Guarantors shall not permit any securities other than the Shelf Notes to be included in any Shelf Registration. The Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Initial Shelf Registration continuously effective under the Securities Act until the date which is one year from the effectiveness date of the Initial Shelf Registration (subject to extension pursuant to Section 3(e) or Section 6) (the "**Effectiveness Period**"), or such shorter period ending when (i) all Shelf Notes covered by the Initial Shelf Registration nave been sold in the manner contemplated in the Initial Shelf Registration (ii) a Subsequent Shelf Registration covering all of the Registration have been sold under the Initial Shelf Registration or an earlier Subsequent Shelf Registration has been declared effective under the Securities Act, (iii) there cease to be any outstanding Shelf Notes registered thereunder or (iv) the date on which all Registrable Notes covered by such Shelf Registration become eligible for resale without regard to volume, manner of sale or other restrictions contained in Rule 144.

(b) *Subsequent Shelf Registrations*. If the Initial Shelf Registration or any Subsequent Shelf Registration (as defined below) ceases to be effective for any reason at any time during the Effectiveness Period (other than because of the sale of all of the securities registered thereunder), the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the prompt withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness thereof, and in any event shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to, within 30 days of such cessation of effectiveness amend such Shelf Registration in a manner to obtain the withdrawal of the order suspending the effectiveness thereof, or file (and cause each Guarantor to file) a separate "shelf" Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 415 covering all of the Shelf Notes (a "**Subsequent Shelf Registration**"). If a Subsequent Shelf Registration is filed, the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Subsequent Shelf Registration to be declared effective as soon as practicable after such filing and to keep such Subsequent Shelf Registration continuously effective for a period equal to the number of days in the Effectiveness Period less the aggregate number of days during which the Initial Shelf Registration and any Subsequent Shelf Registration was previously continuously effective. As used herein the term "**Shelf Registration**" means the Initial Shelf Registration and any Subsequent Shelf Registrations.

(c) *Supplements and Amendments*. The Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) use its reasonable best efforts to promptly supplement and amend any Shelf Registration if required by the rules, regulations or instructions applicable to the registration form used for such Shelf Registration, if required by the Securities Act, or if reasonably requested in writing by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Shelf Notes covered by such Shelf Registration with respect to information relating to such Holders or by any underwriter of such Registrable Notes in connection with an Underwritten Offering.

(d) *Provision of Information*. No Holder of Shelf Notes shall be entitled to include any of its Shelf Notes in any Shelf Registration pursuant to this Agreement unless such Holder furnishes to the Company and the Trustee in writing, within 20 days after receipt of a written request therefor, such information as the Company or the Trustee reasonably believe is required for inclusion in any Shelf Registration or Prospectus included therein and so requests, and no such Holder shall be entitled to Additional Interest pursuant to Section 4 hereof unless and until such Holder shall have provided such information.

(e) *Blackout Periods*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, at any time, the Company may delay the filing of any Initial Shelf Registration or Subsequent Shelf Registration or delay or suspend the effectiveness thereof, for a reasonable period of time, but not in excess of 90 days in the aggregate during any 12-month period (a "Shelf Suspension Period"), if the Company determines reasonably and in good faith that the filing of any such Initial Shelf Registration or Subsequent Shelf Registration or the continuing effectiveness thereof would require the disclosure of non-public material information that, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, would be detrimental to the Company if so disclosed or would otherwise materially adversely affect a financing, acquisition, disposition, merger or other material transaction or such action is required by applicable law.

Section 4. Additional Interest.

(a) The Company and each Guarantor acknowledges and agrees that the Holders of Registrable Notes will suffer damages if the Company or any Guarantor fails to fulfill its material obligations under Section 2 or Section 3 hereof and that it would not be feasible to ascertain the extent of such damages with precision. Accordingly, the Company and the Guarantors agree to pay additional cash interest on the Notes ("Additional Interest") under the circumstances and to the extent set forth below (each event described in clauses (i) through (iii) below, a "Registration Default" and each of which shall be given independent effect):

(i) if the Exchange Registration Statement (or in lieu thereof, a Shelf Registration) has not been filed on or prior to the Filing Date, Additional Interest shall accrue on the Notes over and above any stated interest at a rate of 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of such Notes for the first 90 days immediately following the Filing Date, such Additional Interest rate increasing by an additional 0.25% per annum at the beginning of each subsequent 90-day period;

(ii) if the Exchange Registration Statement (or in lieu thereof, a Shelf Registration) is not declared effective on or prior to the Effectiveness Date, Additional Interest shall accrue on the Notes over and above any stated interest at a rate of 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of such Notes for the first 90 days immediately following the Effectiveness Date, such Additional Interest rate increasing by an additional 0.25% per annum at the beginning of each subsequent 90-day period;

(iii) if (A) the Company (and any Guarantor) has not exchanged Exchange Notes for all Notes validly tendered in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Offer on or prior to the 60th Business Day after the Effectiveness Date, (B) the Exchange Registration Statement ceases to be effective at any time prior to the time that the Exchange Offer is consummated, (C) if applicable, a Shelf Registration has been declared effective and such Shelf Registration ceases to be effective at any time prior to the first anniversary of its effective date (other than such time as all Notes have been disposed of thereunder) and is not declared effective again within 30 days, or (D) the Company issues a valid notice to suspend the use of the prospectus included in any Shelf Registration and such suspensions, when taken together with all other suspensions, if any, during any 12-month period exceeds 120 days, then, in each such case, Additional Interest shall accrue on the Notes, over and above any stated interest, at a rate of 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of such Notes commencing on (w) the 61st Business Day after the Effective again within 30 days, in the case of (A) above, (x) the date the Exchange Registration Statement ceases to be effective without being declared effective again within 30 days, in the case of clause (B) above, (y) the day such Shelf Registration ceases to be effective without being declared effective again

within 30 days in case of (C) above, or (z) the day the Shelf Registration has ceased to be usable for a period exceeding 120 days during any 12-month period in case of clause (D) above, such Additional Interest rate increasing by an additional 0.25% per annum at the beginning of each such subsequent 90-day period;

provided, however, that the maximum Additional Interest rate on the Notes may not exceed at any one time in the aggregate 1.00% per annum; and provided further, that (1) upon the filing of the Exchange Registration Statement (in the case of (i) above), (2) upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Registration Statement (in the case of (i) above), (3) upon the effectiveness of the Initial Shelf Registration or the Shelf Registration or, if Additional Interest shall be payable solely because an Initial Shelf Registration required pursuant to Section 2(i)(iv) has not been declared effective prior to the Shelf Effectiveness Date, upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Registration Statement (in the case of (i) or (ii) above) or (4) upon the exchange of Exchange Notes for all Notes tendered (in the case of clause (iii)(A) above), or upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Registration Statement that had ceased to remain effective (in the case of clause (iii)(B) above), or upon the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration which had ceased to remain effective (in the case of clause (iii)(C) above), or upon valid notice by the Company that the suspended Shelf Registration has again become usable (in the case of clause (iii)(D) above), Additional Interest on the Notes or the Shelf Note, as applicable, as a result of such clause (or the relevant subclause thereof) shall cease to accrue. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (x) the amount of Additional Interest payable shall not increase because more than one Registration Default has occurred and is pending, and (y) Additional Interest shall be payable for Registration Defaults related to a failure of the Company to cause a Shelf Registration to be declared effective only to Holders of Shelf Notes. Additional Interest pursuant to this Section 4 shall be the sole and exclusive remedy available to the Holders with respect to a Registration Default.

(b) The Company shall notify the Trustee within five Business Days after each and every date on which a Registration Default occurs in respect of which Additional Interest is required to be paid. Any accrued amounts of Additional Interest due pursuant to clause (a)(i) or (a)(ii) of this Section 4 will be payable in cash in arrears, on the dates and in the manner provided in the Indenture and whether or not any cash interest would then be payable on such date, commencing with the first such semi-annual date occurring after any such Additional Interest commences to accrue. The amount of Additional Interest will be determined by multiplying the applicable Additional Interest rate by the applicable principal amount of the Notes or the Shelf Notes, as applicable, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days such Additional Interest rate was applicable during such period (determined on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months and, in the case of a partial month, the actual number of days elapsed), and the denominator of which is 360.

Section 5. Hold-Back Agreements.

The Company agrees that it will not effect any public or private sale or distribution (including a sale pursuant to Regulation D under the Securities Act) of any

securities the same as or substantially the same as those covered by a Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 or 3 hereof (other than Additional Notes (as defined in the Indenture) issued under the Indenture), or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for such securities, during the 10 days prior to, and during the 90-day period beginning on, the effective date of any Registration Statement filed pursuant to Sections 2 and 3 hereof unless the Holders of a majority in the aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes to be included in such Registration Statement consent, if the managing underwriter thereof so requests in writing.

Section 6. Registration Procedures.

In connection with the filing of any Registration Statement pursuant to Sections 2 or 3 hereof, the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) effect such registrations to permit the sale of such securities covered thereby in accordance with the intended method or methods of disposition thereof, and pursuant thereto and in connection with any Registration Statement filed by the Company hereunder, the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to):

(a) Prepare and file with the SEC, on or prior to the Filing Date, the Exchange Registration Statement, or if the Exchange Registration Statement is not filed because of the circumstances contemplated by Section 2(a)(i), a Shelf Registration as prescribed by Section 3, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause each such Registration Statement to become effective and remain effective as provided herein; provided that, if (A) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 or (B) a Prospectus contained in an Exchange Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period relating thereto from whom the Company has received prior written notice that it will be a Participating Broker-Dealer in the Exchange Offer, before filing any Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to), if requested, furnish to and afford, in the case of clause (A) above, the Holders of the Registrable Notes to be registered pursuant to such Shelf Registration, in the case of clause (B) above, each Participating Broker-Dealer, the managing underwriters in an Underwritten Offering, if any, and each of their respective counsel, a reasonable opportunity to review copies of all such documents (including copies of any documents to be incorporated by reference therein and all exhibits thereto) proposed to be filed (in each case at least five Business Days prior to such filing). The Company and each Guarantor shall not file any such Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto in respect of which the Holders must provide information for the inclusion therein without the Holders being afforded an opportunity to review such documentation if the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement, or any such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, the managing underwriters in an Underwritten Offering, if any, or any of their respective counsel shall reasonably object in writing within five Business Days after the receipt hereof. A Holder shall be deemed to have reasonably objected to such filing if such Holder's objection to such Registration Statement, amendment, Prospectus or supplement, as applicable, as proposed to be filed, relates to an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or a failure to comply with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act.

(b) Provide an indenture trustee for the Registrable Notes or the Exchange Notes, as the case may be, and cause the Indenture (or other indenture relating to the Registrable Notes) to be qualified under the TIA not later than the effective date of the first Registration Statement; and in connection therewith, to effect such changes to such indenture as may be required for such indenture to be so qualified in accordance with the terms of the TIA; and execute, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such trustee to execute, all documents as may be required to effect such changes, and all other forms and documents required to be filed with the SEC to enable such indenture to be so qualified in a timely manner.

(c) Prepare and file with the SEC such pre-effective amendments and post-effective amendments to each Shelf Registration or Exchange Registration Statement, as the case may be, as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective for the Effectiveness Period or the Applicable Period or until consummation of the Exchange Offer, as the case may be, cause the related Prospectus to be supplemented by any Prospectus supplement required by applicable law, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (or any similar provisions then in force) promulgated under the Securities Act; and comply with the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act applicable to them with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such Registration Statement as so amended or in such Prospectus as so supplemented and with respect to the subsequent resale of any securities being sold by a Participating Broker-Dealer in the manner disclosed to the Company by such Participating Broker-Dealer covered by any such Prospectus. The Company and each Guarantor shall not, during the Applicable Period, knowingly take any action that would result in selling Holders of the Registrable Notes covered by a Shelf Registration or Participating Broker-Dealer seeking to sell Exchange Notes not being able to sell such Registrable Notes or such Exchange Notes during that period, unless such action is required by applicable law, rule or regulation or permitted by this Agreement.

(d) Furnish to such selling Holders and Participating Broker-Dealers who so request in writing (i) upon the Company's receipt, a copy of the order of the SEC declaring such Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto effective, (ii) such reasonable number of copies of such Registration Statement and of each amendment and supplement thereto (in each case including any documents incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits unless such documents or exhibits are publicly available) and (iii) such reasonable number of copies of the Prospectus included in such Registration Statement (including each preliminary Prospectus) and each amendment and supplement thereto, and such reasonable number of copies of the final Prospectus as filed by the Company and each Guarantor pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act and each amendment and supplement thereto (including any amendments required to be filed pursuant to clause (c) of this Section). Subject to Section 3(c) hereof, the Company and the Guarantors hereby consent to the use of the Prospectus by each of the selling Holders

of Registrable Notes or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, and the underwriters or agents, if any, and dealers, if any, in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Notes covered by, or the sale by Participating Broker-Dealers of the Exchange Notes pursuant to, such Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto.

(e) If (i) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3, or (ii) a Prospectus contained in an Exchange Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period relating thereto from whom the Company has received written notice that it will be a Participating Broker-Dealer in the Exchange Offer, the Company shall notify in writing the selling Holders of Registrable Notes, or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, the managing underwriters in an Underwritten Offering, if any, and each of their respective counsel promptly (but in any event within two Business Days) (A) when a Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment has been filed, and, with respect to a Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has become effective (including in such notice a written statement that any Holder may, upon request, obtain, without charge, one conformed copy of such Registration Statement or post-effective amendment including financial statements and schedules, documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference and exhibits), (B) of the issuance by the SEC of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Prospectus or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, (C) if at any time when a Prospectus is required by the Securities Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Registrable Notes the representations and warranties of the Company and any Guarantor contained in any agreement (including any underwriting agreement) contemplated by Section 6(n) hereof cease to be true and correct, in all material respects, during the relevant offering period, (D) of the receipt by the Company or any Guarantor of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of a Registration Statement or any of the Registrable Notes or the Exchange Notes to be sold by any Participating Broker-Dealer for offer or sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose, (E) of the happening of any event, the existence of any condition or any information becoming known to the Company that makes any statement made in such Registration Statement or related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires the making of any changes in, or amendments or supplements to, such Registration Statement, Prospectus or documents so that, in the case of the Registration Statement, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein to make the statement not misleading, or in the case of a Prospectus or documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (F) of any reasonable determination by the Company or any Guarantor that a post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement would be appropriate and (G) of any request by the SEC for amendments to the Registration Statement or supplements to the Prospectus or for additional information relating thereto.

(f) Use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of a Prospectus or suspending the qualification (or exemption from qualification) of any of the Registrable Notes or the Exchange Notes to be sold by any Participating Broker-Dealer, for sale in any jurisdiction, and, if any such order is issued, to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal of any such order at the earliest possible date.

(g) If (i) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3, (ii) a Prospectus contained in an Exchange Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period or (iii) reasonably requested in writing by the managing underwriters, if any, or the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being sold in connection with an Underwritten Offering, other than during a Shelf Suspension Period (A) promptly incorporate in a Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment such information or revisions to information therein relating to such underwriters or selling Holders as the managing underwriters, if any, or such Holders or any of their respective counsel reasonably request in writing to be included or made therein and (B) make all required filings of such Prospectus supplement or such post-effective amendment as soon as practicable after the Company has received notification of the matters to be incorporated in such Prospectus supplements or post-effective amendment; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be required to take any action hereunder that would, in the written opinion of counsel to the Company, violate applicable laws.

(h) Prior to any public offering of Registrable Notes or any delivery of a Prospectus contained in the Exchange Registration Statement by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, use its commercially reasonable efforts to register or qualify, and to cooperate with the selling Holders of Registrable Notes or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, the underwriters, if any, and their respective counsel in connection with the registration or qualification (or exemption from such registration or qualification) of such Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes, as the case may be, for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions within the United States as any selling Holder, Participating Broker-Dealer or any managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, in an Underwritten Offering reasonably request in writing; *provided*, that where Exchange Notes held by Participating Broker-Dealers or Registrable Notes are offered other than through an Underwritten Offering, the Company and each Guarantor shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause its counsel to perform Blue Sky investigations and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to file any registrations and qualifications required to be filed pursuant to this Section 6(h), use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep each such registration or qualification (or exemption therefrom) effective during the period such Registration Statement is required to be kept effective and use its commercially reasonable efforts to do any and all other acts or things

reasonably necessary or advisable to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Exchange Notes held by Participating Broker-Dealers or the Registrable Notes covered by the applicable Registration Statement; *provided* that neither the Company nor any Guarantor shall be required to (i) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, (ii) take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.

(i) If (i) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3 or (ii) a Prospectus contained in an Exchange Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 is requested to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, cooperate with the selling Holders of Registrable Notes and the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, in an Underwritten Offering to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Notes to be sold, which certificates shall not bear any restrictive legends and shall be in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company, and enable such Registrable Notes to be in such denominations permitted by the Indenture and registered in such names as the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, in an Underwritten Offering or Holders may reasonably request.

(j) Use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Registrable Notes covered by any Registration Statement to be registered with or approved by such U.S. governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the seller or sellers thereof or the underwriter, if any, to consummate the disposition of such Registrable Notes, except as may be required solely as a consequence of the nature of such selling Holder's business, in which case the Company shall (and shall cause each Guarantor to) cooperate in all reasonable respects with the filing of such Registration Statement and the granting of such approvals; *provided* that neither the Company nor any Guarantor shall be required to (i) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, (ii) take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.

(k) If (i) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3, or (ii) a Prospectus contained in an Exchange Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by paragraph 6(e)(v) (other than during a Shelf Suspension Period), as promptly as practicable, prepare and file with the SEC, at the expense of the Company and the Guarantors, a supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or a supplement to the related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of the Registrable Notes being sold thereunder or to the purchasers of the Exchange Notes to whom such Prospectus will be delivered by a Participating Broker-Dealer, such Registration Statement will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein to make the statements not misleading or such Prospectus or documents

incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference will not 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, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and, if SEC review is required, use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such post-effective amendment to be declared effective as soon as possible.

(1) Use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Registrable Notes covered by a Registration Statement to be rated with such appropriate rating agencies, if so requested in writing by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes covered by such Registration Statement or the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any.

(m) Prior to the initial issuance of the Exchange Notes, (i) provide the Trustee with one or more certificates for the Exchange Notes in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company and (ii) provide a CUSIP number for the Exchange Notes.

(n) In connection with an Underwritten Offering of Registrable Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration filed pursuant to Section 3, enter into such agreements (including an underwriting agreement in form, scope and substance as is customary in underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes, as may be appropriate in the circumstances) and take all such other actions in connection therewith (including those reasonably requested in writing by the managing underwriters, if any, or the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being sold) in order to expedite or facilitate the registration or the disposition of such Registrable Notes, and in such connection: (i) make such representations and warranties to the Holders and the underwriters, if any, with respect to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries as then conducted, and the Registration Statement, Prospectus and documents, if any, incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, in each case, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes, as may be appropriate in the circumstances, and confirm the same if and when reasonably required; (ii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain an opinion of counsel to the Company and the Guarantors and updates thereof (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the managing underwriters, if any, and the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being sold), addressed to each selling Holder and addressed to each of the underwriters, if any, covering the matters customarily covered in opinions of counsel to the Company and the Guarantors requested in underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes, as may be appropriate in the circumstances; (iii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain "cold comfort" letters and updates thereof (which letters and updates (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the managing underwriters) from the independent certified public accountants of the Company and the Guarantors (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 in the Registration Statement),

addressed to each of the underwriters, such letters to be in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in "cold comfort" letters in connection with underwritten offerings of debt securities similar to the Notes, as may be appropriate in the circumstances, and such other matters as reasonably requested in writing by the underwriters; and (iv) deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested in writing by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being sold and the managing underwriters, if any, to evidence the continued validity of the representations and warranties of the Company and its subsidiaries made pursuant to clause (i) above and to evidence compliance with any conditions contained in the underwriting agreement or other similar agreement entered into by the Company or any Guarantor.

(o) If (i) a Shelf Registration is filed pursuant to Section 3, or (ii) a Prospectus contained in an Exchange Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2 is required to be delivered under the Securities Act by any Participating Broker-Dealer who seeks to sell Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, make available for inspection by any selling Holder of such Registrable Notes being sold, or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, any underwriter participating in any such disposition of Registrable Notes, if any, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by any such selling Holder or each such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, or underwriter (collectively, the "Inspectors"), at the offices where normally kept, during reasonable business hours and in a reasonable manner, all pertinent financial and other records and pertinent corporate documents of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Records") as shall be reasonably requested by them and necessary to enable them to exercise any applicable due diligence responsibilities, and cause the officers, directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries to supply all information reasonably requested in writing by any such Inspector in connection with such Registration Statement; provided that the foregoing inspection and information gathering on behalf of the Holders shall be coordinated by one counsel designated by and on behalf of the Holders. Each Inspector shall agree in writing that it will keep the Records confidential and it will not disclose, any of the Records unless (A) the disclosure of such Records is necessary to avoid or correct a misstatement or omission in such Registration Statement, (B) the release of such Records is ordered pursuant to a subpoena or other order from a court of competent jurisdiction, (C) the information in such Records is public or has been made generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure or failure to safeguard by such Inspector or (D) disclosure of such information is, in the reasonable written opinion of counsel for any Inspector, necessary or advisable in connection with any action, claim, suit or proceeding, directly or indirectly, involving or potentially involving such Inspector and arising out of, based upon, related to, or involving this Agreement, or any transaction contemplated hereby or arising hereunder. Each selling Holder of such Registrable Notes and each such Participating Broker-Dealer will be required to agree that information obtained by it as a result of such inspections shall be deemed confidential and shall not be used by it as the basis for any market transactions in the securities of the Company unless and until such information is made generally available to the public. Each Inspector, each selling Holder of such Registrable Notes and each such Participating Broker-Dealer will be required to further agree that it will, upon learning that disclosure of such Records is sought in a court of competent

jurisdiction, give notice to the Company and, to the extent practicable, use its commercially reasonable efforts to allow the Company, at its expense, to undertake appropriate action to prevent disclosure of the Records deemed confidential at its expense.

(p) Use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and make generally available to the security holders of the Company with regard to any Applicable Registration Statement earning statements satisfying the provisions of section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder (or any similar rule promulgated under the Securities Act) no later than 45 days after the end of any 12-month period (or 90 days after the end of any 12-month period if such period is a fiscal year) (i) commencing at the end of any fiscal quarter in which Registrable Notes are sold to underwriters in a firm commitment or best efforts Underwritten Offering and (ii) if not sold to underwriters in such an offering, commencing on the first day of the first fiscal quarter of the Company after the effective date of a Registration Statement, which statements shall cover said 12-month periods.

(q) If the Exchange Offer is to be consummated, upon delivery of the Registrable Notes by the Holders to the Company and the Guarantors (or to such other Person as directed by the Company and the Guarantors) in exchange for the Exchange Notes, the Company and the Guarantors shall mark, or caused to be marked, on such Registrable Notes that the Exchange Notes are being issued as substitute evidence of the indebtedness originally evidenced by the Registrable Notes; *provided* that in no event shall such Registrable Notes be marked as paid or otherwise satisfied.

(r) Cooperate with each seller of Registrable Notes covered by any Registration Statement and each underwriter, if any, participating in the disposition of such Registrable Notes and their respective counsel in connection with any filings required to be made with FINRA.

(s) Use its commercially reasonable efforts to take all other steps reasonably necessary to effect the registration of the Registrable Notes covered by a Registration Statement contemplated hereby.

(t) Each seller of Registrable Notes or Participating Broker-Dealer as to which any registration is being effected shall furnish to the Company such information regarding such seller or Participating Broker-Dealer and the distribution of such Registrable Notes as the Company may, from time to time, reasonably request in writing. The Company may exclude from such registration the Registrable Notes of any seller who fails to furnish such information within a reasonable time (which time in no event shall exceed 20 days, subject to Section 3(d) hereof) after receiving such request. Each seller of Registrable Notes or Participating Broker-Dealer as to which any 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 by such seller not materially misleading.

(u) Each Holder of Registrable Notes and each Participating Broker-Dealer agrees by acquisition of such Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes to be sold by such Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company of the happening of any event of the kind described in Section 6(e)(ii)(B), 6(e)(ii)(D) and 6(e)(ii)(E) or the commencement of a Shelf Suspension Period, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Notes covered by a Registration Statement and such Participating Broker-Dealer will forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Notes or Prospectus and, in each case, forthwith discontinue dissemination of such Prospectus until such Holder's or Participating Broker-Dealer's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(k), or until it is advised in writing (the "**Advice**") by the Company that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed, and has received copies of any amendments or supplements thereto and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, will deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies, then in such Holder's or Participating Broker-Dealer's possession, of the Prospectus covering such Registrable Notes current at the time of the receipt of such notice. In the event the Company and the Guarantors shall give any such notice, the Applicable Period shall be extended by the number of days during such periods from and including the date of the giving of such notice to and including the date when each Participating Broker-Dealer shall have received (x) the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(k) or (y) the Advice.

Section 7. Registration Expenses.

(a) All fees and expenses incident to the performance of or compliance with this Agreement by the Company and the Guarantors shall be borne by the Company and the Guarantors, whether or not the Exchange Offer or a Shelf Registration is filed or becomes effective, including, without limitation: (i) all registration and filing fees, including, without limitation, (A) fees with respect to filings required to be made with FINRA in connection with any underwritten offering and (B) fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or Blue Sky laws as provided in Section 6(h) hereof (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel in connection with Blue Sky qualifications of the Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes and determination of the eligibility of the Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes for investment under the laws of such jurisdictions (x) where the Holders are located, in the case of the Exchange Notes, or (y) as provided in Section 6(h), in the case of Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes to be sold by a Participating Broker-Dealer during the Applicable Period), (ii) printing expenses, including, without limitation, expenses of printing Prospectuses if the printing of Prospectuses is requested by the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, in an Underwritten Offering or by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes included in any Shelf Registration or by any Participating Broker-Dealer during the Applicable Period, as the case may be, (iii) messenger, telephone and delivery expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their obligations hereunder, (iv) fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, the Guarantors and, to the extent provided in Section 7(b), the Holders, (v) fees and disbursements of all independent certified public accountants

referred to in Section 6 (including, without limitation, the expenses of any special audit and "cold comfort" letters required by or incident to such performance), (vi) rating agency fees, if any, and the fees and expenses incurred in connection with making Exchange Notes eligible for trading through the Depository Trust Company, (vii) Securities Act liability insurance, if the Company and the Guarantors desire such insurance, (viii) fees and expenses of all other Persons retained by the Company and the Guarantors, (ix) fees and expenses of any "qualified independent underwriter" or other independent appraiser participating in an offering pursuant to Section 3 of Schedule E to the By-laws of FINRA, but only where the need for such a "qualified independent underwriter" arises due to a relationship with the Company and the Guarantors, (x) internal expenses of the Company and the Guarantors (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of the Trustee and the Exchange Agent and (xiii) the expenses relating to printing, word processing and distributing all Registration Statements, underwriting agreements and indentures relating to the Notes or the Exchange Notes and any other documents necessary in order to comply with this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, each Holder shall pay all underwriting discounts and commissions of any underwriters with respect to any Registrable Notes sold by or on behalf of it.

(b) The Company and the Guarantors shall reimburse the Holders for the reasonable fees and disbursements of not more than one counsel chosen by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes to be included in any Shelf Registration. The Company and the Guarantors shall pay all documentary, stamp, transfer or other transactional taxes attributable to the issuance or delivery of the Exchange Notes in exchange for the Notes; *provided* that the Company shall not be required to pay taxes payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance or delivery of any Exchange Note in a name other than that of the Holder of the Note in respect of which such Exchange Note is being issued. The Company and the Guarantors shall reimburse the Holders for fees and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to the Holders) relating to any enforcement of any rights of the Holders under this Agreement.

Section 8. Indemnification.

(a) *Indemnification by the Company and the Guarantors*. The Company and the Guarantors jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder of Registrable Notes and each Participating Broker-Dealer selling Exchange Notes during the Applicable Period, each Person, if any, who controls each such Holder (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act) and the officers, directors, agents, employees and partners of each such Holder, Participating Broker-Dealer and controlling person, to the fullest extent lawful, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs (including, without limitation, reasonable costs of preparation and reasonable attorneys" fees as provided in this Section 8) and reasonable expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with investigating, preparing, pursuing or defending against any of the foregoing) (collectively, "Losses"), as incurred, directly or indirectly caused by,

related to, based upon, or arising out of or in connection with, in the case of the Registration Statement or in any amendments thereto, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement or Prospectus or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein to make the statements not misleading, or in the case of any Prospectus or form of prospectus, or in any amendment or supplement thereto, or in any preliminary prospectus, any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained therein or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except insofar as such Losses are solely based upon information relating to such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer and furnished in writing to the Company and the Guarantors by such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer or their counsel expressly for use therein.

(b) *Indemnification by Holder*. In connection with any Registration Statement, Prospectus or form of prospectus, any amendment or supplement thereto, or any preliminary prospectus in which a Holder is participating, such Holder shall furnish to the Company and the Guarantors in writing such information as the Company and the Guarantors reasonably request for use in connection with any Registration Statement, Prospectus or form of prospectus, any amendment or supplement thereto, or any preliminary prospectus and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Guarantors, their respective directors, officers, agents, employees and each Person, if any, who controls the Company and the Guarantors (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act and Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act), and the directors, officers, employees and partners of such controlling persons, to the fullest extent lawful, from and against all Losses arising out of or based upon, in the case of the Registration Statement or in any amendments thereto, or in any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein to make the statements not misleading, or in the case of any Prospectus or form of prospectus, or alleged omission or alleged omission to state therein, and unit prospectus, any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained therein or form of prospectus, or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein a material fact required to be stated therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading to the extent, but only to the extent, that such losses are finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final, unappealable order to have resulted solely from an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission of a material fact contained

(c) *Conduct of Indemnification Proceedings*. If any proceeding shall be brought or asserted against any Person entitled to indemnity hereunder (an "**Indemnified Party**"), such Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the party or parties from which such indemnity is sought (the "**Indemnifying Party**" or "**Indemnifying Parties**", as

applicable) in writing; but the failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party (i) will not relieve such Indemnifying Party from any liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and only to the extent it is materially prejudiced as a result thereof 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 paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

The Indemnifying Party shall have the right, exercisable by giving written notice to an Indemnified Party, within 20 Business Days after receipt of written notice from such Indemnified Party of such proceeding, to assume, at its expense, the defense of any such proceeding; *provided*, that an Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such proceeding and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Party or parties unless: (1) the Indemnifying Party has agreed to pay such fees and expenses; or (2) the Indemnifying Party shall have failed promptly to assume the defense of such proceeding or shall have failed to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Party; or (3) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both such Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party or any of its affiliates or controlling persons, and such Indemnified Party shall have been advised by counsel that there may be one or more defenses available to such Indemnified Party that are in addition to, or in conflict with, those defenses available to the Indemnifying Party or such affiliate or controlling person (in which case, if such Indemnified Party notifies the Indemnifying Parties in writing that it elects to employ separate counsel at the expense of the Indemnifying Parties, the Indemnifying Party; it being understood, however, that, the Indemnifying Party shall not, in connection with any one such proceeding or separate but substantially similar or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys (together with appropriate local counsel) at any time for such Indemnified Party).

No Indemnifying Party shall be liable for any settlement of any such proceeding effected without its written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, but if settled with its written consent, or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff in any such proceeding, each Indemnifying Party jointly and severally agrees, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth above, to indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnified Party from and against any and all Losses by reason of such settlement or judgment. The Indemnifying Party shall not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement without the consent of an Indemnified Party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, unless such judgment or settlement (i) includes as an unconditional term thereof the giving by the claimant or plaintiff to each Indemnified Party of a release, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party, from all liability in respect of such proceeding for which such Indemnified Party would be entitled to indemnification hereunder (whether or not any Indemnified Party is a party thereto) and (ii) does not include a statement assigning, or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any Indemnified Party.

(d) *Contribution.* If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to an Indemnified Party or is insufficient to hold such Indemnified Party harmless for any Losses in respect of which this Section 8 would otherwise apply by its terms (other than by reason of exceptions provided in this Section 8), then each applicable Indemnifying Party, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Party, shall have a joint and several obligation to contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such Losses, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Indemnifying Party, on the one hand, and such Indemnified Party, on the other hand, in connection with the actions, statements or omissions that resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of such Indemnifying Party, on the one hand, and Indemnified Party, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by such Indemnifying Party or Indemnified Party, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent any such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Party as a result of any Losses shall be deemed to include any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with any proceeding, to the extent such party would have been indemnified for such fees or expenses if the indemnification provided for in Section 8(a) or 8(b) was available to such party.

The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(d) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8(d), a selling Holder shall not be required to contribute, in the aggregate, any amount in excess of such Holder's Maximum Contribution Amount. A selling Holder's **"Maximum Contribution Amount**" shall equal the excess of (i) the aggregate net proceeds received by such Holder pursuant to the sale of such Registrable Notes or Exchange Notes over (ii) the aggregate amount of damages that such Holder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. 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. The Holders' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8(d) are several in proportion to the respective principal amount of the Registrable Notes held by each Holder hereunder and not joint. The Company's and the Guarantors' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8(d) are joint and several.

The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 8 are in addition to any liability that the Indemnifying Parties may have to the Indemnified Parties.

Section 9. Rules 144 and 144A.

(a) The Company covenants that, so long as the Registrable Notes remain outstanding, it shall (i) file the reports required to be filed by it (if so required) under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act in a timely manner and, if at any time the Company

is not required to file such reports, it will, upon the written request of any Holder of Registrable Notes, make publicly available other information necessary to permit sales pursuant to Rule 144 and Rule 144A and (ii) take such further action as any Holder may reasonably request in writing, all to the extent required from time to time to enable such Holder to sell Registrable Notes without registration under the Securities Act pursuant to the exemptions provided by Rule 144 and Rule 144A.

(b) Availability of Rule 144 Not Excuse for Obligations under Section 2. The fact that Holders of Registrable Notes may become eligible to sell such Registrable Notes pursuant to Rule 144 shall not (1) cause such Notes to cease to be Registrable Notes or (2) excuse the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement, including without limitation the obligations in respect of an Exchange Offer, Shelf Registration and Additional Interest.

Section 10. Underwritten Registrations of Registrable Notes.

If any of the Registrable Notes covered by any Shelf Registration are to be sold in an Underwritten Offering, the investment banker or investment bankers and manager or managers that will manage the offering will be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Registrable Notes included in such offering; provided, however, that such investment banker or investment bankers and manager or managers must be reasonably acceptable to the Company. The Company shall be required to effect an Underwritten Offering only if the Company is required to file a Shelf Registration and in no event shall the Company be required to effect more than three Underwritten Offerings pursuant to this Agreement.

No Holder of Registrable Notes may participate in any Underwritten Registration hereunder unless such Holder (a) agrees to sell such Holder's Registrable Notes on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements and (b) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

Section 11. Miscellaneous.

(a) *No Inconsistent Agreements*. The Company and each of the Guarantors have not entered, as of the date hereof, and the Company and each of the Guarantors shall not enter, after the date of this Agreement, into any agreement with respect to any of its securities that is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders of Securities in this Agreement or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof. The Company and each of the Guarantors have not entered and will not enter into any agreement with respect to any of its securities that will grant to any Person piggy-back rights with respect to a Registration Statement.

(b) Adjustments Affecting Registrable Notes. The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, take any action with respect to the Registrable Notes as a class that would adversely affect the ability of the Holders to include such Registrable Notes in a registration undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

(c) *Amendments and Waivers*. The provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to or departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, other than with the prior written consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Registrable Notes in circumstances that would adversely affect any Holders of Registrable Notes; *provided, however*, that Section 8 and this Section 11(c) may not be amended, modified or supplemented without the prior written consent of each Holder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a waiver or consent to depart from the provisions hereof with respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders of Registrable Notes whose securities are being tendered pursuant to the Exchange Offer or sold pursuant to a Shelf Registration and that does not directly or indirectly affect, impair, limit or compromise the rights of other Holders of Registrable Notes may be given by Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Notes being tendered or being sold by such Holders pursuant to such Shelf Registration.

(d) *Notices*. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand delivery, registered first-class mail, next-day air courier or facsimile:

(i) if to a Holder of Securities or to any Participating Broker-Dealer, at the most current address of such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer, as the case may be, set forth on the records of the registrar of the Notes, with a copy in like manner to the Initial Purchasers as follows:

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036 Facsimile: 212-901-7897 Attention: HY Legal Department

Jefferies LLC 520 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022 Facsimile: 646-786-5719 Attention: Shanna B. Green

with a copy to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Facsimile: 212-701-5111 Attention: Michael Kaplan

(ii) if to the Initial Purchasers, at the address specified in Section 11(d)(i);

(iii) if to the Company or any Guarantor, as follows:

Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. 830 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 610 Franklin, Tennessee 37067 Attention: Christopher L. Howard, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

with a copy to:

Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP James H. Nixon III 511 Union Street, Suite 2700 Nashville, Tennessee 37219

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: when delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; one Business Day after being timely delivered to a next-day air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery; and when receipt is acknowledged by the addressee, if sent by facsimile.

Copies of all such notices, demands or other communications shall be concurrently delivered by the Person giving the same to the Trustee under the Indenture at the address specified in such Indenture.

(e) *Successors and Assigns*. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the parties hereto, including, without limitation and without the need for an express assignment, subsequent Holders of Securities.

(f) *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.

(g) Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

(h) *Governing Law*. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAW. THE COMPANY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK OR ANY FEDERAL COURT SITTING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN RESPECT OF

ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND IRREVOCABLY ACCEPTS FOR ITS AND IN RESPECT OF ITS PROPERTY, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, JURISDICTION OF THE AFORESAID COURTS. THE COMPANY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT IT MAY EFFECTIVELY DO SO UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, TRIAL BY JURY AND ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN ANY SUCH COURT AND ANY CLAIM THAT ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN ANY SUCH COURT HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. THE COMPANY IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT IT MAY EFFECTIVELY DO SO UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, TO THE SERVICE OF PROCESS OF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED COURTS IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING BY THE MAILING OF COPIES THEREOF BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE COMPANY AT ITS SAID ADDRESS, SUCH SERVICE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER SUCH MAILING. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY HOLDER TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW OR TO COMMENCE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OR OTHERWISE PROCEED AGAINST THE COMPANY IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION.

(i) *Severability*. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their reasonable best efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant or restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable.

(j) Securities Held by the Company or Its Affiliates. Whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of Securities is required hereunder, Securities held by the Company or its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) shall not be counted in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage.

(k) *Third Party Beneficiaries*. Holders and Participating Broker-Dealers are intended third party beneficiaries of this Agreement and this Agreement may be enforced by such Persons. No other Person is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

(1) *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement, together with the Purchase Agreement and the Indenture, is intended by the parties as a final and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein and therein and any and all prior oral or written agreements,

representations, or warranties, contracts, understanding, correspondence, conversations and memoranda between the Initial Purchasers on the one hand and the Company and the Guarantors on the other, or between or among any agents, representatives, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors in interest or successors in interest with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof are merged herein and replaced hereby. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

ACADIA HEALTHCARE COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Brent Turner

Name: Brent Turner Title: President

GUARANTORS:

Abilene Behavioral Health, LLC Abilene Holding Company, LLC Acadia Management Company, LLC Acadia Merger Sub, LLC Acadiana Addiction Center, LLC Advanced Treatment Systems, Inc. Ascent Acquisition - CYPDC, LLC Ascent Acquisition - PSC, LLC Ascent Acquisition, LLC Aspen Education Group, Inc. Aspen Youth, Inc. ATS of Cecil County, Inc. ATS of Delaware, Inc. ATS of North Carolina, Inc. Austin Behavioral Hospital, LLC Austin Eating Disorders Partners, LLC Baton Rouge Treatment Center, Inc. Bayside Marin, Inc. BCA of Detroit, LLC Beckley Treatment Center, LLC Behavioral Centers of America, LLC Belmont Behavioral Hospital, LLC BGI of Brandywine, Inc. Bowling Green Inn of Pensacola, Inc. Bowling Green Inn of South Dakota, Inc. East Indiana Treatment Center, LLC Evansville Treatment Center, LLC Four Circles Recovery Center, LLC Galax Treatment Center, Inc. Habit Opco, Inc. Hermitage Behavioral, LLC HMIH Cedar Crest, LLC Huntington Treatment Center, LLC Indianapolis Treatment Center, LLC Jayco Administration, Inc. Kids Behavioral Health of Montana, Inc. Lakeland Hospital Acquisition, LLC McCallum Group, LLC McCallum Properties, LLC Millcreek School of Arkansas, LLC Millcreek Schools, LLC Milwaukee Health Services System National Specialty Clinics, LLC Northeast Behavioral Health, LLC Ohio Hospital for Psychiatry, LLC

California Treatment Services CAPS of Virginia, Inc. Cartersville Center, Inc. Cascade Behavioral Holding Company, LLC Cascade Behavioral Hospital, LLC Centerpointe Community Based Services, LLC Charleston Treatment Center, LLC Clarksburg Treatment Center, LLC Commodore Acquisition Sub, LLC Comprehensive Addiction Programs, Inc. Coral Health Services, Inc. CRC ED Treatment, Inc. **CRC** Health Corporation CRC Health Group, Inc. CRC Health Oregon, Inc. CRC Health Tennessee, Inc. CRC Holdings, LLC CRC Recovery, Inc. CRC Weight Management, Inc. CRC Wisconsin RD, LLC Crossroads Regional Hospital, LLC Delta Medical Services, LLC Detroit Behavioral Institute, Inc. DMC-Memphis, LLC Generations BH, LLC Greenleaf Center, LLC Habilitation Center, LLC Habit Holdings, Inc. Sober Living by the Sea, Inc. Sonora Behavioral Health Hospital, LLC Southern Indiana Treatment Center, LLC Southwestern Children's Health Services, Inc. Southwood Psychiatric Hospital, LLC Structure House, LLC Success Acquisition, LLC SUWS of the Carolinas, Inc. Talisman Academy, LLC Ten Broeck Tampa, LLC Ten Lakes Center, LLC Texarkana Behavioral Associates, L.C. The Camp Recovery Centers, L.P. The Refuge, A Healing Place, LLC TK Behavioral Holding Company, LLC TK Behavioral, LLC Transcultural Health Development, Inc.

Options Treatment Center Acquisition Corporation Parkersburg Treatment Center, LLC Park Royal Fee Owner, LLC PHC Meadowwood, LLC PHC of Michigan, Inc. PHC of Nevada, Inc. PHC of Utah, Inc. PHC of Virginia, LLC Piney Ridge Treatment Center, LLC Quality Addiction Management, Inc. Psychiatric Resource Partners, LLC Rebound Behavioral Health, LLC Red River Holding Company, LLC Red River Hospital, LLC Rehabilitation Centers, LLC **Resolute Acquisition Corporation** Richmond Treatment Center, LLC Riverview Behavioral Health, LLC RiverWoods Behavioral Health, LLC Rolling Hills Hospital, LLC **RTC Resource Acquisition Corporation** San Diego Health Alliance San Diego Treatment Services Seven Hills Hospital, Inc. Shaker Clinic, LLC Sheltered Living Incorporated Sierra Tucson Inc. Skyway House, LLC

Treatment Associates, Inc. Valley Behavioral Health System, LLC Vermilion Hospital, LLC Village Behavioral Health, LLC Virginia Treatment Center, Inc. Vista Behavioral Holding Company, LLC Vista Behavioral Hospital, LLC Volunteer Treatment Center, Inc. WCHS, Inc. Webster Wellness Professionals, LLC Wellplace, Inc. Wheeling Treatment Center, LLC White Deer Realty, Ltd. White Deer Run, Inc. Wichita Treatment Center Inc. Williamson Treatment Center, LLC Wilmington Treatment Center, Inc. Youth And Family Centered Services of New Mexico, Inc. Youth Care of Utah, Inc.

On behalf of each of the foregoing entities,

 By:
 /s/ Christopher L. Howard

 Name:
 Christopher L. Howard

 Title:
 Vice President and Secretary

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

JEFFERIES LLC

Acting individually and as the Representatives of the several Initial Purchasers

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

By:/s/ James DallasName:James DallasTitle:Director

JEFFERIES LLC

By:/s/ Craig ZaphName:Craig Zaph

Title: Managing Director



Contact: Brent Turner President (615) 861-6000

Acadia Healthcare Announces Results of Cash Tender Offer for Any and All of its 12.875% Senior Notes Due 2018

FRANKLIN, Tenn. - **September 21, 2015** - Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. (NASDAQ: ACHC) (the "Company") today announced the results of its previously announced cash tender offer (the "Tender Offer") to purchase any and all of its outstanding 12.875% Senior Notes due 2018 (CUSIP No. 00404AAC3) (the "Notes"), which expired as of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on September 18, 2015 (the "Expiration Time"). Approximately \$88.3 million aggregate principal amount of the Notes had been validly tendered and not validly withdrawn before the Expiration Time and accepted for payment, representing approximately 90.6% of the \$97.5 million of Notes outstanding.

As previously announced, the purchase price in the Tender Offer for each \$1,000 principal amount of Notes tendered and accepted for payment is \$1,078. The Company will also pay accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes accepted for payment in the Tender Offer up to, but not including, September 21, 2015. The settlement date for the Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer is expected to be September 21, 2015.

The Company also announced today that it delivered a notice to redeem all of the Notes that remain outstanding following the consummation of the Tender Offer on November 2, 2015 (the "Redemption Date"). The Company will redeem the outstanding Notes on the Redemption Date in accordance with their terms.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements. Generally words such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "anticipate," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "plan," "continue," and "believe" or the negative of or other variation on these and other similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this news release. The Company does not undertake to update or revise the forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties.

About Acadia

Acadia is a provider of inpatient behavioral health services. Acadia operates a network of 232 behavioral health facilities with more than 9,400 beds in 37 states, the United Kingdom and Puerto Rico. Acadia provides psychiatric and chemical dependency services to its patients in a variety of settings, including inpatient psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment centers, outpatient clinics and therapeutic school-based programs.

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