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# Form S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee

61-0502302

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer or Identification No.)

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are to be offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.  $\Box$ 

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#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company □

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Unit(1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.875 per share				
Preferred Stock				
Debt Securities(4)				
Guarantees of Debt Securities(5)				
Depositary Shares(6)				
Stock Purchase Contracts				
Warrants(7)				
Units(8)				
Total				

- Omitted pursuant to General Instructions II.E. of Form S-3. An indeterminate amount of common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities, guarantees of debt securities, warrants, stock purchase contracts and units (the foregoing, collectively and individually, the "Securities") are being registered as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices (including any common stock, preferred stock or debt securities that may be issued upon conversion of, or in exchange for, common stock, debt securities or preferred stock registered hereunder or upon exercise of warrants registered hereunder, as the case may be).
- (2) Includes such indeterminate amounts of Securities as may be issued upon exercise, conversion or exchange of, or pursuant to anti-dilution adjustments with respect to, any Securities that provide for that issuance or adjustment. Also includes such indeterminate amount as may be issued in units. Separate consideration may or may not be received for any of these Securities.
- (3) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, the registrant is deferring payment of the registration fee. Registration fees will be paid subsequently on a "pay as you go" basis.
- (4) The debt securities may be issued at an original issue discount. The debt securities may be issued without guarantees or may be guaranteed by one or more of the registrants named below under "Table of Additional Registrants."
- (5) The debt securities may be issued without guarantees or may be guaranteed by one or more of the registrants named below under "Table of Additional Registrants." No separate consideration will be received for such guarantees. Pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, no registration fee is required with respect to such guarantees.
- (6) Each depositary share will be issued under a depositary agreement, will represent an interest in a fractional share or multiple shares of preferred stock and will be evidenced by a depositary receipt.
- (7) The warrants covered by this registration statement may be debt warrants, preferred stock warrants or common stock warrants.

Accelerated filer □

Large accelerated filer □

(8) Each unit will consist of one or more warrants, debt securities, stock purchase contracts, shares of common or preferred stock, depositary shares or any combination of such securities.

# TABLE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

Telephone

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter (or Other Organizational Document)	State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization	I.R.S. Employer Identification Number	Address, Including Zip Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices	Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices
DC Financial, LLC	Tennessee	N/A	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Logistics, LLC	Tennessee	62-1805098	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Promotions, Inc.	Tennessee	62-1792083	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Retail, LLC	Tennessee	36-4577242	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic I, LLC	Tennessee	26-4507991	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic II, LLC	Tennessee	26-4508076	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic III, LLC	Tennessee	26-4508134	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic IV, LLC	Tennessee	27-2199414	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic V, LLC	Tennessee	27-2199279	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic VI, LLC	Tennessee	27-2199673	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic VII, LLC	Tennessee	27-2199597	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Strategic VIII, LLC	Tennessee	27-2199514	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
DG Transportation, Inc.	Tennessee	37-1517488	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dolgen I, Inc.	Tennessee	26-4508189	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dolgen II, Inc.	Tennessee	26-4508236	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dolgen III, Inc.	Tennessee	26-4508282	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dolgencorp of New York, Inc.	Kentucky	62-1829863	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc.	Kentucky	61-1193136	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dolgencorp, LLC	Kentucky	61-0852764	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Dollar General Partners	Kentucky	61-1193137	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Retail Risk Solutions, LLC	Tennessee	26-1644044	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
South Boston FF&E, LLC	Delaware	26-0411224	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
South Boston Holdings, Inc.	Delaware	20-5220571	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000
Sun-Dollar, L.P.	California	95-4629930	100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072	615-855-4000

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#### **PROSPECTUS**

# **DOLLAR GENERAL**

Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Debt Securities
Guarantees of Debt Securities
Depositary Shares
Warrants
Stock Purchase Contracts
Units

We may offer and sell from time to time, in one or more series:

- common stock:
- preferred stock;
- debt securities;
- depositary shares representing fractional interests in preferred stock;
- warrants to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, depositary shares or common stock;
- stock purchase contracts, and
- units, comprised of two or more of any of the securities referred above, in any combination.

Certain of our direct and indirect subsidiaries may guarantee our debt securities.

We will determine when we sell securities, which may be sold on a continuous or delayed basis directly, to or through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. We reserve the sole right to accept, and we and any agents, dealers and underwriters reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable commissions or discounts payable to them. Our net proceeds from the sale of the securities also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. We also may provide investors with a free writing prospectus that includes this information. In addition, certain selling securityholders may offer and sell our securities from time to time, together or separately, in amounts, at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of any such offering.

Each time that we or any selling securityholders sell securities using this prospectus, we or any selling securityholders will provide a prospectus supplement and attach it to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will contain more specific information about the offering and the securities being offered, including the names of any selling securityholders, if applicable, the prices and our net proceeds from the sales of those securities. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering.

You should carefully read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement and free writing prospectus, together with any documents we incorporate by reference, before you invest in our securities.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "DG". If we decide to list or seek a quotation for any other securities, the prospectus supplement relating to those securities will disclose the exchange or market on which those securities will be listed or quoted.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors referred to on page 2 of this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus before investing in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is March 31, 2010.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we and/or certain selling securityholders, if applicable, may, from time to time, offer and/or sell securities in one or more offerings or resales. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we and/or certain selling securityholders may offer. Each time we sell securities using this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement and attach it to this prospectus and may also provide you with a free writing prospectus. The prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus will contain more specific information about the offering, including the names of any selling securityholders, if applicable. The prospectus supplement may also add, update, change or clarify information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Any statement that we make in this prospectus will be modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement made by us in a prospectus supplement. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the information in the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that important information is contained in other documents that are considered to be a part of this prospectus. Additionally, information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. You should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement together with the additional information that is incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See "Incorporation by Reference" before making an investment in our securities. This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of the documents referred to herein have been filed, or will be filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The registration statement, including the exhibits and documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus can be read on the SEC website or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

# THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO SELL ANY SECURITIES UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

Neither the delivery of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement nor any sale made using this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement implies that there has been no change in our affairs or that the information in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement is correct as of any date after their respective dates. You should not assume that the information in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus prepared by us, is accurate as of any date other than the date(s) on the front covers of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to give you different information, and if you are given any information or representation about these matters that is not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement, you must not rely on that information. We and any selling securityholders are not making an offer to sell securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale of such securities is not permitted.

In this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, "Dollar General" "we," "us," "our" and similar terms refer to Dollar General Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our fiscal year ends on the Friday closest to January 31. In this prospectus, we refer to each fiscal year by reference to the calendar year to which such fiscal year primarily relates. For example, the fiscal year ended January 29, 2010 is referred to as "2009" or "fiscal 2009."

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. Before you make a decision to buy our securities, in addition to the risks and uncertainties discussed below under "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," you should carefully read and consider the risks and uncertainties and the risk factors set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2010, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and under the caption "Risk Factors" or any similar caption in the other documents and reports that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus as well as any risks described in any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus that we provide you in connection with an offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus. Additionally, the risks and uncertainties discussed in this prospectus or in any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus are not the only risks and uncertainties that we face, and our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations and the market price of any securities we may sell could be materially adversely affected by other matters that are not known to us or that we currently do not consider to be material.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus (including any prospectus supplement and the information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus) and any free writing prospectus that we may provide to you in connection with an offering of our securities described in this prospectus may contain "forward-looking statements" for purposes of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. The words "believe," "expect," "may," "will," "should," "seek," "approximately," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "anticipate," "continue," "potential," "predict," "project" or similar expressions that concern our strategy, plans, intentions or expectations are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. For example, all statements we make relating to our estimated and projected earnings, revenues, costs, expenditures, cash flows, growth rates and financial results, our plans and objectives for future operations, growth or initiatives, strategies, or the expected outcome or impact of pending or threatened litigation are forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks (including, without limitation, those described above under "Risk Factors"), uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those that we expected or that were expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including:

- failure to successfully execute our growth strategy, including delays in store growth, difficulties executing sales and operating profit margin initiatives and inventory shrinkage reduction;
- the failure of our new store base to achieve sales and operating levels consistent with our expectations;
- risks and challenges in connection with sourcing merchandise from domestic and foreign vendors;
- our level of success in gaining and maintaining broad market acceptance of our private brands;
- unfavorable publicity or consumer perception of our products;
- our debt levels and restrictions in our debt agreements;
- economic conditions, including their effect on the financial and capital markets, our suppliers and business partners, employment levels, consumer demand, spending patterns, inflation and the cost of goods;
- levels of inventory shrinkage;
- seasonality of our business;
- increases in costs of fuel, or other energy, transportation or utilities costs and in the costs of labor, employment and health care;
- the impact of governmental laws and regulations and the outcomes of legal proceedings;
- disruptions in our supply chain;
- damage or interruption to our information systems;
- changes in the competitive environment in our industry and the markets where we operate;
- natural disasters, unusually adverse weather conditions, pandemic outbreaks, boycotts and geo-political events;
- the incurrence of material uninsured losses or excessive insurance costs;
- our failure to protect our brand name;

- our loss of key personnel or our inability to hire additional qualified personnel; and
- our failure to maintain effective internal controls.

We derive many of our forward-looking statements from our operating budgets and forecasts, which are based upon many detailed assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that it is very difficult to predict the impact of known factors, and, it is impossible for us to anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations ("cautionary statements") are disclosed under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2010, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and under the caption "Risk Factors" or any similar caption in the other documents that we have filed or subsequently file with the SEC that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus as described below under "Incorporation by Reference" and in any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus that we provide you in connection with an offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Please keep this cautionary note in mind as you read this prospectus, the documents incorporated and deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and any prospectus supplement and free writing prospectus that we may provide to you in connection with this offering.

We caution you that the important factors referenced above may not contain all of the factors that are important to you. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results or developments we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the consequences or affect us or our operations in the way we expect. The forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus are made only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

#### **DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION**

We are the largest discount retailer in the United States by number of stores, with 8,877 stores located in 35 states as of February 26, 2010, primarily in the southern, southwestern, midwestern and eastern United States. We offer a broad selection of merchandise, including consumables, seasonal, home products and apparel. Our merchandise includes high quality national brands from leading manufacturers, as well as comparable quality private brand selections with prices at substantial discounts to national brands. We offer our merchandise at everyday low prices (typically \$10 or less) through our convenient small-box (small store) locations.

J.L. Turner founded our Company in 1939 as J.L. Turner and Son, Wholesale. We were incorporated as a Kentucky corporation under the name J.L. Turner & Son, Inc. in 1955, when we opened our first Dollar General store. We changed our name to Dollar General Corporation in 1968 and reincorporated in 1998 as a Tennessee corporation. Our common stock was publicly traded from 1968 until July 2007, when we merged with an entity controlled by investment funds affiliated with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., L.P. ("KKR"). On November 13, 2009 our common stock again became publicly traded upon our completion of an initial public offering of 39,215,000 shares of our common stock, including 22,700,000 newly issued shares. We are a subsidiary of Buck Holdings, L.P, a Delaware limited partnership controlled by KKR, which beneficially owns over 85% of our outstanding common stock.

Our principal executive office is located at 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072. Our phone number is (615) 855-4000 and our website address is *www.dollargeneral com*. The information contained in our website is not a part of this prospectus.

# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES, COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

	Historical					Histo	orical	
	Predecessor			Successor	Pro Forma	Succ	essor	
	Fiscal Year Ended				Fiscal Year Ende		ed	
Ratios of earnings to fixed charges(1)(6)	February 3, 2006(2)	February 2, 2007	February 3, 2007 through July 6, 2007	March 6, 2007 through February 1, 2008	February 1,	January 30, 2009	January 29, 2010	
Actual	5.3x	2.5x	1.1x	(3	3)	1.4x	2.1x	
Pro forma(4)					(5	5)		

- (1) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, (a) earnings consist of income (loss) before income taxes, plus fixed charges less capitalized expenses related to indebtedness (amortization expense for capitalized interest is not significant) and (b) fixed charges consist of interest expense (whether expensed or capitalized), the amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts related to indebtedness, and the interest portion of rent expense.
- (2) The fiscal year ended February 3, 2006 was comprised of 53 weeks.
- (3) For the period from March 6, 2007 through February 1, 2008, fixed charges exceeded earnings by \$6.6 million.
- (4) To give effect to the increase in interest expense resulting from the portion of the notes proceeds used to retire the \$198.3 million of our 8 <sup>5</sup> / 8 % unsecured notes due June 10, 2010 as if such transactions had occurred at the beginning of the period presented.
- (5) For the fiscal year ended February 1, 2008, pro forma fixed charges exceeded earnings by \$3.4 million.
- (6) Since there was no preferred stock outstanding during the periods presented, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends does not differ from the ratio of earnings to fixed charges presented above.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

In the case of a sale of securities by us, the use of proceeds will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. In the case of a sale of securities by any selling securityholders, we will not receive any of the proceeds from such sale.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

#### Overview

As of the date of this prospectus, our capital structure consists of

- 1,000,000,000 authorized shares of common stock, par value \$.875 per share, of which 340,585,738 shares are issued and outstanding as of January 29, 2010; and
- 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, of which no shares are issued and outstanding.

The following summary of the material provisions of our capital stock, is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you should consider. The description is subject to and qualified in its entirety by the provisions of our amended and restated charter and bylaws, each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and by applicable provisions of Tennessee law.

#### **Description of Common Stock**

Voting Rights

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted for action by the shareholders. The holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Accordingly, the holders of more than 50% of the shares of common stock can, if they choose to do so, elect all the directors. In such event, the holders of the remaining shares of common stock will not be able to elect any directors.

Dividend Rights

Holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably dividends if, as and when dividends are declared from time to time by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, after payment of dividends required to be paid on outstanding preferred stock, if any. Our credit facilities and the indentures governing our existing notes impose restrictions on our ability to declare dividends on our common stock.

Liquidation Rights

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, any business combination or a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of our assets, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably the assets available for distribution to the shareholders after payment of liabilities and accumulated and unpaid dividends and liquidation preferences on outstanding preferred stock, if any.

Other Matters

Holders of common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights and, absent an individual agreement with us, are not subject to further calls or assessment by us. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our common stock.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "DG."

#### **Description of Preferred Stock**

Unless required by law or by any stock exchange on which our common stock may be listed, the authorized shares of preferred stock will be available for issuance without further action by our shareholders. Our amended and restated charter authorizes our board of directors to issue preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the designations, powers, preferences, limitations and relative

rights of any series of preferred stock that we choose to issue, including dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption and liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting each such series.

Prior to the issuance of a new series of preferred stock, we will amend our amended and restated charter, designating the stock of that series and the terms of that series. We will describe the terms of the preferred stock in the prospectus supplement for such offering and will file a copy of the charter amendment establishing the terms of the preferred stock with the SEC. To the extent required, this description will include:

- the designation and stated value;
- the number of shares offered and the purchase price;
- the amounts payable in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s), or method(s) of calculation for such dividends;
- whether dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date(s) from which dividends will accumulate;
- the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any;
- the provisions for a sinking fund or analogous fund, if any;
- the provisions for redemption, if applicable;
- any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange or market;
- whether the preferred stock will be convertible into our common stock, and, if convertible, the conversion price(s), any adjustment thereof and any other terms and conditions upon which such conversion shall be made and conversion period;
- whether the preferred stock will be exchangeable into debt securities, and, if applicable, the exchange price (or how it will be calculated) and exchange period;
- voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock;
- a discussion of any material and/or special U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock;
- the relative ranking and preferences of the preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- any material limitations on issuance of any series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Dollar General; and
- any other preferences, privileges and powers, and relative, participating, optional, or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions, as our board of directors may deem advisable and as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of our amended and restated charter.

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, the preferred stock offered by this prospectus, when issued, will not have, or be subject to, any preemptive or similar rights.

## **Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock**

Tennessee law generally does not require shareholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. However, the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, which will apply as long as our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, require shareholder approval of certain issuances equal to or exceeding 20% of the then outstanding voting power or then outstanding number of shares of common stock. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings, to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

One of the effects of the existence of unissued and unreserved common stock or preferred stock may be to enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management and possibly deprive the shareholders of opportunities to sell their shares of common stock at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

#### Removal of Directors; Vacancies

Our amended and restated charter and bylaws provide that, unless otherwise provided in an applicable shareholders agreement, any director may be removed from office but only for cause and only by (a) the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote in the election of directors, or (b) the affirmative vote of a majority of our entire board of directors then in office.

#### Calling of Special Meetings of Shareholders

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that special meetings of our shareholders may be called only by or at the direction of the board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors or the chief executive officer, and not by our shareholders.

#### Advance Notice Requirements for Shareholder Proposals and Director Nominations

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring business before an annual or special meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the secretary. Generally, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices and within the following time periods:

- in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such annual meeting, the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us; and
- in the case of a special meeting of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such special meeting or the 10th day following the date on which notice of the date of the special meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever occurs first.

In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting, or the announcement thereof, commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

#### **Supermajority Provisions**

Tennessee law provides generally that, unless the amended and restated charter requires a greater percentage, in order to amend our charter or our bylaws, the votes cast for the amendment must exceed the votes cast against the amendment at a meeting of our shareholders at which a quorum is present and such an amendment was a proper item of business at that meeting.

Our amended and restated charter provides that the following provisions in the amended and restated charter and bylaws may be amended only by a vote of 80% or more of all of the outstanding shares of our capital stock then entitled to vote:

- the removal of directors and ability of the board to fill vacancies; and
- the ability to call a special meeting of shareholders being vested solely in our board of directors, our chairman and our chief
  executive officer.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that our shareholders may amend our bylaws only by a vote of 80% or more of all of the outstanding shares of our capital stock then entitled to vote.

In addition, subject to the foregoing, our amended and restated bylaws grant our board of directors the authority to amend and repeal our bylaws without a shareholder vote.

#### **Shareholders Agreement**

In connection with our November 2009 initial public offering, we entered into a shareholders' agreement (the "Shareholders Agreement") with KKR and certain affiliates of Goldman, Sachs & Co. (the "GS Investors").

Board Composition. The Shareholders Agreement provides that our board of directors shall be comprised of six members at the closing date of the November 2009 initial public offering and that certain of our shareholders have the right to designate director nominees to our board of directors, subject to their election by our shareholders at the annual meeting, as follows:

- KKR has the right to designate (i) up to a majority of the total number of directors comprising our board at such time, so long as Buck Holdings, L.P. (the "Parent") beneficially owns more than 50% of the then outstanding shares of our common stock, (ii) up to 40% of the total number of directors comprising our board at such time, so long as Parent beneficially owns more than 40% but less than or equal to 50%, of the then outstanding shares of our common stock; (iii) up to 30% of the total number of directors comprising our board at such time, so long as Parent beneficially owns more than 30%, but less than or equal to 40%, of the then outstanding shares of our common stock, (iv) up to 20% of the total number of directors comprising our board at such time, so long as Parent beneficially owns more than 20%, but less than or equal to 30%, of the then outstanding shares of our common stock and (v) up to 10% of the total number of directors, so long as Parent beneficially owns at least 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Any fractional amount that results from determining the percentage of the total number of directors will be rounded up to the nearest whole number (for example, if the applicable percentage would result in 2.1 directors, KKR will have the right to designate 3 directors). In addition, in the event that KKR only has the right to designate one director, it also has the right to designate one person to serve as a non-voting observer to the board; and
- the GS Investors, so long as they beneficially own at least 5% of the then outstanding shares of our common stock, have the right to designate (i) one director and (ii) one person to serve as a non-voting observer to our board.

Each of KKR and the GS Investors has the right to remove and replace its director-designees at any time and for any reason and to fill any vacancies otherwise resulting in such director positions.

For so long as we qualify as a "controlled company" under NYSE listing standards and subject to applicable law, (i) KKR has the right to designate a majority of the members of our nominating and corporate governance committee and up to two members of our compensation committee and (ii) the GS Investors have the right to designate one member to each such committee, so long as the GS Investors have the right to designate one director to our board. If we do not qualify as a "controlled company" under NYSE listing standards, KKR has the right to designate one member to each of our nominating and corporate governance committee and compensation committee for so long as they have the right to nominate a director.

*KKR Approvals.* The Shareholders Agreement provides that the following actions by us or any of our subsidiaries require the approval of KKR for so long as Buck Holdings, L.P. owns at least 35% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock:

- the hiring and firing of our Chief Executive Officer;
- any change of control as defined in the Shareholders Agreement;
- entering into any agreement providing for the acquisition or divestiture of assets for aggregate consideration in excess of \$1 billion; and
- any issuance of equity securities for an aggregate consideration in excess of \$100 million.

#### **Tennessee Anti-Takeover Statutes**

Under the Tennessee Business Combination Act and subject to certain exceptions, corporations subject to the Tennessee Business Combination Act may not engage in any "business combination" with an "interested shareholder" for a period of five years after the date on which the person became an interested shareholder unless the "business combination" or the transaction in which the shareholder becoming an "interested shareholder" is approved by the corporation's board of directors prior to the date the "interested shareholder" attained that status.

"Business combinations" for this purpose generally include:

- mergers, consolidations, or share exchanges;
- sales, leases, exchanges, mortgages, pledges, or other transfers of assets representing 10% or more of the market value of consolidated assets, the market value of our outstanding shares, or our consolidated net income;
- issuances or transfers of shares from us to the interested shareholder;
- plans of liquidation;
- transactions in which the interested shareholder's proportionate share of the outstanding shares of any class of securities is increased; or
- financing arrangements pursuant to which the interested shareholder, directly or indirectly, receives a benefit except proportionately as a shareholder.

Subject to certain exceptions, an "interested shareholder" generally is a person who, together with his or her affiliates and associates, owns, or within five years did own, 10% or more of our outstanding voting stock.

After the five-year moratorium, a corporation subject to the foregoing may complete a business combination if the transaction complies with all applicable charter and bylaw requirements and applicable Tennessee law and:

- is approved by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not beneficially owned by the interested shareholder; or
- meets certain fair price criteria including, among others, the requirement that the per share consideration received in any such business combination by each of the shareholders is equal to the highest of (a) the highest per share price paid by the interested shareholder during the preceding five-year period for shares of the same class or series plus interest thereon from such date at a treasury bill rate less the aggregate amount of any cash dividends paid and the market value of any dividends paid other than in cash since such earliest date, up to the amount of such interest, (b) the highest preferential amount, if any, such class or series is entitled to receive on liquidation, or (c) the market value of the shares on either the date the business combination is announced or the date when the interested shareholder reaches the 10% threshold, whichever is higher, plus interest thereon less dividends as noted above.

We have elected to not be subject to the Tennessee Business Combination Act. We can give no assurance that we will or will not elect, through a charter or bylaw amendment, to be governed by the Tennessee Business Combination Act in the future.

We also have not elected to be governed by the Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act which prohibits certain shareholders from exercising in excess of 20% of the voting power in a corporation acquired in a "control share acquisition" unless such voting rights have been previously approved by the disinterested shareholders. We can give no assurance that we will or will not elect, through a charter or bylaw amendment, to be governed by the Tennessee Control Share Acquisition Act in the future.

The Tennessee Greenmail Act prohibits us from purchasing or agreeing to purchase any of our securities, at a price in excess of fair market value, from a holder of 3% or more of our securities who has beneficially owned such securities for less than two years, unless the purchase has been approved by a majority of the outstanding shares of each class of our voting stock or we make an offer of at least equal value per share to all holders of shares of such class. The Tennessee Greenmail Act may make a change of control more difficult.

The Tennessee Investor Protection Act applies to tender offers directed at corporations, such as Dollar General, that have "substantial assets" in Tennessee and that are either incorporated in or have a principal office in Tennessee. The Investor Protection Act requires an offeror making a tender offer for an offeree company to file a registration statement with the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance. When the offeror intends to gain control of the offeree company, the registration statement must indicate any plans the offeror has for the offeree. The Commissioner may require additional information material concerning the takeover offer and may call for hearings. The Investor Protection Act does not apply to an offer that the offeree company's board of directors recommends to shareholders.

In addition to requiring the offeror to file a registration statement with the Commissioner, the Investor Protection Act requires the offeror and the offeree company to deliver to the Commissioner all solicitation materials used in connection with the tender offer. The Investor Protection Act prohibits fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative acts or practices by either side and gives the Commissioner standing to apply for equitable relief to the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, or to any other chancery court having jurisdiction whenever it appears to the Commissioner that the offeror, the offeree company or any of its respective affiliates has engaged in or is about to engage in a violation of

the Investor Protection Act. Upon proper showing, the chancery court may grant injunctive relief. The Investor Protection Act further provides civil and criminal penalties for violations.

# **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services is the transfer agent and registrar for our common stock. The transfer agent and registrar for any series of preferred stock will be set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES

The following summary of the terms of our debt securities describes general terms that apply to the debt securities. The particular terms of any debt securities will be described more specifically in the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities. The debt securities will be issued under an indenture to be entered into between us and the trustee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. A form of the indenture has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is part. The terms of the debt securities will include those stated in the indenture (including any supplemental indentures that specify the terms of a particular series of debt securities) as well as those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as in effect on the date of the indenture. The indenture will be subject to and governed by the terms of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

We may issue debt securities either separately, or together with, or upon the conversion or exercise of or in exchange for, other securities described in this prospectus. Debt securities may be our senior, senior subordinated or subordinated obligations and, unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, unsecured obligations and may be issued in one or more series. The debt securities of any series may have the benefit of guarantees, which we refer to as a guarantee, by one or more of our subsidiaries, which we refer to as a guarantor. The guarantees will be the senior, senior subordinated or subordinated obligations and, unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, unsecured obligations of the respective guarantors. Unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, as used in this section, the term "guaranteed debt securities" means any debt securities that, as described in the prospectus supplement relating thereto, are guaranteed by one or more guarantors pursuant to the applicable indenture.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will represent our general, unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured indebtedness.

You should read the particular terms of the debt securities, which will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. Copies of the applicable indenture may be obtained from us or the trustee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### General

We may issue the debt securities in one or more series, with the same or various maturities, at par or at a discount. We will describe the particular terms of each series of debt securities in a prospectus supplement relating to that series, which we will file with the SEC. Please read the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the series of debt securities being offered for specific terms including, when applicable:

- the title of the debt securities of the series and whether such series constitutes senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities;
- the aggregate principal amount and any limit on the aggregate principal amount of that series of debt securities;
- the price or prices at which debt securities of the series will be issued;
- the date or dates on which we will pay the principal of and premium, if any, on debt securities of the series, or the method or methods, if any, used to determine those dates;
- the interest rate or rates, which may be fixed or variable, at which debt securities of the series will bear interest, if any, or the method or methods, if any, used to determine those rates;

- the basis used to calculate interest, if any, on the debt securities of the series if other than a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;
- the date or dates, if any, from which interest on the debt securities of the series will begin to accrue, or the method or methods, if any, used to determine those dates;
- the dates on which the interest, if any, on the debt securities of the series will be payable and the record dates for the payment of interest;
- the place or places where amounts due on the debt securities of the series will be payable and where the debt securities of the series may be surrendered for registration of transfer and exchange, if other than the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee:
- the terms and conditions, if any, upon which we may, at our option, redeem debt securities of the series;
- the terms and conditions, if any, upon which the holders of debt securities may require us to repurchase or redeem debt securities of the series at the option of the holders of debt securities of the series;
- the provisions, if any, with respect to amortization and the terms of any sinking fund or analogous provision;
- if other than U.S. dollars, the currency in which the purchase price for the debt securities of the series will be payable, the currency in which payments of principal and, if applicable, premium or interest on the debt securities of the series will be payable, and the ability, if any, of us or the holders of debt securities of the series to have payments made in any other currency or currencies;
- any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any covenant or the acceleration provisions described in this prospectus or in the indenture;
- any events of default, if not otherwise described below under "—Events of Default";
- any terms and conditions restricting the declaration of dividends or requiring the maintenance of any asset ratio or the creation or maintenance of reserves;
- whether the debt securities of the series are to be issuable, in whole or in part, in bearer form ("bearer debt securities");
- whether any debt securities of the series will be issued in temporary or permanent global form ("global debt securities") and, if so, the identity of the depositary for the global debt securities if other than The Depository Trust Company ("DTC");
- if and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") on the debt securities of the series in respect of specified taxes, assessments or other governmental charges and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities of the series rather than pay the Additional Amounts;
- the manner in which, or the person to whom, any interest on any bearer debt security of the series will be payable, if other than upon presentation and surrender of the coupons relating to the bearer debt security;
- the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on a temporary global debt security will be paid, if other than in the manner provided in the indenture;
- the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities of the series which will be payable upon acceleration if other than the full principal amount;

- the authorized denominations in which the debt securities of the series will be issued, if other than denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000, in the case of debt securities in registered form ("registered debt securities") or \$5,000, in the case of bearer debt securities;
- any applicable subordination provisions in addition to those set forth herein with respect to senior subordinated debt securities or subordinated debt securities:
- the terms, if any, upon which debt securities of the series may be convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property;
- whether the amount of payments on the debt securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, formula ( e.g., currency index, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) or other method or methods and, if so, the method used to determine those amounts;
- whether the debt securities of the series will be guaranteed by any guarantors and, if so, the names of the guarantors of the debt securities of the series and, to the extent that the terms of the guarantee differ from those described in this prospectus, a description of the guarantees;
- any provisions restricting the incurrence of additional debt or the issuance of additional securities;
- any depositaries, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents;
- if the debt securities of the series or, if applicable, any guarantees will be secured by any collateral and, if so, a general description of the collateral and of some of the terms of any related security, pledge or other agreements;
- the priority and kind of any lien securing the debt securities and a brief identification of the principal properties subject to such lien;
- any applicable defeasance provisions in addition to those set forth herein:
- any listing of the debt securities on any securities exchange; and
- any other terms of the debt securities of the series and, if applicable, any guarantees (whether or not such other terms are consistent or inconsistent with any other terms of the indenture).

As used in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement relating to the offering of debt securities of any series, references to the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the debt securities of the series include the payment of Additional Amounts, if any, required by the debt securities of the series to be paid in that context.

Debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities to be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. In the event of an acceleration of the maturity of any original issue discount security, the amount payable to the holder upon acceleration will be determined in the manner described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Certain U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to original issue discount securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If the purchase price of any debt securities is payable in a foreign currency or if the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any debt securities is payable in a foreign currency, the specific terms of those debt securities and the applicable foreign currency will be specified in the prospectus supplement relating to those debt securities.

The terms of the debt securities of any series may differ from the terms of the debt securities of any other series, and the terms of particular debt securities within any series may differ from each

other. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities, we may, without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of any series, reopen an existing series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series.

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities and except to the limited extent set forth below under "—Merger, Consolidation and Transfer of Assets," there will be no limitation upon our ability to incur indebtedness or other liabilities or that would afford holders of debt securities protection in the event of a business combination, takeover, recapitalization or highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us. Accordingly, we may in the future enter into transactions that could increase the amount of our consolidated indebtedness and other liabilities or otherwise adversely affect our capital structure or credit rating without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of any series.

### Registration, Transfer and Payment

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of debt securities will be issued in registered form only, without coupons. The indentures, however, provide that we may also issue a series of debt securities in bearer form only, or in both registered and bearer form.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, registered debt securities will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 or any integral multiples of \$1,000, and bearer debt securities will be issued in denominations of \$5,000.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be payable and may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and, if applicable, for conversion into or exchange for other securities or property, at an office or agency maintained by us in the United States of America. However, we may, at our option, make payments of interest on any registered debt security by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to receive that payment or by wire transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank located in the United States. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, no service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange, redemption or repayment of debt securities, or for any conversion or exchange of debt securities for other securities or property, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with that transaction.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on bearer debt securities will be made, subject to any applicable laws and regulations, at an office or agency outside the United States. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of interest due on bearer debt securities on any interest payment date will be made only against surrender of the coupon relating to that interest payment date.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, no payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, with respect to any bearer debt security will be made at any office or agency in the United States or by check mailed to any address in the United States or by wire transfer to an account maintained with a bank located in the United States. However, if any bearer debt securities are payable in U.S. dollars, payments on those bearer securities may be made at the corporate trust office of the relevant trustee or at any office or agency designated by us in the United States if, but only if, payment of the full amount due on the bearer debt securities for principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, at all offices outside of the United States maintained for that purpose by us is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or similar restrictions.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not be required to:

- issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before any selection of debt securities of that series of like tenor and terms to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of that selection;
- register the transfer of or exchange any registered debt security, or portion of any registered debt security, selected for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any registered debt security being redeemed in part;
- exchange any bearer debt security selected for redemption, except to exchange a bearer debt security for a registered debt security of that series of like tenor and terms that is simultaneously surrendered for redemption; or
- issue, register the transfer of or exchange a debt security which has been surrendered for repayment at the option of the holder, except the portion, if any, of the debt security not to be repaid.

#### Guarantees

Any series of our debt securities may be guaranteed by one or more of our domestic subsidiaries. However, the indenture will not require that any of our subsidiaries be a guarantor of any series of debt securities and will permit us to designate other guarantors for any series of guaranteed debt securities in addition to or instead of any of the domestic subsidiaries. As a result, the guarantors of any series of our guaranteed debt securities may differ from the guarantors of any other series of our guaranteed debt securities. If we issue a series of guaranteed debt securities, the specific guarantors of the debt securities of that series will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If we issue a series of guaranteed debt securities, a description of some of the terms of guarantees of those debt securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, which we will file with the SEC. Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of guaranteed debt securities, each guaranter of the debt securities of such series will unconditionally guarantee the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on and any other amounts payable with respect to, each debt security of such series and the due and punctual performance of all of our other obligations under the applicable indenture with respect to the debt securities of such series, all in accordance with the terms of such debt securities and the applicable indenture.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of guaranteed debt securities, the applicable indenture will contain provisions to the effect that the obligations of each guarantor under its guarantees and such indenture shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such guarantor, result in the obligations of such guarantor under such guarantees and such indenture not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. However, there can be no assurance that, notwithstanding such limitation, a court would not determine that a guarantee constituted a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. If that were to occur, the court could void the applicable guarantor's obligations under that guarantee, subordinate that guarantee to other debt and other liabilities of that guarantor or take other action detrimental to holders of the debt securities of the applicable series, including directing the holders to return any payments received from the applicable guarantor.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to any series of guaranteed debt securities will specify other terms of the applicable guarantees, which may include provisions that allow a guarantor to be released from its obligations under its guarantee under specified circumstances or that provide for one or more guarantees to be secured by specified collateral.

Unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each guarantee of a senior debt security will be the senior and unsecured obligation of the applicable guarantor and will rank on a parity in right of payment with all other unsecured and senior indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor. Unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each guarantee of a senior subordinated will be the senior subordinated and unsecured obligation of the applicable guarantor and will rank junior in right of payment with all other unsecured and senior indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor, on a parity in right of payment with all other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor and junior in right of payment with all other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor and unsecured obligation of the applicable guarantor and will rank junior in right of payment with all other unsecured and senior and senior subordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor and on a parity in right of payment with all other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor and on a parity in right of payment with all other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor and on a parity in right of payment with all other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor.

Each guarantee (other than a secured guarantee) will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured indebtedness and secured guarantees of the applicable guarantor to the extent of the value of the collateral securing that indebtedness and those guarantees. Consequently, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding with respect to any guarantor that has provided an unsecured guarantee of any debt securities, the holders of that guarantor's secured indebtedness and secured guarantees will be entitled to proceed directly against the collateral that secures that secured indebtedness or those secured guarantees, as the case may be, and such collateral will not be available for satisfaction of any amount owed by such guarantor under its unsecured indebtedness and unsecured guarantees, including its unsecured guarantees of any debt securities, until that secured debt and those secured guarantees are satisfied in full. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indentures will not limit the ability of any guarantor to incur secured indebtedness or issue secured guarantees.

Unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each secured guarantee will be an unsubordinated obligation of the applicable guarantor and will rank on a parity in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness and guarantees of such guarantor, except that such secured guarantee will effectively rank senior to such guarantor's unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness and guarantees in respect of claims against the collateral securing that secured guarantee.

#### **Book-entry Debt Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global debt securities. Global debt securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary which, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the series, will be DTC. Global debt securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual certificates evidencing debt securities, a global debt security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depositary to its nominee or by the nominee to the depositary, or by the depositary or its nominee to a successor depositary or to a nominee of the successor depositary.

We anticipate that global debt securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and that global debt securities will be registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. All interests in global debt securities deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC and, in the case of any interests in global debt securities held through Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"), the operations and procedures of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. We also anticipate that the following provisions will apply to the depository arrangements with respect to global debt securities. Additional or differing terms of the depository arrangements may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### DTC has advised us that it is:

- a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law;
- a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law;
- a member of the Federal Reserve System;
- a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and
- a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among its participants of securities transactions, including transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants' accounts, which eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations. Access to the DTC system is also available to others, sometimes referred to in this prospectus as indirect participants, that clear transactions through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant either directly or indirectly. Indirect participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of debt securities within the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the debt securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of the actual purchaser or beneficial owner of a debt security is, in turn, recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transactions, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through which they purchased the debt securities. Transfers of ownership interests in debt securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the debt securities, except under the limited circumstances described below.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all debt securities deposited by participants with DTC will be registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. will not change the beneficial ownership of the debt securities. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts the debt securities are credited. Those participants may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants are responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants and by direct and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any legal requirements in effect from time to time. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC or its nominee. If less than all of the debt securities of a series are being redeemed, DTC will reduce the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the debt securities under its procedures.

In any case where a vote may be required with respect to the debt securities of any series, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will give consents for or vote the global debt securities. Under its usual procedures, DTC will mail an omnibus proxy to us after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns the consenting or voting rights of Cede & Co. to those direct participants to whose accounts the debt securities are credited on the record date identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy. Principal and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the global debt securities will be paid to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the relevant payment date

unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payments on the payment date. Payments by direct and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the account of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." Those payments will be the responsibility of DTC's direct and indirect participants and not of DTC, us, any guarantor, any trustee or any underwriters or agents involved in the offering or sale of any debt securities. Payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, to DTC is our responsibility, disbursement of payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

Except under the limited circumstances described below, beneficial owners of interests in a global debt security will not be entitled to have debt securities registered in their names and will not receive physical delivery of debt securities. Accordingly, each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights under the debt securities and the indenture.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer or pledge beneficial interests in global debt securities.

DTC is under no obligation to provide its services as depositary for the debt securities of any series and may discontinue providing its services at any time. None of us, any guarantor or any trustee or any underwriters or agents involved in the offering or sale of any debt securities will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants or indirect participants under the rules and procedures governing DTC. As noted above, beneficial owners of interests in global debt securities generally will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the debt securities. However, if:

- DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depositary for the global debt securities of any series, or if DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (if so required by applicable law or regulation) and a successor depositary for the debt securities of such series is not appointed within 90 days of the notification to us or of our becoming aware of DTC's ceasing to be so registered, as the case may be,
- we determine, in our sole discretion, not to have the debt securities of any series represented by one or more global debt securities, or
- an event of default under the applicable indenture has occurred and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series,

we will prepare and deliver certificates for the debt securities of that series in exchange for beneficial interests in the global debt securities of that series. Any beneficial interest in a global debt security that is exchangeable under the circumstances described in the preceding sentence will be exchangeable for debt securities in definitive certificated form registered in the names and in the authorized denominations that the depositary shall direct. It is expected that these directions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global debt securities.

Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear hold interests on behalf of their participating organizations through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream, Luxembourg's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositaries, which hold those interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositaries' names on the books of DTC. At the present time, Citibank, N.A. acts as U.S. depositary for Clearstream, Luxembourg and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as U.S. depositary for Euroclear (the "U.S. Depositaries").

Clearstream, Luxembourg holds securities for its participating organizations ("Clearstream Participants") and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream, Luxembourg provides to Clearstream Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing.

Clearstream, Luxembourg is registered as a bank in Luxembourg, and as such is subject to regulation by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier and the Banque Centrale du Luxembourg, which supervise and oversee the activities of Luxembourg banks. Clearstream Participants are financial institutions including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations, and may include any underwriters or agents involved in the offering or sale of any debt securities or their respective affiliates. Indirect access to Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant. Clearstream, Luxembourg has established an electronic bridge with Euroclear as the operator of the Euroclear System (the "Euroclear Operator") in Brussels to facilitate settlement of trades between Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Euroclear Operator.

Distributions with respect to global debt securities held beneficially through Clearstream, Luxembourg will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for Clearstream, Luxembourg. Euroclear holds securities and book-entry interests in securities for participating organizations ("Euroclear Participants") and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Euroclear Participants, and between Euroclear Participants and participants of certain other securities intermediaries through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of such participants or other securities intermediaries. Euroclear provides Euroclear Participants, among other things, with safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement, securities lending and borrowing, and related services. Euroclear Participants are investment banks, securities brokers and dealers, banks, central banks, supranationals, custodians, investment managers, corporations, trust companies and certain other organizations, and may include any underwriters or agents involved in the offering or sale of any debt securities or their respective affiliates. Non-participants in Euroclear may hold and transfer beneficial interests in a global debt security through accounts with a participant in the Euroclear System or any other securities intermediary that holds a book-entry interest in a global debt security through one or more securities intermediaries standing between such other securities intermediary and Euroclear.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the "Terms and Conditions"). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions on interests in global debt securities held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for Euroclear.

Transfers between Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between direct participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear Participants or Clearstream Participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in

accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, by its U.S. Depositary; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (European time) of such system. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. Depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in global debt securities in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day fund settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries.

Due to time zone differences, the securities accounts of a Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant purchasing an interest in a global debt security from a direct participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as a result of sales of interests in a global debt security by or through a Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant to a direct participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg following DTC's settlement date.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform the foregoing procedures and such procedures may be discontinued at any time without notice. None of us, any guarantor, any trustee or any underwriters or agents involved in the offering or sale of any debt securities will have any responsibility for the performance by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

The information in this section concerning DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their book-entry systems has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of that information.

#### **Redemption and Repurchase**

The debt securities of any series may be redeemable at our option, or may be subject to mandatory redemption by us, as required by a sinking fund or otherwise. In addition, the debt securities of any series may be subject to repurchase or repayment by us, at the option of the holders. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms, the times and the prices regarding any optional or mandatory redemption by us or any repurchase or repayment at the option of the holders of any series of debt securities.

## **Conversion and Exchange**

The terms, if any, on which debt securities of any series are convertible into or exchangeable for our common shares or any other securities or property will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms may include provisions for conversion or exchange, either mandatory, at the option of the holders or at our option. Unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, references in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to the conversion or exchange of debt securities of any series for our common shares or other securities or property shall be deemed not to refer to or include any exchange of any debt securities of a series for other debt securities of the same series.

#### Merger, Consolidation and Transfer of Assets

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indentures provide that we will not, in any transaction or series of related transactions, consolidate with, or sell, assign, transfer, lease or convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our property and assets to, or merge with or into or wind up into, any person unless:

- either (1) we shall be the continuing person (in the case of a merger) or (2) the successor person (if other than us) formed by or resulting from the consolidation or merger or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made shall be an entity organized or existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia or any territory thereof and shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all the debt securities outstanding under the applicable indenture and the due and punctual performance and observance of all covenants and conditions in such outstanding debt securities and the indenture to be performed or satisfied by us (including, without limitation, the obligation to convert or exchange any debt securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property in accordance with the provisions of such debt securities and the applicable indenture) by a supplemental indenture reasonably satisfactory in form to the trustee;
- with respect to any guaranteed debt securities, each guarantor, unless it is the other party to the transactions described above, shall have by supplemental indenture confirmed that its guarantee shall apply to such person's obligations under the applicable indenture and the debt securities;
- immediately after giving effect to a transaction described above, no event of default under the applicable indenture, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both would become an event of default under the applicable indenture, shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- the trustee shall have received the officers' certificate and opinion of counsel called for by the applicable indenture.

In the case of any such merger, consolidation, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition in which we are not the continuing entity and upon execution and delivery by the successor person of the supplemental indenture described above, such successor person shall succeed to, and be substituted for us and may exercise every right and power of us under the applicable indenture with the same effect as if such successor person had been named as us therein, and we shall be automatically released and discharged from all obligations and covenants under the applicable indenture and the debt securities issued under that indenture.

With respect to guaranteed debt securities, the merger, consolidation and transfer of assets provisions described above are equally applicable to each of the guarantors in its capacity as guarantor of such debt securities.

#### **Events of Default**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, any of the following events will be events of default with respect to the debt securities of any series:

- (1) default in payment of any interest, if any, on, or any Additional Amounts, if any, payable in respect of any interest on, any of the debt securities of that series when due, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (2) default in payment of any principal of, or premium, if any, on, or any Additional Amounts, if any, payable in respect of any principal of or premium, if any, on, any of the debt securities of that series when due (whether at maturity, upon redemption, upon repayment or repurchase

at the option of the holder or otherwise and whether payable in cash or common shares or other securities or property);

- (3) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment or payment under any analogous provision when due with respect to any of the debt securities of that series;
- (4) default in the delivery when due of any securities, cash or other property (including, without limitation, any common shares) when required to be delivered upon conversion of any convertible debt security of that series or upon the exchange of any debt security of that series which is exchangeable for common shares or other securities or property (other than an exchange of debt securities of that series for other debt securities of the same series);
- (5) default after the expiration of any applicable grace period in the payment of principal when due, or resulting in acceleration of, other indebtedness (other than non-recourse debt) of us or any of our "significant subsidiaries" (as defined by the indenture), for borrowed money or the payment of which is guaranteed by us or any significant subsidiary if the aggregate principal amount with respect to which the default or acceleration has occurred exceeds \$25.0 million and such indebtedness has not been discharged, or such default in payment or acceleration has not been cured or rescinded, prior to written notice of acceleration of the debt securities of that series;
- (6) failure by us or any significant subsidiary to pay final judgments entered by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction aggregating in excess of \$25.0 million, which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 calendar days after such judgments become final and non-appealable, and in the event such judgment is covered by insurance, an enforcement proceeding has been commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or decree which is not promptly stayed;
- (7) if the debt securities of that series are guaranteed debt securities, the guarantee of the debt securities of that series by any guarantor shall for any reason cease to be, or shall for any reason be asserted in writing by such guarantor or us not to be, in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent contemplated or permitted by the applicable indenture:
- (8) specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to us or any of our significant subsidiaries; or
- (9) any other event of default established for the debt securities of that series.

No event of default with respect to any particular series of debt securities necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities. The indenture provides that, within 90 days after the occurrence of any default with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee generally must mail to all holders of the debt securities of that series notice of that default if known to a Responsible Officer of the trustee, unless that default has been cured or waived. However, the trustee may withhold notice of a default with respect to the debt securities of that series, except a default in payment of principal, premium, if any, interest, if any, Additional Amounts, if any, or sinking fund payments, if any, if the trustee considers it in the best interest of the holders to do so. As used in this paragraph, the term "default" means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an event of default with respect to the debt securities of any series.

The indenture provides that if an event of default (other than an event of default specified in clause (8) of the second preceding paragraph with respect to of us) occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities, either the trustee or the holders of at least 30% in principal amount of the debt securities of that series then outstanding may declare the principal of, or if debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities, such lesser amount as may be specified in

the terms of that series of debt securities, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. The indenture also provides that if an event of default specified in clause (8) of the second preceding paragraph with respect to us occurs with respect to any series of debt securities, then the principal of, or if debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities, such lesser amount as may be specified in the terms of that series of debt securities, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all the debt securities of that series will automatically become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other action on the part of the trustee or any holder of the debt securities of that series. However, upon specified conditions, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of a series then outstanding may rescind and annul an acceleration of the debt securities of that series and its consequences. For purposes of clarity, references in this paragraph to an event of default specified in clause (8) of the second preceding paragraph with respect to us shall not include any event of default specified in clause (8) of the second preceding paragraph with respect to any significant subsidiary.

Subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 requiring the trustee, during the continuance of an event of default under the applicable indenture, to act with the requisite standard of care, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of debt securities of any series unless those holders have offered the trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, fees and expenses and liabilities which might be incurred in compliance with such request or direction. Subject to the foregoing, holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series issued under the applicable indenture have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee under the indenture with respect to that series. The indentures require our annual filing with the trustee of a certificate which states whether or not we are in default under the terms of the indenture.

No holder of any debt securities of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the applicable indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy under the indenture, unless:

- the holder gives written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to the debt securities of such series;
- the holders of not less than 30% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series make a written request to the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default in its own name as trustee under the indenture;
- the holder or holders offer to the trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, fees and expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;
- the trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity fails to institute any such proceeding; and
- no direction inconsistent with such written request is given to the trustee during such 60 day period by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the indenture, the holder of a debt security will have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on that debt security on the respective due dates for those payments and, in the case of any debt security which is convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property, to convert or exchange, as the case may be, that debt security in accordance with its terms, and to institute suit for the enforcement of those payments and any right to effect such conversion or exchange, and this right shall not be impaired without the consent of the holder.

### **Modification, Waivers and Meetings**

From time to time, we, any guarantors party to such indenture and the trustee, with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series issued under the applicable indenture and affected by a modification or amendment, may modify, amend, supplement or waive compliance with any of the provisions of the applicable indenture or of the debt securities of the applicable series or the rights of the holders of the debt securities of that series under the applicable indenture. However, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, no such modification, amendment, supplement or waiver may, among other things:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or premium, if any, or any installment of interest, if any, on or any Additional Amounts, if any, with respect to any debt securities issued under the indenture, or
- reduce the principal of or any premium on any debt securities or reduce the rate of interest on any debt securities or reduce the price payable upon the redemption of any debt security, whether such redemption is mandatory or at our option, or upon the repurchase of any debt security at the option of the holder, or reduce any Additional Amounts with respect to any debt securities, or change our obligation to pay Additional Amounts, or
- reduce the amount of principal of any original issue discount securities that would be due and payable upon an acceleration of the maturity thereof, or
- adversely affect any right of repayment or repurchase of any debt securities at the option of any holder, or
- change any place where or the currency in which debt securities are payable, or
- impair the holder's right to institute suit to enforce the payment of any debt securities on or after their stated maturity or, in the case of any debt security which is convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property, to institute suit to enforce the right to convert or exchange that debt security in accordance with its terms, or
- make any change that adversely affects the right, if any, to convert or exchange any debt securities for other securities or property, or
- reduce the percentage of debt securities of any series issued under the applicable indenture whose holders must consent to any modification or amendment or any waiver of compliance with specific provisions of such indenture or specified defaults under the applicable indenture and their consequences, or
- if the applicable indenture relates to guaranteed debt securities, release any guarantor from any of its obligations under any of its guarantees or the applicable indenture, except in accordance with the terms of the applicable indenture, or
- reduce the requirements for a quorum or voting at a meeting of holders of the applicable debt securities,

without in each case obtaining the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security issued under such indenture affected by the modification or amendment.

From time to time, we, any guarantors party to the indenture and the trustee, without the consent of the holders of any debt securities issued under the applicable indenture, may modify, amend, supplement or waive compliance with any provisions of the indenture, among other things:

- to evidence the succession of another person to us, or, if applicable, any guarantor under the applicable indenture and the assumption by that successor of our covenants or the covenants of such guarantor, as the case may be, contained in the applicable indenture and in the debt securities or, if applicable, the guarantees issued under the applicable indenture, as the case may be;
- to add to our covenants or, if applicable, the covenants of any guarantor for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities issued under the applicable indenture or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us, or, if applicable, any guarantor in the indenture with respect to all or any series of debt securities issued under the applicable indenture;
- to add to or change any provisions of the applicable indenture to facilitate the issuance of bearer securities;
- to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series and any related coupons and, if applicable, any guarantees of those debt securities, including, without limitation, conversion and exchange provisions applicable to debt securities which are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property and to establish, if applicable, the guarantors of the debt securities of such series and the terms of the guarantees of such debt securities, and to establish any provisions with respect to any security or other collateral for such debt securities or, if applicable, guarantees, and to make any deletions from or additions or changes to the applicable indenture in connection with any of the matters referred to in this bullet point so long as those deletions, additions and changes are not applicable to any other series of debt securities then outstanding;
- to evidence and provide for the acceptance of the appointment of a successor trustee in respect of the debt securities of one or more series;
- to comply with the merger covenant;
- to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency or correct or supplement any provision in such indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with other provisions in the applicable indenture, or to make any other changes to the applicable indenture that do not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series then outstanding in any material respect;
- to add any additional events of default with respect to all or any series of debt securities;
- to supplement any of the provisions of the applicable indenture to permit or facilitate defeasance, covenant defeasance and/or satisfaction and discharge of any series of debt securities, provided that such action shall not adversely effect the interest of any holder of a debt security of such series or any other debt security in any material respect;
- to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the applicable indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939;
- if the applicable indenture provides for the issuance of guaranteed debt securities, to add additional guarantees or additional guarantors in respect of all or any debt securities, and to evidence the release and discharge of any guarantor from its obligations under its guarantee of any or all debt securities and its obligations under the indenture in respect of any or all debt securities in accordance with the terms of the indenture; or, in the case of any other indenture, to add guarantees or guarantors in respect of all or any debt securities, and to evidence the

release and discharge of any guarantor from its obligations under its guarantee of any or all debt securities and its obligations under the indenture in respect of any or all debt securities in accordance with the terms of the indenture;

- to secure or, if applicable, to provide additional security for all or any debt securities issued under the applicable indenture or all or any guarantees or other guarantees of the debt securities and to provide for any and all matters relating thereto, and to provide for the release of any collateral as security for all or any debt securities, guarantees or other guarantees in accordance with the terms of the indenture to make any change to the applicable indenture or any debt securities or guarantees to conform the terms thereof to the terms reflected in any prospectus (including this prospectus), prospectus supplement, offering memorandum or similar offering document used in connection with the initial offering or sale of any debt securities or guarantees;
- in the case of any series of debt securities which are convertible into or exchangeable for common shares or other securities or property, to provide for the conversion or exchange rights of those debt securities in the event of any reclassification or change of our common shares or any of our other securities into which such debt securities are convertible or for which such debt securities are exchangeable or any similar transaction if expressly required by the terms of that series of debt securities; or
- to amend or supplement any provision contained in the applicable indenture or in any debt securities or, if applicable, guarantees, provided that such amendment or supplement does not apply to any outstanding debt securities or any guarantees of any outstanding debt security issued prior to the date of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefits of such provisions.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive our compliance with the provisions described above under "—Merger, Consolidation and Transfer of Assets" and certain other provisions of the indenture and, if specified in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of debt securities, any additional covenants applicable to the debt securities of such series. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of all holders of debt securities of that series, waive any past default under the applicable indenture with respect to debt securities of that series and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on debt securities of that series or, in the case of any debt securities which are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property, a default in any such conversion or exchange, or a default in respect of a covenant or provision which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of the affected series.

The indenture contains provisions for convening meetings of the holders of a series of debt securities if (and only if) debt securities of such series are issued or issuable, in whole or in part, in the form of bearer debt securities. A meeting may be called at any time by the trustee, and also at our request or the request of holders of at least 33 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series. Notice of a meeting must be given in accordance with the provisions of the indenture. Except for any consent which must be given by the holder of each outstanding debt security affected in the manner described above, any resolution presented at a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum, as described below, is present may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series. However, any resolution with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which the applicable indenture provides may be made, given or taken by the holders of a specified percentage, which is less or more than a majority, in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series may be adopted at a meeting or adjourned meeting duly

reconvened at which a quorum is present by the affirmative vote of the holders of that specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series. Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of holders of debt securities of any series duly held in accordance with the applicable indenture will be binding on all holders of debt securities of that series and the related coupons, if any. The quorum at any meeting called to adopt a resolution, and at any reconvened meeting, will be persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series, or, if any action is to be taken at a meeting with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which the applicable indenture provides may be given by holders of a greater percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of a series, the persons entitled to vote at such greater percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series.

#### Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, upon our direction, the applicable indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to any series of debt securities issued under the indenture specified by us, subject to the survival of specified provisions of the indenture (including the obligation to pay Additional Amounts to the extent described below and the obligation, if applicable, to exchange or convert debt securities of that series into other securities or property in accordance with their terms) when:

- either
- (A) all outstanding debt securities of that series and, in the case of bearer securities, all related coupons, have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation, subject to exceptions, or
- (B) all debt securities of that series and, if applicable, any related coupons have become due and payable or will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year and we have deposited with the trustee, in trust, funds in U.S. dollars or in the foreign currency in which the debt securities of that series are payable in an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on the debt securities of that series in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any (and, to the extent that (x) the debt securities of that series provide for the payment of Additional Amounts upon the occurrence of specified events of taxation, assessment or governmental charge with respect to payments on the debt securities and (y) the amount of any Additional Amounts which are or will be payable is at the time of deposit reasonably determinable by us in the exercise of our sole and absolute discretion, those Additional Amounts) to the date of such deposit, if the debt securities of that series have become due and payable, or to the maturity or redemption date of the debt securities of that series, as the case may be;
- we have paid all other sums payable under the applicable indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series; and
- the trustee has received an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel called for by the applicable indenture.

At such time as we shall have satisfied the conditions set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph with respect to any series of guaranteed debt securities, each guaranter of the debt securities of that series shall (except as provided in the next succeeding sentence and subject to other limited exceptions) be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged from all of its obligations under its guarantee of the debt securities of that series and all of its other obligations under the applicable indenture in respect of the debt securities of that series, without any action by us, any guaranter or the trustee and without the consent of the holders of any debt securities. If the debt securities of any series provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, we will remain obligated,

following the deposit described above, to pay, and any guarantees of the debt securities of that series will continue to guarantee (on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable indenture, subject to any other terms of the indenture providing for the release and discharge of a guarantor from its obligations under its guarantees of such debt securities and under the indenture in respect of such debt securities) the payment of, Additional Amounts with respect to those debt securities to the extent (and only to the extent) that they exceed the amount deposited in respect of those Additional Amounts as described above.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may elect with respect to any series of debt securities either:

- to defease and be discharged from all of our obligations with respect to that series of debt securities ("defeasance"), except for:
- (1) the obligation to pay Additional Amounts, if any, upon the occurrence of specified events of taxation, assessment or governmental charge with respect to payments on that series of debt securities to the extent (and only to the extent) that those Additional Amounts exceed the amount deposited in respect of those Additional Amounts as provided below,
- (2) the obligation, if applicable, to exchange or convert debt securities of that series into other securities or property in accordance with their terms, and
  - (3) certain other limited obligations; or
- to be released from our obligations with respect to the debt securities of such series under such covenants as may be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, and any omission to comply with those obligations shall not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to that series of debt securities ("covenant defeasance"),

in either case upon the irrevocable deposit with the trustee, or other qualifying trustee, in trust for that purpose, of an amount in U.S. dollars or in the foreign currency in which those debt securities are payable at stated maturity or, if applicable, upon redemption, and/or Government Obligations which through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and any premium and any interest on (and, to the extent that (x) the debt securities of that series provide for the payment of Additional Amounts and (y) the amount of the Additional Amounts which are or will be payable is at the time of deposit reasonably determinable by us in the exercise of our sole and absolute discretion, the Additional Amounts with respect to) that series of debt securities, and any mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments on that series of debt securities, on the due dates for those payments.

Upon the effectiveness of defeasance with respect to any series of guaranteed debt securities, each guarantor of the debt securities of such series shall (except as provided in the next succeeding sentence and subject to other limited exceptions) be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged from all of its obligations under its guarantee of the debt securities of such series and all of its other obligations under the applicable indenture in respect of the debt securities of that series, without any action by us, any guarantor or the trustee and without the consent of the holders of any debt securities. If we effect defeasance with respect to the debt securities of any series and those debt securities provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, we will remain obligated, following the effectiveness of such defeasance, to pay, and any guarantees of the debt securities of that series will continue to guarantee (on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the indenture, subject to any other terms of the indenture providing for the release and discharge of a guarantor from its obligations under its guarantees of such debt securities and under the applicable indenture in respect of such debt securities) the payment of, Additional Amounts with respect to those debt securities to the extent (and only to the extent) that they exceed the amount deposited in respect of those Additional Amount as described above.

The defeasance or covenant defeasance described above shall only be effective if, among other things:

- it shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the applicable indenture;
- in the case of defeasance, we shall have delivered to the trustee an opinion of independent counsel reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that (A) we have received from or there has been published by the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (B) since the date of the indenture there has been a change in applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based on this ruling or change the opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the holders of the debt securities of the applicable series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the defeasance had not occurred;
- in the case of covenant defeasance, we shall have delivered to the trustee an opinion of independent counsel reasonably acceptable to the trustee to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of the applicable series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the covenant defeasance had not occurred;
- if the cash and Government Obligations deposited are sufficient to pay the outstanding debt securities of that series provided those debt securities are redeemed on a particular redemption date, we shall have given the trustee irrevocable instructions to redeem those debt securities on that date; and
- no event of default or event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become an event of default with respect to debt securities of that series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of the deposit into trust; and, solely in the case of defeasance, no event of default arising from specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to us or event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become such an event of default with respect us shall have occurred and be continuing during the period through and including the 91st day after the date of the deposit into trust.

The applicable prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, permitting or restricting satisfaction and discharge, defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to the debt securities of a particular series.

# **Governing Law**

The indentures and the debt securities (including any Guarantees endorsed on the debt securities, if any) will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

#### **Regarding the Trustee**

We will identify the trustee with respect to any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement relating to the applicable debt securities. The Trust Indenture Act of 1939 limits the rights of a trustee, if the trustee becomes a creditor of us to obtain payment of claims or to realize on property received by it in respect of those claims, as security or otherwise. Any trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions with us and our subsidiaries from time to time. However, if a trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate the conflict upon the occurrence of an event of default under the applicable indenture or resign as trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the trustee.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee will be required to use the degree of care and skill of a prudent man in the conduct of his own affairs. The trustee will become obligated to exercise any of its powers under the indenture at the request of any of the holders of debt securities only after those holders have offered the trustee indemnity satisfactory to it.

# **DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES**

We summarize below some of the provisions that will apply to depositary shares unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise. This summary does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. The complete terms of the depositary shares will be set forth in the depositary agreement and depositary receipt for the applicable depositary shares. The forms of depositary agreement and related depositary receipt that will be entered into with respect to a particular offering of depositary shares will be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or a document that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The particular terms of any depositary shares and the related depositary receipts and deposit agreement will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. You should read the depositary agreement and the depositary receipt. You should also read the prospectus supplement, which will contain additional information and which may update or change some of the information below.

# General

We may offer fractional shares of preferred stock of any class or series, rather than full preferred shares. If we do, we will deposit preferred stock of such class or series with a bank, trust company or other financial institution as depositary, with respect to such deposit agreement (the "Depositary") and cause such Depositary to issue depositary receipts evidencing the related depositary shares, each of which will represent a fractional interest (to be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement) of a share of such class or series, as the case may be, of preferred stock.

The preferred stock represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a separate depositary agreement between us and the applicable Depositary, which shall have an office in the United States and which has, or whose parent entity has, a combined capital and surplus (calculated on a consolidated basis) of at least \$50,000,000. Subject to the terms of the depositary agreement, each holder of a depositary receipt issued under that depositary agreement will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a preferred share represented by the related depositary share, to all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock represented thereby (including, if applicable and subject to the matters discussed below, any distribution, voting, redemption, conversion, exchange and liquidation rights).

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to the depositary shares offered thereby will set forth their specific terms, including, when applicable:

- the terms of the class or series of preferred stock deposited by us under the related depositary agreement, the number of such depositary shares and the fraction of one share of such preferred stock represented by one such depositary share,
- whether such depositary shares will be listed on any securities exchange; and
- any other specific terms of such depositary shares and the related depositary agreement.

Depositary receipts may be surrendered for transfer or exchange at any office or agency of the relevant Depositary maintained for that purpose, subject to the terms of the related depositary agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, depositary receipts will be issued in denominations evidencing any whole number of depositary shares. No service charge will be made for any permitted transfer or exchange of depositary receipts, but we or the Depositary may require payment of any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Pending the preparation of definitive depositary receipts, the Depositary may, upon our written order, execute and deliver temporary depositary receipts which are substantially similar to, and entitle the holders thereof to all the rights pertaining to, the definitive depositary receipts. Depositary receipts

will be prepared thereafter and, when definitive depositary receipts are available, temporary depositary receipts will be exchangeable for definitive depositary receipts at our expense.

#### **Dividends and Other Distributions**

If we pay a cash distribution or dividend on a series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares, the Depositary will distribute all cash distributions received in respect of the deposited preferred shares to the record holders, as of the relevant record date, of depositary receipts relating to such preferred shares in proportion, insofar as possible, to the numbers of such depositary shares owned by such holders on such record date. The Depositary will distribute only such amount, however, as can be distributed without distributing to any holder of depositary receipts a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributed will be added to and treated as part of the next sum, if any, received by the Depositary for distribution to record holders of those depositary receipts.

In the event of a distribution in property other than in cash, the Depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders, as of the relevant record date, of depositary receipts entitled thereto in proportion, insofar as possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by such holders on such record date. If, however, the Depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such distribution, it may, with our approval, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale (public or private) of such property and the distribution of the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

The deposit agreement may also contain provisions relating to the manner in which any subscription or similar rights offering offered by us to holders of the related class or series of preferred shares will be made available to holders of depositary receipts.

The amount distributed in any of the foregoing cases will be reduced by any amount required to be withheld by us or the Depositary on account of taxes.

# **Redemption and Repurchase of Preferred Stock**

If we redeem a class or series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares, the Depositary will redeem the depositary shares from the proceeds received by the Depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of such class or series of preferred shares held by the Depositary. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price and of any other amounts or property per share payable upon such redemption with respect to the preferred stock so redeemed. Whenever we redeem preferred shares held by the Depositary will redeem as of the same date the number of depositary shares representing the preferred shares so redeemed, provided that we have paid in full to the Depositary the redemption price of the preferred shares to be redeemed plus any other amounts or property payable upon such redemption with respect to the shares to be so redeemed. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed at our option, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by the Depositary by lot or pro rata or by any other equitable method as may be determined by the Depositary. If the depositary shares evidenced by a depositary receipt are to be redeemed in part only, a new depositary receipt will be issued for any depositary shares not so redeemed.

After the date fixed for redemption, the depositary shares so called for redemption will no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of the related depositary receipts with respect to the depositary shares so called for redemption will cease, except the right to receive any monies or other property payable upon redemption upon surrender of such depositary receipts to the Depositary.

Depositary shares, as such, are not subject to repurchase by us at the option of the holders. Nevertheless, if the preferred stock represented by depositary shares is subject to repurchase at the option of the holders, then, on the terms and subject to the conditions applicable to such preferred stock, the related depositary receipts may be surrendered by the holders thereof to the Depositary with written instructions to the Depositary to instruct us to repurchase the preferred stock represented by the depositary shares evidenced by such depositary receipts at the applicable repurchase price. Upon receipt of such instructions and subject to our having funds legally available therefor, we will repurchase the requisite whole number of shares of such preferred stock from the Depositary, who in turn will repurchase such depositary receipts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holders shall only be entitled to request the repurchase of depositary shares representing one or more whole shares of the related preferred stock. The repurchase price per depositary share will be equal to the repurchase price and any other amounts or property payable per share upon such redemption with respect to the preferred shares multiplied by the fraction of a preferred share represented by one depositary share. If the depositary shares evidenced by a depositary receipt are to be repurchased in part only, one or more new depositary receipts will be issued for any depositary shares not to be repurchased.

#### Withdrawal of Preferred Shares

Except as may be otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, any holder of depositary receipts, upon surrender of the depositary receipts at the applicable office or agency of the Depositary (unless the related depositary shares have previously been called for redemption), subject to the terms of the depositary agreement, may demand delivery of the number of whole shares of the related class or series of preferred stock and any money or other property represented by such depositary receipts. Partial shares of preferred stock will not be issued. Holders shall only be entitled to request the withdrawal of one or more whole shares of the related preferred stock and must surrender depositary receipts evidencing depositary shares that in turn represent such whole shares of preferred stock. Holders of depositary receipts making such withdrawals will be entitled to receive whole preferred shares on the basis set forth in the related prospectus supplement, but holders of such whole shares of preferred stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such preferred stock under the depositary agreement or to receive depositary receipts therefor. If the depositary receipts surrendered by the holder in connection with such withdrawal evidence a number of depositary shares representing more than the number of whole preferred shares to be withdrawn, the Depositary will deliver to such holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing such excess number of depositary shares.

#### **Voting Deposited Preferred Shares**

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of any class or series of deposited preferred stock are entitled to vote, the Depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such class or series of preferred stock. Each record holder of such depositary shares on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the relevant class or series of preferred stock) may instruct the Depositary as to how to vote the preferred stock represented by such holder's depositary shares. The Depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote the number of shares of preferred stock represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions, and we will take all reasonable actions that may be deemed necessary by the Depositary in order to enable the Depositary to do so. The Depositary will abstain from voting preferred shares to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing such preferred stock

# **Conversion and Exchange of Preferred Shares**

If the preferred stock represented by depositary shares is exchangeable at our option for other securities, then, whenever we exercise our option to exchange all or a portion of such preferred stock held by the Depositary, the Depositary will exchange as of the same date a number of such depositary shares representing such preferred stock so exchanged, provided we shall have issued and delivered to the Depositary the securities for which such preferred stock is to be exchanged. The exchange rate per depositary share shall be equal to the exchange rate per preferred share multiplied by the fraction of a preferred share represented by one depositary share. If less than all of the depositary shares are to be exchanged, the depositary shares to be exchanged will be selected by the Depositary by lot or pro rata or other equitable method, in each case as may be determined by us. If the depositary shares evidenced by a depositary receipt are to be exchanged in part only, a new depositary receipt or receipts will be issued for any depositary shares not to be exchanged.

Depositary shares, as such, are not convertible or exchangeable at the option of the holders into other securities or property. Nevertheless, if the preferred stock represented by depositary shares is convertible into or exchangeable for other securities or property at the option of the holders, then, on the terms and subject to the conditions applicable to such preferred stock, the related depositary receipts may be surrendered by holders thereof to the Depositary with written instructions to the Depositary to instruct us to cause conversion or exchange, as the case may be, of the preferred stock represented by the depositary shares evidenced by such depositary receipts into such number or amount of other securities, in authorized denominations, or other property, as the case may be, as specified in the related prospectus supplement. We, upon receipt of such instructions and any amounts payable in respect thereof, will cause the conversion or exchange, as the case may be, and will deliver to the holders (or cause the Depositary to deliver to the holders) such number or amount of other securities, in authorized denominations, or other property, as the case may be (and, if required by the terms of the applicable preferred stock, cash in lieu of any fractional share).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, holders shall only be entitled to request the conversion or exchange of depositary shares representing one or more whole shares of the related preferred stock. The exchange or conversion rate per depositary share shall be equal to the exchange or conversion rate per share of preferred stock multiplied by the fraction of a preferred share represented by one depositary share. If the depositary shares evidenced by a depositary receipt are to be converted or exchanged in part only, a new depositary receipt or receipts will be issued for any depositary shares not to be converted or exchanged.

#### **Amendment and Termination of Depositary Agreement**

Unless otherwise provided in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement or required by law, the form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the depositary agreement may at any time be amended by agreement between us and the Depositary. However, any amendment which materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders of the depositary receipts issued under any depositary agreement or the related depositary shares will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of such depositary shares then outstanding (or such greater proportion as may be required by the rules of any securities exchange on which such depositary shares may be listed). In no event may any such amendment impair the right of any holder of depositary receipts, subject to the conditions specified in the deposit agreement, to receive the related preferred shares upon surrender of such depositary receipts as described above under "—Withdrawal of Preferred Shares." Every holder of an outstanding depositary receipt at the time any such amendment becomes effective, or any transferee of such holder, shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such depositary receipt, or by reason of the acquisition thereof, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the depositary agreement as amended thereby.

The depositary agreement automatically terminates if:

- all outstanding depositary shares issued thereunder have been redeemed or repurchased by us;
- each preferred share deposited thereunder has been converted into or exchanged for other securities or other property or has been withdrawn; or
- there has been a final distribution in respect of the preferred shares deposited thereunder in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us and such distribution has been distributed to the holders of related depositary receipts.

# **Charges of Depositary**

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay all fees and expenses of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock and any redemption of the preferred stock or arising in connection with the performance of its duties under the deposit agreement. Holders of depositary receipts will pay all other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges, including any fee for withdrawal of their shares of preferred stock upon surrender of depositary receipts, as are expressly provided in the depositary agreement to be for their accounts.

# Resignation and Removal of Depositary

The Depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may at any time remove the Depositary. Any such resignation or removal will take effect upon the appointment by us of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. The successor Depositary must be a bank, trust company or other financial institution selected by us having an office in the United States and otherwise meeting the requirements of the depositary agreement.

#### Miscellaneous

The Depositary will forward to the holders of the applicable depositary receipts all reports and communications from us which are delivered to the Depositary and which are intended for delivery to holders of the deposited preferred stock.

Neither the Depositary nor we will be liable if either of us is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond its control in performing its obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of us and the Depositary under the depositary agreement will be limited to performance of our respective duties thereunder in good faith and without gross negligence and willful misconduct and neither of us will be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares, depositary receipts or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and any Depositary may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants or upon information provided by holders of depositary receipts or other person believed to be competent and on documents believed to be genuine.

# **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

The following is a summary of the general terms of warrants we may issue (either separately or together with other securities) and that we and/or certain selling securityholders may offer and sell. We may issue warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or other securities of Dollar General or any other entity or any combination of the foregoing. We may issue warrants independently or together with other securities. Warrants sold with other securities may be attached to or separate from the other securities. The warrants are to be issued under warrant agreements, or "warrant agreements," each to be entered into between us and a bank, trust company or other financial institution, as warrant agent, all as described in the prospectus supplement relating to the particular issuance of warrants. The particular terms of any warrants and the related warrant agreement as well as the identity of the warrant agent will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The form of warrant agreement, including the form of certificate representing the applicable warrants, or "warrant certificate," that will be entered into with respect to a particular offering of warrants will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or a document that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This summary of some of the terms of the warrant agreements and warrants and the summary of some of the terms of the particular warrant agreement and warrants described in the applicable prospectus supplement are not complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the particular warrant agreement and the related warrant certificate, and you should read those documents for provisions that may be important to you. To the extent that any particular terms of any warrants or the related warrant agreement described in a prospectus supplement differ from any of the terms described in this prospectus, then those particular terms described in this prospectus shall be deemed to have been superseded by that prospectus supplement.

#### General

The applicable prospectus supplement will include some or all of the following the terms of the warrants to be offered:

- the title and aggregate number of the applicable warrants;
- the designation, number (or amount) and terms of shares of common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares or debt securities, as the case may be, that may be purchased upon exercise of each warrant and the procedures that will result in the adjustment of those numbers:
- the exercise price, or the manner of determining the price, at which the common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares or the amount of debt securities, as the case may be, may be purchased upon exercise of each warrant;
- if other than cash, the property and manner in which the exercise price for the warrants may be paid;
- any minimum or maximum number of warrants that are exercisable at any one time;
- the dates or periods during which the warrants may be exercised;
- the terms of any mandatory or optional redemption provisions relating to the warrants;
- the terms of any right we have to accelerate the exercise of the warrants upon the occurrence of certain events;
- whether the warrants will be sold with any other securities, and the date, if any, on and after which those warrants and any other securities will be separately transferable; and
- any other terms of the warrants.

#### **Exercise of Warrants**

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase such number of common shares, preferred shares or depositary shares or such amount of debt securities, as the case may be, at such exercise price as shall be set forth in, or shall be determinable as set forth in, the applicable prospectus supplement. Warrants may be exercised at the times and in the manner set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will specify how the exercise price of any warrants is to be paid, which may include payment in cash or by surrender of other warrants issued under the same warrant agreement (a "cashless exercise"). Upon receipt of payment of the exercise price and, if required, the certificate representing the warrants being exercised properly completed and duly executed at the office or agency of the applicable warrant agent or at any other office or agency designated for that purpose, we will promptly deliver the securities to be delivered upon such exercise.

# No Rights as Holders of Shares

Holders of common stock, preferred stock or depositary share warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to vote, consent or receive notice as holders of our outstanding shares in respect of any meeting of holders of our shares for the election of our directors or any other matter, or to exercise any other rights whatsoever as holders of our shares, or to receive any dividends or distributions, if any, on our shares

# DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may offer share purchase contracts either separately or together with other securities offered hereby. The following description of the share purchase contracts provides certain general terms and provisions of the share purchase contracts to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any share purchase contracts and, if applicable, any prepaid securities (as defined below), the share purchase contract and, if applicable, any related pledge or depositary agreement relating to any particular offering of share purchase contracts and, if applicable, the form of any related pledge or depositary agreement relating to any particular offering of share purchase contracts will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or a document that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This summary of some of the terms of the share purchase contracts and the summary of some of the terms of the particular share purchase contracts and, if applicable, any related pledge or depositary agreements contained in the applicable prospectus supplement are not complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the particular share purchase contracts or share purchase units, as the case may be, and any related pledge or depositary agreement, and you should read those documents for provisions that may be important to you.

Share purchase contracts may include contracts obligating or entitling holders to purchase from us, and us to sell to holders, a specified number of shares of our common stock at a future date or dates. The consideration per share and the number of shares may be fixed at the time the share purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula in the share purchase contracts and may be subject to adjustment under anti-dilution or other formulas or provisions. We may issue the share purchase contracts separately or as a part of share purchase units consisting of a share purchase contract and other securities that may be sold by us pursuant to this prospectus, debt obligations of third parties (including U.S. Treasury securities) or any combination of the foregoing, which may secure the holders' obligations to purchase the common shares under the share purchase contracts. The share purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the share purchase contracts or share purchase units, as the case may be, or vice versa. These payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The share purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations in a specified manner, and in certain circumstances, we may deliver newly issued prepaid share purchase contracts, which are referred to as "prepaid securities," upon release to a holder of any collateral securing such holders' obligations under the original share purchase contract.

# **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

We may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the other securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be traded separately;
- the terms of the unit agreement governing the units;
- any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or the securities comprising the units;
- the United States federal income tax considerations relevant to the units; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered global form.

This summary of certain general terms of units and any summary description of units in the applicable prospectus supplement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to all provisions of the applicable unit agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depositary arrangements relating to such units. The forms of the unit agreements and other documents relating to a particular issue of units will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or a document that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus each time we issue units, and you should read those documents for provisions that may be important to you.

# SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Information about selling securityholders, where applicable, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a post-effective amendment or in filings with make with the SEC which are incorporated into this prospectus by reference.

# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We and/or the selling securityholders, if applicable, may sell the securities covered by this prospectus in any of the following ways (or in any combination):

- to or through underwriters or dealers;
- directly to one or more purchasers; or
- through agents.

Each time that we sell securities covered by this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement or supplements that will describe the method of distribution and set forth the terms and conditions of the offering of such securities, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;
- the offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us and/or the selling securityholders, if applicable, and any underwriting discounts, commissions, concessions or agency fees allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers;
- any options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us and/or any selling securityholder; and
- any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed or traded.

Any offering price and any discounts, commissions, concessions or agency fees allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time. We may determine the price or other terms of the securities offered under this prospectus by use of an electronic auction. We will describe how any auction will determine the price or any other terms, how potential investors may participate in the auction and the nature of the obligations of the underwriter, dealer or agent in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We and/or the selling securityholders, if applicable, may distribute the securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or at prices that may be changed from time to time;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices relating to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

Underwriters, dealers or any other third parties described above may offer and sell the offered securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. If underwriters or dealers are used in the sale of any securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters or dealers for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The securities may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, the underwriters' obligations to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities if they purchase any of the securities (other than any securities purchased upon exercise of any over-allotment option), unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe the nature of any such relationship in the prospectus supplement, naming the underwriter.

We and/or the selling securityholders, if applicable, may sell the securities through agents from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and any commissions paid to them. Generally, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment. We may engage in at the market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase the securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. These contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions to be paid for solicitation of these contracts. Any underwriters, broker-dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be "underwriters" as defined in the Securities Act. Any commissions paid or any discounts or concessions allowed to any such persons, and any profits they receive on resale of the securities, may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We will identify any underwriters or agents and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Each underwriter, dealer and agent participating in the distribution of any offered securities that are issuable in bearer form will agree that it will not offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, offered securities in bearer form in the United States or to United States persons except as otherwise permitted by Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D).

Offered securities may also be offered and sold, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more marketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreements, if any, with us and its compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Underwriters or agents may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids.

Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities and are permitted so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate covering transactions involve the placing of any bid on behalf of the underwriting syndicate or the effecting of any purchase to reduce a short position created in connection with the offering. The underwriters or agents also may impose a penalty bid, which permits them to reclaim selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or certain dealers if they repurchase the securities in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. These activities, if begun, may be discontinued at any time. These transactions may be effected on any exchange on which the securities are traded, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "DG".

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, which we refer to as FINRA, the aggregate maximum discount, commission, agency fees, or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement; however, we anticipate that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of securities will be significantly less than this amount.

If at the time of any offering made under this prospectus a member of FINRA participating in the offering has a "conflict of interest" as defined in FINRA's NASD Conduct Rule 2720 ("Rule 2720"), that offering will be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Rule 2720.

There can be no assurance that we will sell all or any of the securities offered by this prospectus.

Agents, dealers and underwriters may be entitled to indemnification by us and the selling securityholders against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents, dealers or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof.

The specific terms of the lock-up provisions in respect of any given offering will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

# **LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless we state otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of any securities that may be offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, Nashville, Tennessee.

# **EXPERTS**

The consolidated balance sheets of Dollar General Corporation and subsidiaries as of January 29, 2010 (Successor) and January 30, 2009 (Successor), and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the years ended January 29, 2010 (Successor) and January 30, 2009 (Successor), and the periods from March 6, 2007 to February 1, 2008 (Successor) and from February 3, 2007 to July 6, 2007 (Predecessor) incorporated in this prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2010 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report which is incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

# INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The rules of the SEC allow us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus. By incorporating by reference, we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document we have filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus and information that we file in the future with the SEC will automatically update and supersede, as appropriate, this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and all documents that we file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus from their respective filing dates so long as the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part remains effective:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2010;
- Our Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 24, 2010; and
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on November 6, 2009, including any subsequent amendment or any report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we are not incorporating by reference information furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K (including any Form 8-K itemized above), including the related exhibits, nor in any documents or other information that is deemed to have been "furnished" to and not "filed" with the SEC.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement.

You may request a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above that have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus (excluding certain exhibits to the documents) at no cost, by writing or calling us at the following address or telephone number:

Dollar General Corporation Attn: Investor Relations 100 Mission Ridge Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072 (615) 855-5524

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, filed as part of the registration statement, does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules, portions of which have been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us, as well as our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and guarantees thereof, depositary shares, warrants, stock purchase contracts and units, we refer you to the registration statement and to its exhibits and schedules.

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any of these reports, statements or other information at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 or at its regional offices. You can request copies of those documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our filings are also available to the public at the SEC's internet site at http://www.sec.gov.

We also make available, free of charge, through the investor relations portion of our website our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (and any amendments to those forms) as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with or furnished to the SEC. Our website address is <code>www.dollargeneral.com</code>. Please note that our website address is provided in this prospectus as an inactive textual reference only. The information found on or accessible through our website is not part of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, and is therefore not incorporated by reference unless such information is otherwise specifically referenced elsewhere in this prospectus or the prospectus supplement.

# **DOLLAR GENERAL**

# **PROSPECTUS**

March 31, 2010

# **PART II**

# INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

# Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the various expenses payable by the registrants in connection with the distribution of the securities being registered hereby (other than underwriting discounts and commissions). All the amounts shown are estimates, except the SEC registration fee. All of such expenses are being borne by the registrant.

SEC Registration Fee	\$	*
Trustee's Fees and Expenses		**
Printing and Engraving Expenses		**
Legal Fees and Expenses		**
Accounting Fees and Expenses		**
Rating Agency Fees		**
Blue Sky Fees and Expenses		**
FINRA Filing Fees	7	5,500
Listing Fees		**
Miscellaneous Expenses		**
Total	\$	**
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- \* Omitted because the registration fee is being deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b).
- \*\* Estimated expenses are not presently known. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the estimated amount of such expenses payable in respect of any offering of securities.

# Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

#### California Registrant

Sun-Dollar, L.P. is registered under the laws of California.

Section 15904.06 (operative January 1, 2008) of the 2008 California Revised Limited Partnership Act addresses the rights of a general partner with respect to its management and conduct of partnership activities. The 2008 California Revised Limited Partnership Act provides that a limited partnership shall reimburse a general partner for payments made, and indemnify a general partner for liabilities incurred by the general partner, in the ordinary course of the activities of the partnership or for the preservation of its activities or property.

The limited partnership agreement of Sun-Dollar, L.P. provides that the partnership shall indemnify each partner (and the officers and directors of each partner) against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) reasonably incurred by them in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in which they are involved, or threatened to be involved, by reason of being a partner in the partnership, provided that the partner acted in good faith, within what such partner reasonably believed to be the scope of such partner's authority, and for a purpose which such partner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the partnership or the partners. To the extent that a partner has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any such proceeding or in defense of any claim or matter therein, such partner shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and in a manner such partner believed to be in the best interests of the partnership or the partners. Under any other circumstances, the determination of whether a partner acted in good faith, within what such partner reasonably believed to be the scope of such

partner's authority, and for a purpose which such partner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the partnership or the partners shall be made by independent legal counsel selected by a general partner (who may be the regular counsel for the partnership) in a written opinion.

# **Delaware Registrants**

(a) South Boston Holdings, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") grants each corporation organized thereunder the power to indemnify any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of being or having been in any such capacity, if such person acted in good faith in a manner reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL enables a corporation in its certification of incorporation or an amendment thereto to eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for violations of the directors' fiduciary duty as a director, except (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL (providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions) or (iv) for any transaction from which a director derived an improper personal benefit.

The by-laws of South Boston Holdings, Inc. provide that such corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (a "Proceeding"), whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was or has agreed to become a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving or has agreed to serve at the request of the corporation as a director or officer, of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted in such capacity, and may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to such an action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was or has agreed to become an employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving or has agreed to serve at the request of the corporation as an employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her or on his or her behalf in connection with such action, suit or proceeding and any appeal therefrom, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; except that in the case of an action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor (1) such indemnification shall be limited to expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in the defense or settlement of such action or suit, and (2) no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. The corporation shall not be obligated to indemnify a director or officer of the corporation in respect of a Proceeding (or part thereof) instituted

by such director or officer, unless such Proceeding (or part thereof) has been authorized by the board of directors. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

(b) South Boston FF&E, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware.

Section 18-108 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act empowers a Delaware limited liability company to indemnify and hold harmless any member or manager of the limited liability company from and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

The operating agreement of South Boston FF&E, LLC ("South Boston FF&E") provides that South Boston FF&E shall indemnify the member and those authorized agents of South Boston FF&E identified in writing by the member as entitled to be indemnified under the section for all costs, losses, liabilities and damages paid or accrued by the member or any such agent in connection with the business of South Boston FF&E, to the fullest extent provided or allowed by the Act and the other laws of the State of Delaware. In addition, South Boston FF&E may advance costs of defense of any proceeding to the member or any such agent upon receipt by South Boston FF&E of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by South Boston FF&E.

# **Kentucky Registrants**

(a) Dolgencorp of New York, Inc. and Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. are incorporated under the laws of Kentucky.

Sections 271B.8-500 to 271B.8-580 of the Kentucky Business Corporation Act (the "KBCA") provide that, subject to restrictions contained in the statute, a corporation may indemnify any person made or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or employee benefit plan. A person who has been successful on the merits or otherwise in any suit or matter covered by the indemnification statute shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith. Indemnification is authorized upon a determination that the person to be indemnified has met the applicable standard of conduct required. Such determination shall be made by the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding; or if such a quorum cannot be obtained, by a majority vote of a committee of the board, duly designated to so act by a majority of the full board, consisting solely of two or more directors who are not parties to the action; or by special legal counsel selected by the board or a committee thereof; or by the shareholders who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding. Expenses incurred in defense may be paid in advance upon receipt by the corporation of a written affirmation by the director of his good faith belief that he has met the applicable standard of conduct required, a written undertaking by or on behalf of the director to repay such advance if it is ultimately determined that he did not meet the standard of conduct, and a determination that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under the statute. The indemnification provided by statute shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, which shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person. Insurance may be purchased on behalf of

any person entitled to indemnification by the corporation against any liability incurred in an official capacity regardless of whether the person could be indemnified under the statute. References to the corporation include all constituent corporations absorbed in a consolidation or merger as well as the resulting or surviving corporation and anyone seeking indemnification by virtue of acting in some capacity with a constituent corporation would stand in the same position as if he had served the resulting or surviving corporation in the same capacity.

Section 271B.2-020 of the KBCA allows a corporation in its articles of incorporation to set forth a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director: (i) for any transaction in which the director's personal financial interest is in conflict with the financial interests of the corporation or its shareholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to the director to be a violation of law; (iii) for any vote or assent to an unlawful distribution to shareholders as prohibited under Section 271B.8-330 of the KBCA; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The articles of incorporation of Dolgencorp of New York, Inc. and Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. contain a provision that provides that no director of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of duty as a director, except to the extent provided by the KBCA. The bylaws of Dolgencorp of New York, Inc. and Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. provide that, to the maximum extent permitted by law but subject to the limitations set forth in the bylaws, the corporation shall indemnify a director or officer who is a party to a proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer against any liability incurred in the proceeding, and the corporation may advance any reasonable expenses incurred by such director or officer in connection with the proceeding in advance of its disposition, but the corporation shall not be required to indemnify or advance expenses to such director or officer incurred in a proceeding initiated by or on behalf of such director or officer, other than a suit to enforce indemnification rights. The indemnification provisions in the bylaws are intended to be greater than those which are otherwise provided for in the statutes, notwithstanding such director or officer's failure to meet the standard of conduct required for permissive indemnification under the KBCA, are contractual in nature between the director or officer and the corporation, and are mandatory. The rights of such director or officer to indemnification and advancement of expenses shall not be exclusive of other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled under the statutes, articles of incorporation, the bylaws, a resolution of shareholders or directors, or an agreement providing for indemnification. The rights of such director or officer to advancement of expenses are subject to such director or officer's furnishing to the corporation: (a) a written affirmation, personally signed by or on behalf of such director or officer, of his good faith belief that he was not liable for (i) any transaction in which such director or officer's personal financial interest is in conflict with the financial interest of the corporation or its shareholders, (ii) any acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to such director or officer to be a violation of law, (iii) any unlawful distributions under the statutes, or (iv) any transaction from which such director or officer derived an improper personal benefit; (b) a written opinion of counsel for such director or officer in the proceeding to the effect that based on the facts known to counsel for such director or officer, a successful defense, on the merits or otherwise, is either probable or reasonably possible; and (c) a written undertaking, personally signed by or on behalf of such director or officer, to repay any advances if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such director or officer establishes that he is liable, contrary to his affirmation. No indemnification may be made in advance of a final disposition of such proceeding or if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such director or officer establishes his liability for: (i) any transaction in which the personal financial interest of such officer or director is in conflict with the financial interests of the corporation or its shareholders; (ii) any acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to such director or officer to be a violation of law; (iii) any unlawful

distributions under the statutes; or (iv) any transaction from which such director or officer derived an improper personal benefit. The indemnification rights granted to such director or officer in the bylaws may not be limited in any way by a subsequent amendment to or repeal of the indemnification provision in the bylaws with respect to acts or omissions that occur prior to the adoption of the amendment or repeal. The corporation may, but is not required to, maintain insurance at its expense to protect itself and any such person against any such liability, cost or expense.

(b) Dollar General Partners is formed under the laws of Kentucky.

Kentucky partnership law provides that a partnership shall indemnify every partner in respect of payments made and personal liabilities reasonably incurred by him in the ordinary and proper conduct of its business, or for the preservation of its business or property.

The partnership agreement of Dollar General Partners is silent regarding indemnification. The charter and/or bylaws of the two partners of Dollar General Partners, Dollar General Corporation and DG Promotions, Inc., both Tennessee corporations, contain indemnification provisions that are described below.

(c) Dolgencorp, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Kentucky.

Section 275.180 of the Kentucky Limited Liability Company Act provides that a limited liability company's operating agreement may provide for indemnification of a member or manager for judgments, settlements, penalties, fines or expenses incurred in a proceeding to which a person is a party because the person is or was a member or manager.

The articles of organization and the operating agreement of Dolgencorp, LLC are silent regarding indemnification.

#### **Tennessee Registrants**

(a) Dollar General Corporation, DG Promotions, Inc., DG Transportation, Inc., Dolgen I, Inc., Dolgen II, Inc., and Dolgen III, Inc. are incorporated under the laws of Tennessee.

The Tennessee Business Corporation Act ("TBCA") allows a Tennessee corporation's charter to contain a provision eliminating or limiting, with certain exceptions, the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of the director's fiduciary duty as a director. Under the TBCA, a Tennessee business corporation may not eliminate or limit director monetary liability for (i) breaches of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders; (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or (iii) unlawful dividends, stock repurchases or redemptions. This provision also may not limit a director's liability for violation of, or otherwise relieve a corporation or its directors from the necessity of complying with, federal or state securities laws, or affect the availability of non-monetary remedies such as injunctive relief or rescission. The charters of Dollar General Corporation and DG Promotions, Inc. contain a provision stating that directors shall not be personally liable for monetary damage to the corporation or its shareholders for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent required by the TBCA in effect from time to time.

The TBCA provides that a corporation may indemnify any of its directors, officers, employees and agents against liability incurred in connection with a proceeding if (a) such person acted in good faith; (b) in the case of conduct in an official capacity with the corporation, he reasonably believed such conduct was in the corporation's best interests; (c) in all other cases, he reasonably believed that his conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; and (d) in connection with any criminal proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. In actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, however, the TBCA provides that no indemnification may be made if the director or officer was adjudged to be liable to the corporation.

The TBCA also provides that in connection with any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to an officer or director, no indemnification may be made if such officer or director is adjudged liable on the basis that such personal benefit was improperly received. In cases where the director or officer is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding instigated because of his or her status as a director or officer of a corporation, the TBCA mandates that the corporation indemnify the director or officer against reasonable expenses incurred in the proceeding. The TBCA provides that a court of competent jurisdiction, unless the corporation's charter provides otherwise, upon application, may order that an officer or director be indemnified for reasonable expenses if, in consideration of all relevant circumstances, the court determines that such individual is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification, notwithstanding the fact that (a) such officer or director was adjudged liable to the corporation in a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation; (b) such officer or director was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him; or (c) such officer or director breached his duty of care to the corporation.

Dollar General Corporation's charter and bylaws require us to indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Dollar General Corporation's bylaws further require us to advance expenses to each of our directors and officers to the full extent allowed by Tennessee law. Under Dollar General Corporation's charter and bylaws, such indemnification and advancement of expenses provisions are not exclusive of any other right that a director or officer may have or acquire both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity.

The charter and bylaws of DG Promotions, Inc. and the bylaws of DG Transportation, Inc., Dolgen I, Inc., Dolgen II, Inc., and Dolgen III, Inc. provide that the corporation shall indemnify and advance expenses to each director and officer of the corporation, or any person who may have served at the request of the corporation's board of directors or its President or Chief Executive Officer as a director or officer of another corporation, and such person's heirs, executors, and administrators, to the fullest extent permitted by Tennessee law. The corporation may indemnify and advance expenses to any employee or agent of the corporation who is not a director or officer, and such person's heirs, executors, and administrators, to the same extent as to a director or officer, if the board of directors determines it to be in the best interests of the corporation to do so. In addition, such indemnification and advancement of expenses provisions are not exclusive of any other right that a director or officer may have or acquire both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity. The corporation may maintain insurance at its own expense to protect itself and any individual who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or who, while a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, is or was serving at the request of the board of directors or Chief Executive Officer as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person under the bylaws or the TBCA.

(b) DC Financial, LLC, DG Logistics, LLC, DG Retail, LLC, DG Strategic II, LLC, DG Strategic III, LLC, DG Strategic III, LLC, DG Strategic III, LLC, DG Strategic VIII, LLC, DG Strategic VIII, LLC and Retail Risk Solutions, LLC are limited liability companies organized under the laws of Tennessee.

The Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act and the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act provide that an LLC may indemnify any person made or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a governor of a board-managed LLC, a director of a director-managed LLC, a member of a member-managed LLC, a manager of a manager-managed LLC, or an individual who, while a governor of a board-managed LLC, a director of a director-managed LLC, a member of a member-managed LLC, or a manager of a manager-managed LLC, is or was serving at the LLC's request as a governor, manager, director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another LLC, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or employee benefit plan (a "Responsible Person"). Indemnification is authorized upon a determination that the person to be indemnified has met the requisite standard of conduct. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, is not, of itself, determinative that the Responsible Person did not meet the standard of conduct required. An LLC may not indemnify a Responsible Person: (i) in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the LLC in which the Responsible Person was adjudged liable to the LLC; or (ii) in connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to such Responsible Person, whether or not involving action in such person's official capacity, in which such person was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by such person. A person who has been successful on the merits or otherwise in any suit or matter covered by the indemnification statute shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith. Expenses incurred in defense may be paid in advance upon receipt by the LLC of a written affirmation by the Responsible Person of his good faith belief that he has met the requisite standard of conduct, a written undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such advance if it is ultimately determined that he did not meet the standard of conduct, and a determination that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under the statute. A court of competent jurisdiction, unless the LLC's articles provide otherwise in the case of LLCs governed by the Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act, upon application by the Responsible Person, may order that such person be indemnified for reasonable expenses if, in consideration of all relevant circumstances, the court determines that such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification, whether or not such person met the requisite standard of conduct, was adjudged liable in a proceeding by or in the right of the LLC, or was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him. An LLC may not indemnify a Responsible Person unless a determination has been made that indemnification of the Responsible Person is permissible in the circumstances because the Responsible Person has met the requisite standard of conduct. Such determination shall be made by the board of governors in the case of a board-managed LLC, by the board of directors of a director-managed LLC, by the members of a membermanaged LLC, or by the managers of a manager-managed LLC, by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of governors, directors, members, or managers, as applicable, who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding; or if such a quorum cannot be obtained, by a majority vote of a committee designated by the board of governors in the case of a board-managed LLC, by the directors of a director-managed LLC, by the members of a member-managed LLC, or by the managers of a manager-managed LLC, consisting solely of two or more governors, directors, members, or managers, as applicable, who are not parties to the action; or by independent special legal counsel selected by the board of governors of a board-managed LLC, by the directors of a director-managed LLC, by the members of a member-managed LLC, or by the managers of a manager-managed LLC; or by majority vote of the members of a board-managed LLC, director-managed LLC or managermanaged LLC who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding. Such

indemnification and advancement of expenses provisions are not exclusive of any other right that a Responsible Person may have; provided that no indemnification may be made to or on behalf of any Responsible Person if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Responsible Person establishes such person's liability: (i) for any breach of the duty of loyalty to the LLC or its members; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or (iii) for wrongful distributions under Section 48-237-101 of the Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act or Section 48-249-307 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act. The LLC may indemnify and advance expenses to a manager (who is not a Responsible Person), officer, employee, independent contractor or agent of the LLC to the same extent as a Responsible Person. The LLC may purchase insurance on behalf of any person entitled to indemnification by the LLC against any liability incurred in an official capacity regardless of whether the person could be indemnified under the statute.

The operating agreement of DG Logistics, LLC provides that the LLC shall fully indemnify the Member (DG Transportation, Inc.) for any claim against the Member in the Member's capacity as a member or as a manager. In addition, the LLC shall advance litigation expenses to the Member for any claim against the Member in the Member's capacity as a member or as a manager.

The operating agreements of DC Financial, LLC, DG Retail, LLC, DG Strategic I, LLC, DG Strategic II, LLC, DG Strategic III, LLC, DG Strategic III, LLC, DG Strategic VII, LLC, DG Strategic VIII, LLC, DG Strategic VIII, LLC and Retail Risk Solutions, LLC provide that the LLC shall indemnify the Member (in each case except DG Retail, LLC, such Member is Dollar General Corporation; DG Promotion, Inc. is the Member of DG Retail, LLC), and the authorized agents of the LLC identified in writing by the Member as entitled to be indemnified, for all costs, losses, liabilities and damages paid or accrued by the Member or any such agent in connection with the business of the LLC to the fullest extent provided or allowed under Tennessee law. In addition, the LLC may advance costs of defense of any proceeding to the Member or any such agent upon receipt by the LLC of an undertaking by such person to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the LLC.

# **Certain Other Arrangements**

Dollar General Corporation has in effect a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy that covers the directors and officers of each of the registrants in amounts that we believe are customary in our industry, including for liabilities in connection with the registration, offering and sale of the notes. Under this policy, the insurer agrees to pay, subject to certain exclusions, for any claim made against directors or officers of the registrants for a wrongful act or omission by such persons, but only if and to the extent such persons become legally obligated to pay such claim or incur certain costs in defending such claim. Furthermore, the Merger Agreement entered into in connection with our 2007 merger described elsewhere in this registration statement requires us to maintain indemnification of directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law following completion of the merger.

We also entered into a separate indemnification agreement with with KKR (or affiliates thereof) and Goldman, Sachs & Co., pursuant to which we agreed to provide customary indemnification to such parties and their affiliates.

Pursuant to our Employment Agreement with Mr. Dreiling, effective as of January 11, 2008, we have agreed that if Mr. Dreiling is made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, relating to a claim by his prior employer that Mr. Dreiling has breached or attempted to breach certain covenants to which he is bound as a result of his employment arrangement with his prior employer, we will indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Dreiling to the fullest extent authorized by applicable law from and against any and all liabilities, amounts paid in settlement, costs, claims and expenses, including all costs and expenses

incurred in defense of any such proceeding (including attorneys' fees). We will pay costs and expenses Mr. Dreiling incurs in defense of any such proceeding (including attorneys' fees) in advance of the final disposition of such litigation upon our receipt of (a) a written request for payment, (b) appropriate documentation evidencing the incurrence, amount and nature of the costs and expenses for which payment is being sought, and (c) an undertaking adequate under applicable law made by or on behalf of Mr. Dreiling to repay the amounts so paid if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by us under his Employment Agreement with us. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if as a result of such proceeding Mr. Dreiling is prohibited from continuing his employment with us, we shall pay to Mr. Dreiling his base salary until the earliest to occur of (i) the date upon which he ceases to be so prohibited, (ii) the date, if any, upon which he becomes employed by a subsequent employer and (iii) the first anniversary of the effective date of such prohibition.

In addition, we shall indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Dreiling for all acts and omissions occurring during his employment or service as a member of the Board (or both) to the maximum extent provided under our charter, by-laws and applicable law. During the Term (as defined in the Employment Agreement) and for a term of six years thereafter, we, or any of our successors shall purchase and maintain, at its own expense, directors and officers liability insurance providing coverage for Mr. Dreiling in the same amount as for Board members.

Mr. Dreiling shall provide his reasonable cooperation in connection with any proceeding (or any appeal from any proceeding) referenced above, as well as any proceeding which relates to events occurring during his employment.

On June 30, 2009, we entered into an indemnification priority and information sharing agreement with KKR and certain of its affiliated funds to clarify the priority of advancement and indemnification obligations among us and any of our directors appointed by KKR and other related matters.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to our directors, officers or controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is therefore unenforceable.

#### Item 16. Exhibits.

Please see the Exhibit Index included herewith immediately following the signature pages hereto, which is incorporated by reference.

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

- A. The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:
  - 1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
    - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high and of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume

and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrants pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- 2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- 3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offer.
  - 4. That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
    - (i) Each prospectus filed by a registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
    - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- 5. That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrants undertake that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrants pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following

communications, the undersigned registrants will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrants relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants or used or referred to by the undersigned registrants;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrants or their securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants; and
  - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrants to the purchaser.
- B. The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of such registrants' annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrants have been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by a registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of that registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrants will, unless in the opinion of their counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- D. If and when applicable, the undersigned registrants hereby undertake to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the SEC under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Dollar General Corporation certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

# DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u> /s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Title Director; Chairman and Chief Executive	<u>Date</u>	
Richard W. Dreiling	Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 25, 2010	
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	March 25, 2010	
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	Water 23, 2010	
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director	March 25, 2010	
Raj Agrawal	Director	Water 23, 2010	
/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director	March 25, 2010	
Michael M. Calbert	Director	March 23, 2010	

Signature	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ ADRIAN JONES  Adrian Jones	- Director	March 25, 2010
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT Warren F. Bryant	- Director	March 25, 2010
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III William C. Rhodes, III	- Director	March 25, 2010
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD  David B. Rickard	- Director	March 25, 2010
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# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DC Financial, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DC FINANCIAL, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President &

Chief

Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on March 25, 2010.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & Director of Dollar General Corporation, Sole Member of Registrant (Principal Executive Officer)	
Richard W. Dreiling		
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Dollar General Corporation,	
David M. Tehle	Sole Member of Registrant (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation, Sole Member of Registrant	
Raj Agrawal		
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/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Michael M. Calbert	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporatio
David B. Rickard	Sole Member of Registrant

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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Logistics, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG LOGISTICS, LLC

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<b>Signature</b>	Capacity
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chief Executive Officer & Chief Manager of Registrant
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Registrant and Director of DG
David M. Tehle	Transportation, Inc., Sole Member of Registrant (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	Director of DG Transportation, Inc.,
Susan S. Lanigan	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER	Director of DG Transportation, Inc.,
Robert D. Ravener	Sole Member of Registrant
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Promotions, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG PROMOTIONS, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial  Officer; Director
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	— Director
Susan S. Lanigan	Birector
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Retail, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG RETAIL, LLC

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chief Executive Officer of Registrant
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Registrant; Director of DG Promotions, Inc., the Sole Member of Registrant
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	Director of DG Promotions, Inc.,
Susan S. Lanigan	the Sole Member of Registrant
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Transportation, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG TRANSPORTATION, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS Todd J. Vasos	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	Director
Susan S. Lanigan	Director
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER	Director
Robert D. Ravener	Director
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dolgencorp of New York, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DOLGENCORP OF NEW YORK, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	<ul> <li>Director</li> </ul>
Susan S. Lanigan	Sheeto.
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER	Director
Robert D. Ravener	Director
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DOLGENCORP OF TEXAS, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dolgencorp, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

### DOLGENCORP, LLC

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<b>Signature</b>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Todd J. Vasos /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Manager
David M. Tehle /s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
Susan S. Lanigan	Manager
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER  Robert D. Ravener	Manager
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dollar General Partners has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DOLLAR GENERAL PARTNERS

By: Dollar General Corporation and

DG Promotions, Inc., its General Partners

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President &

Chief

Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of the General
Richard W. Dreiling	Partners of Registrant (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of DG Promotions, Inc., one of the General Partners
Todd J. Vasos	of Registrant (Principal Executive Officer)
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Signature Capacity

/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE  David M. Tehle	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Dollar General Corporation and Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director of DG Promotions, Inc., one of the General Partners of Registrant (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of
Raj Agrawal	the General Partners of Registrant
/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of
Michael M. Calbert	the General Partners of Registrant
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of
Adrian Jones	the General Partners of Registrant
/s/ SUSAN LANIGAN	Director of DG Promotions, Inc., one of
Susan S. Lanigan	the General Partners of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of
Warren F. Bryant	the General Partners of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of
William C. Rhodes, III	the General Partners of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation, one of
David B. Rickard	the General Partners of Registrant
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Retail Risk Solutions, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

## RETAIL RISK SOLUTIONS, LLC

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	President
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Michael M. Calbert	Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
David B. Rickard	Sole Member of Registrant
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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, South Boston FF&E, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

## SOUTH BOSTON FF&E, LLC

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<b>Capacity</b>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS  Todd J. Vasos	President (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE  David M. Tehle	Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Registrant and Director of South Boston Holdings, Inc., the General Partner of Sun- Dollar, L.P., the Sole Member of Registrant (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ ANITA C. ELLIOTT  Anita C. Elliott	Director of South Boston Holdings, Inc., the General Partner of Sun-Dollar, L.P., the Sole Member of Registrant
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, South Boston Holdings, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

SOUTH BOSTON HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	President
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Vice President & Chief Financial Officer;
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ ANITA C. ELLIOTT	Director
Anita C. Elliott	Birector
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Sun-Dollar, L.P. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

SUN-DOLLAR, L.P.

By: South Boston Holdings, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle
Title: Vice President & Chief
Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	President of South Boston Holdings, Inc., the
Todd J. Vasos	General Partner of Registrant (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director of South Boston Holdings, Inc., the
David M. Tehle	General Partner of Registrant (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ ANITA C. ELLIOTT	Director of South Boston Holdings, Inc., the
Anita C. Elliott	General Partner of Registrant
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dolgen I, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DOLGEN I, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

### **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Todd J. Vasos /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN  Susan S. Lanigan	— Director
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER	— Director
Robert D. Ravener	— Director
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dolgen II, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DOLGEN II, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

### **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	Director
Susan S. Lanigan	Breeco
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER	Director
Robert D. Ravener	Birector
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Dolgen III, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DOLGEN III, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer

### **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ SUSAN S. LANIGAN	Director
Susan S. Lanigan	Birector
/s/ ROBERT D. RAVENER	Director
Robert D. Ravener	Breeco
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic I, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC I, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS Todd J. Vasos	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Michael M. Calbert	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
William C. Rhodes, III	
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD  David B. Rickard	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
David B. Rickard	Ü

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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic II, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC II, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole

Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS  Todd J. Vasos	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Michael M. Calbert	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation
William C. Rhodes, III	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation

Signature

David B. Rickard

Director of Dollar General Corporation, Sole Member of Registrant

Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic III, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC III, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole

Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS  Todd J. Vasos	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	_ Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Michael M. Calbert	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
David B. Rickard	Sole Member of Registrant

Signature

Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic IV, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC IV, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chief Executive Officer
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Michael M. Calbert	
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
David B. Rickard	
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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic V, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC V, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<b>Capacity</b>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chief Executive Officer
Todd J. Vasos	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Raj Agrawal	
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/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Michael M. Calbert	
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation the Sole Member of Registrant
William C. Rhodes, III	
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
David B. Rickard	

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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic VI, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC VI, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS Todd J. Vasos	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial  Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
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David M. Tehle  /s/ RICHARD W. DREILING  Richard W. Dreiling  /s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	<ul> <li>Officer         (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)</li> <li>Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant</li> <li>Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant</li> </ul>

/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Michael M. Calbert	
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
David B. Rickard	

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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic VII, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC VII, LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS Todd J. Vasos	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Michael M. Calbert	
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
David B. Rickard	
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Capacity

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, DG Strategic VIII, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goodlettsville, State of Tennessee, on March 25, 2010.

DG STRATEGIC VIII. LLC

By: Dollar General Corporation, its Sole Member

By: /s/ DAVID M. TEHLE

Name: David M. Tehle

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of the registrant, do hereby constitute and appoint David M. Tehle and Susan S. Lanigan, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the SEC, in connection with this registration statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto, and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ TODD J. VASOS	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Todd J. Vasos	(Finicipal Executive Officer)
/s/ DAVID M. TEHLE	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
David M. Tehle	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ RICHARD W. DREILING	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Richard W. Dreiling	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ RAJ AGRAWAL	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Raj Agrawal	the Sole Member of Registrant
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/s/ MICHAEL M. CALBERT	Director of Dollar General Corporation, the Sole Member of Registrant
Michael M. Calbert	
/s/ ADRIAN JONES	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Adrian Jones	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
Warren F. Bryant	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ WILLIAM C. RHODES, III	Director of Dollar General Corporation,
William C. Rhodes, III	the Sole Member of Registrant
/s/ DAVID B. RICKARD	Director of Dollar General Corporation
David B. Rickard	the Sole Member of Registrant
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# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement for securities registered hereby*
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 11, 2007, by and among Buck Holdings, L.P., Buck Acquisition Corp., and Dollar General Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Dollar General Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 11, 2007, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2007).
4.1	Amended and Restated Charter of Dollar General Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Dollar General Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 18, 2009, filed with the SEC on November 18, 2009).
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Dollar General Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Dollar General Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 18, 2009, filed with the SEC on November 18, 2009).
4.3	Shareholders' Agreement of Dollar General Corporation, dated as of November 9, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Dollar General Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 18, 2009, filed with the SEC on November 18, 2009).
4.4	Form of Stock Certificate for Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Dollar General Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed November 9, 2009).
4.5	Form of Charter Amendment*
4.6	Form of Indenture**
4.7	Form of Warrant Agreement*
4.8	Form of Warrant Certificate*
4.9	Form of Unit Agreement*
4.10	Form of Unit*
4.11	Form of Stock Purchase Contract Agreement*
4.12	Form of Stock Purchase Contract*
4.13	Form of Depositary Agreement for Depositary Shares*
4.14	Form of Depositary Receipt*
5.1	Opinion of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC**
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges, Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends**
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**
23.2	Consent of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on signature pages)
25.1	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification of the Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 for the Debt Securities***

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- \*\* Filed herewith.
- \*\*\* To be filed separately pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

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Dated as of , 20

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## **DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION**

Reconciliation and tie between Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and the Indenture

§ 310(a)(1)	7.10
(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	Not Applicable
(a)(4)	Not Applicable
(a)(5)	7.10
(b)	7.10
(c)	Not Applicable
§ 311(a)	7.11
(b)	7.11
(c)	Not Applicable
§ 312(a)	2.6
(b)	12.3
(c)	12.3
§ 313(a)	7.6
(b)(1)	Not Applicable
(b)(2)	Not Applicable
(c)(1)	7.6
(c)(2)	7.6
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(d)	7.6
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(b)	Not Applicable
(c)(1)	12.4
(c)(2)	12.4
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(d)	Not Applicable
(e)	12.5
(f)	Not Applicable
§ 315(a)	7.1
(b)	7.5
(c)	7.1
(d)	7.1
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(a)(1)(A)	6.5
(a)(1)(B)	6.4
(b)	6.7
(c)	2.14, 9.5(d)
§ 317(a)(1)	6.8
(a)(2)	6.9
(b)	2.5
§ 318(a)	12.1

Note: This reconciliation and tie shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be part of the Indenture.

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Indenture dated as of as trustee ("Trustee").

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities (or applicable Series thereof) issued under this Indenture.

# ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

## Section 1.1 Definitions.

"Additional Amounts" means any additional amounts which are required hereby or by any Security, under circumstances specified herein or therein, to be paid by the Company in respect of certain taxes imposed on Holders specified herein or therein and which are owing to such Holders.

"Affiliate" of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such person, whether through the ownership of voting securities or by agreement or otherwise.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent.

"Authorized Newspaper" means a newspaper in an official language of the country of publication customarily published at least once a day for at least five days in each calendar week and of general circulation in the place in connection with which the term is used. If it shall be impractical in the opinion of the Trustee to make any publication of any notice required hereby in an Authorized Newspaper, any publication or other notice in lieu thereof that is made or given by the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient publication of such notice.

"Bearer" means anyone in possession from time to time of a Bearer Security.

"Bearer Security" means any Security, including any interest coupon appertaining thereto, that does not provide for the identification of the Holder thereof.

"Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee thereof.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been adopted by the Board of Directors or pursuant to authorization by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of the certificate and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means, unless otherwise provided by Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture hereto for a particular Series, any day except a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday in The City of New York or in the city where the Corporate Trust Office is located on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (4) any other interest or participation that confers on a person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Company" means the party named as such above until a successor replaces it pursuant to Article V hereof and thereafter means the successor.

"Company Order" means a written order signed in the name of the Company by two Officers of the Company.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered.

"Default" means any event that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities of any Series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the person designated as Depository for such Series by the Company, which Depository shall be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act; and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Depository" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Depository with respect to the Securities of such Series.

"Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the stated principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

"Dollars" and "\$" means the currency of The United States of America.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Foreign Currency" means any currency or currency unit issued by a government other than the government of The United States of America.

"GAAP" means, u nless otherwise specified with respect to Securities of a particular Series, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, which are in effect as of the time when and for the period as to which such accounting principles are to be applied.

"Global Security" or "Global Securities" means a Security or Securities, as the case may be, in the form established pursuant to Section 2.2 evidencing all or part of a Series of Securities, issued to the Depository for such Series or its nominee, and registered in the name of such Depository or nominee.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America, and the payment for which the United States pledges its full faith and credit.

"Guarantor" means any person that issues a guarantee of the Securities, either on the Issue Date or after the Issue Date in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; provided, that upon the release and discharge of such person from its guarantee in accordance with this Indenture, such person shall cease to be a Guarantor.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered or the holder of a Bearer Security.

"Indenture" means this Indenture as amended or supplemented from time to time and shall include the form and terms of particular Series of Securities established as contemplated hereunder.

"interest" when used with respect to any Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, means interest payable after Maturity.

"Issue Date" means with respect to any Series of Securities the first date such Securities are issued under this Indenture.

"Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge of any kind (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or lease in the nature thereof or any agreement to give any security interest).

"Maturity," when used with respect to any Security or installment of principal thereof, means the date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal

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becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, notice of option to elect repayment or otherwise.

"Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the President, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers, one of whom (in the case of an Officers' Certificate delivered under Section 4.5 hereof) must be the Company's principal executive officer, the principal financial officer or the principal accounting officer.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of legal counsel who is acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

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

"principal" of a Security means the principal of the Security plus, when appropriate, the premium, if any, on, and any Additional Amounts in respect of, the Security.

"Responsible Officer" means, when used with respect to the Trustee, any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant treasurer, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility or be part of the group that has such responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor agency.

"Securities" means the debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company of any Series authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Series" or "Series of Securities" means each series of debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company created pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.2 hereof.

"Stated Maturity" when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable.

"Subsidiary" of any specified person means any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person or a combination thereof.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date of this Indenture; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "TIA" means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act as so amended.

"Trustee" means the person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean each person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that Series.

## Section 1.2 Other Definitions.

TERM	DEFINED IN SECTION
"Bankruptcy Law"	6.1
"Covenant Defeasance"	8.3
"Custodian"	6.1
"Depository Entity"	9.5
"Event of Default"	6.1
"Legal Defeasance"	8.2
"Legal Holiday"	12.7
"mandatory sinking fund payment"	13.1
"Market Exchange Rate"	12.15
"optional sinking fund payment"	13.1
"Paying Agent"	2.4
"Registrar"	2.4
"Service Agent"	2.4

Section 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC.

"indenture securities" means the Securities.

"indenture security holder" means a Securityholder.

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture.

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee.

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company, any successor obligor upon the Securities or a Guarantor.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as so defined.

## Section 1.4 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) "or" is not exclusive;
- (d) "will" shall be interpreted to express a command;
- (e) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (f) provisions apply to successive events and transactions; and
- (g) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act will be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

# ARTICLE II. THE SECURITIES

#### Section 2.1 Issuable in Series.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more Series. All Securities of a Series shall be identical except as may be set forth in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officers' Certificate detailing the adoption of the terms thereof pursuant to the authority granted under a Board Resolution. In the case of Securities of a Series to be issued from time to time, the Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture detailing the adoption of the terms thereof pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution may provide for the method by which specified terms (such as interest rate, maturity date, record date or date from which interest shall accrue) are to be determined. Securities may differ between Series in respect of any matters, provided that all Series of Securities shall be equally and ratably entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

## Section 2.2 Establishment of Terms of Series of Securities.

At or prior to the issuance of any Securities within a Series, the following shall be established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and set forth or determined in the manner

provided in a Board Resolution or in a supplemental indenture or in an Officers' Certificate pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution:

- (a) the title of the Series (which shall distinguish the Securities of that particular Series from the Securities of any other Series);
- (b) the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount thereof) at which the Securities of the Series will be issued;
- (c) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the Series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the Series pursuant to Section 2.7, 2.8, 2.11, 3.6 or 9.6);
- (d) whether the Securities rank as senior Securities, senior subordinated Securities or subordinated Securities or any combination thereof and the terms of any such subordination;
  - (e) the form and terms of any guarantee of any Securities of the series;
- (f) the terms and conditions, if any, upon which the Securities of the series shall be exchanged for or converted into other securities of the Company or securities of another person;
  - (g) the provisions, if any, relating to any security provided for the Securities of the Series;
  - (h) the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the Series is payable;
- (i) the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or, if applicable, the method used to determine such rate or rates (including, but not limited to, any currency exchange rate, commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) at which the Securities of the Series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall accrue, or the method for determining the date or dates from which interest will accrue, the date or dates on which such interest, if any, shall commence and be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;
- (j) the manner in which the amounts of payment of principal of or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be determined, if such amounts may be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies or by reference to a currency exchange rate, commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index;
- (k) if other than the Corporate Trust Office, the place or places where the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series shall be payable, where the Securities of such Series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and

where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such Series and this Indenture may be served, and the method of such payment, if by wire transfer, mail or other means;

- (l) if applicable, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Securities of the Series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company;
- (m) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase the Securities of the Series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the Series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
- (n) if other than denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which the Securities of the Series shall be issuable;
- (o) the forms of the Securities of the Series in bearer or fully registered form (and, if in fully registered form, whether the Securities of the Series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of a Global Security or Securities, and the terms and conditions, if any, upon which such Global Security or Securities may be exchanged in whole or in part for other individual Securities);
- (p) any depositories, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents with respect to Securities of such Series if other than those appointed herein;
  - (q) the Trustee for the series of Securities, if other than the Trustee named on the first page hereof or its successors;
- (r) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the Securities of the Series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2;
  - (s) any addition to or change in the covenants set forth in Articles IV or V which applies to Securities of the Series;
- (t) any addition to or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the Series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 6.2;
- (u) if other than Dollars, the currency of denomination of the Securities of the Series, which may be any Foreign Currency, and if such currency of denomination is a composite currency, the agency or organization, if any, responsible for overseeing such composite currency;

- (v) if other than Dollars, the designation of the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be made;
- (w) if payments of principal of or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series are to be made in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which such Securities are denominated, the manner in which the exchange rate with respect to such payments will be determined;
  - (x) the securities exchange(s) on which the Securities of the Series will be listed, if any;
  - (y) additions or deletions to or changes in the provisions relating to covenant defeasance and legal defeasance;
  - (z) additions or deletions to or changes in the provisions relating to satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture;
- (aa) additions or deletions to or changes in the provisions relating to the modification of the Indenture both with and without the consent of holders of Securities of the Series issued under the Indenture; and
- (bb) any other terms of the Securities of the Series (which terms may modify, supplement or delete any provision of this Indenture with respect to such Series; provided, however, that no such term may modify or delete any provision hereof if imposed by the TIA; and provided, further, that any modification or deletion of the rights, duties or immunities of the Trustee hereunder shall have been consented to in writing by the Trustee).

All Securities of any one Series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate referred to above, and the authorized principal amount of any Series may be increased to provide for issuances of additional Securities of such Series, unless otherwise provided in such Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officers' Certificate.

## Section 2.3 <u>Execution and Authentication</u>.

Two Officers shall sign the Securities for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

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

A Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee shall at any time, and from time to time, authenticate Securities for original issue in the principal amount provided in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate, upon receipt by the Trustee of a Company Order. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication unless otherwise provided by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities of any Series outstanding at any time may not exceed any limit upon the maximum principal amount for such Series set forth in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2, except as provided in Section 2.9.

Prior to the issuance of Securities of any Series, the Trustee shall have received and (subject to Section 7.2) shall be fully protected in relying on: (a) the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate establishing the form of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series and the terms of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series, (b) an Officers' Certificate complying with Section 12.4, and (c) an Opinion of Counsel complying with Section 12.4.

The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authenticate and deliver any Securities of such Series: (a) if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not be taken lawfully; or (b) if the Trustee in good faith by its board of directors or trustees, executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or vice-presidents shall determine that such action would expose the Trustee to personal liability to Holders of any then outstanding Series of Securities.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Securities. An authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company.

## Section 2.4 Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Company shall maintain, with respect to each Series of Securities, at the place or places specified with respect to such Series pursuant to Section 2.2, an office or agency where Securities of such Series may be presented or surrendered for payment ("Paying Agent"), where Securities of such Series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange ("Registrar") and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such Series and this Indenture may be served ("Service Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register with respect to each Series of Securities and to their transfer and exchange. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the name and address, and any change in the name or address, of each Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the name and address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee as its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more co-registrars, additional paying agents or additional service agents and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations to maintain a Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent in each place so specified pursuant to Section 2.2 for Securities of any Series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the name or address of any such co-registrar, additional paying agent or additional service agent. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar; the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent; and the term "Service Agent" includes any additional service agent.

The Company hereby appoints the Trustee the initial Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent for each Series unless another Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent, as the case may be, is appointed prior to the time Securities of that Series are first issued.

#### Section 2.5 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust, for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities, or the Trustee, all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest on the Series of Securities, and will promptly notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities all money held by it as Paying Agent.

## Section 2.6 <u>Securityholder Lists</u>.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish, or shall cause the Registrar to furnish, to the Trustee at least ten days before each interest payment date, but in any event at least once every six months, and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing a list, in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities.

## Section 2.7 <u>Transfer and Exchange</u>.

Where Securities of a Series are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Securities of the same Series, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange if its requirements for such transactions are met. To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Trustee shall authenticate Securities at the Registrar's request. No service charge shall be made for any

registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable upon exchanges pursuant to Sections 2.11, 3.6 or 9.6).

Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange shall (if so required by the Company or the Registrar) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar duly executed, by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

Neither the Company nor the Registrar shall be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange Securities of any Series for the period beginning at the opening of business fifteen days immediately preceding the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that Series selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any Series selected, called or being called for redemption as a whole or the portion being redeemed of any such Securities selected, called or being called for redemption in part.

## Section 2.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery in exchange therefor a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Trustee (a) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security and (b) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon its request the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any Series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that Series duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

## Section 2.9 Outstanding Securities.

Subject to Section 2.10, the Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Security effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof and those described in this Section as not outstanding.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.8, it ceases to be outstanding until the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company) holds as of 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the date of Maturity of Securities of a Series or on any day thereafter (in the case money is deposited by the Company following the date of Maturity) money sufficient to pay such Securities payable on such date of Maturity or on any such later date, as the case may be, then on and after such date of Maturity or such later date, as the case may be, such Securities of the Series cease to be outstanding and interest on them ceases to accrue.

A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Security.

In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

## Section 2.10 <u>Treasury Securities</u>.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities of a Series have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, Securities of a Series owned by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver only Securities of a Series that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

## Section 2.11 <u>Temporary Securities</u>.

Until definitive Securities are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Securities upon a Company Order. Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities but may have variations that

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the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee upon request shall authenticate definitive Securities of the same Series and date of maturity in exchange for temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, temporary Securities shall have the same rights under this Indenture as the definitive Securities.

#### Section 2.12 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange, replacement or payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Securities surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and deliver such canceled Securities to the Company, unless the Company otherwise directs; provided that the Trustee shall not be required to destroy such Securities. The Company may not issue new Securities to replace Securities that it has paid or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

#### Section 2.13 Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on a Series of Securities, it shall pay the defaulted interest, plus, to the extent permitted by law, any interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the persons who are Securityholders of the Series on a subsequent special record date. The Company shall fix such special record date and the related payment date. At least 15 days before such special record date, the Company shall mail to the Trustee and to each Securityholder of the Series a notice that states such special record date, the related payment date and the amount of interest to be paid. The Company may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

## Section 2.14 Special Record Dates.

(a) The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, set a record date for the purpose of determining the identity of Holders entitled to consent to any supplement, amendment or waiver permitted by this Indenture. If a record date is fixed, the Holders of such Series and Securities outstanding on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to consent to such supplement, amendment or waiver or revoke any consent previously given, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date. No consent shall be valid or

effective for more than 90 days after such record date unless consents from Holders of the principal amount of such Series and Securities required hereunder for such amendment or waiver to be effective shall have also been given and not revoked within such 90-day period.

(b) The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of any Series of Securities entitled to join in the giving or making of any notice of Default, any declaration of acceleration, any request to institute proceedings or any other similar direction. If a record date is fixed, the Holders of such Series and Securities outstanding on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to join in such notice, declaration, request or direction, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided, however, that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless taken on or prior to the date 90 days after such record date.

(c) To the extent reasonably practicable, the Company shall give the Trustee a 15-day advance written notice of any special record date set in accordance with this Section 2.14.

## Section 2.15 Global Securities.

- (a) <u>Terms of Securities</u>. A Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate shall establish whether the Securities of a Series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and the Depository for such Global Security or Securities.
- (b) Transfer and Exchange. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in Section 2.7 of the Indenture and in addition thereto, any Global Security shall be exchangeable pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Indenture for Securities registered in the names of Holders other than the Depository for such Security or its nominee only if (i) such Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for such Global Security or if at any time such Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, the Company fails to appoint a successor Depository registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act within 90 days of such event, (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate to the effect that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable (subject to the procedures of the Depository) or (iii) an Event of Default with respect to the Securities represented by such Global Security shall have happened and be continuing. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct in writing in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security with like tenor and terms.

Except as provided in this Section 2.15(b), a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository with respect to such Global Security to a nominee of such Depository, by a nominee of such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such a successor Depository.

(c) <u>Legend</u>. Any Global Security issued hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), New York, New York, to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or such other entity as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co. has an interest herein."

"Transfer of this Global Security shall be limited to transfers in whole, but not in part, to DTC, to nominees of DTC or to a successor thereof or such successor's nominee and

limited to transfers made in accordance with the restrictions set forth in the Indenture referred to herein."

- (d) <u>Acts of Holders</u>. The Depository, as a Holder, may appoint agents and otherwise authorize participants to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which a Holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture.
- (e) <u>Payments</u>. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Indenture, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.2, payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on any Global Security shall be made to the Holder thereof.
- (f) <u>Consents, Declaration and Directions</u>. Except as provided in Section 2.15(e), the Company, the Trustee and any Agent shall treat a person as the Holder of such principal amount of outstanding Securities of such Series represented by a Global Security as shall be specified in a written statement of the Depository with respect to such Global Security, for purposes of obtaining any consents, declarations, waivers or directions required to be given by the Holders pursuant to this Indenture.

## Section 2.16 CUSIP Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" and/or other similar security identifying numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers (and/or any such other security identifying numbers) in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other elements of identification printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers.

## Section 2.17 <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>.

Prior to due presentment of a Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the person in whose name such Security is registered in the register kept by the Registrar as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and (subject to the record date provisions thereof) interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to, such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not any payment with respect to such Security shall be overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary. The Company, the Trustee and any agent of principal of and interest on and any Additional Amounts with respect to, such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not any payment with respect to such Security shall be overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

No holder of any beneficial interest in any Global Security held on its behalf by a Depository shall have any rights under this Indenture with respect to such Global Security, and

such Depository may be treated by the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee as the owner of such Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. None of the Company, the Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of a Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

## ARTICLE III. REDEMPTION

#### Section 3.1 Notice to Trustee.

The Company may, with respect to any Series of Securities, reserve the right to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or may covenant to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or any part thereof prior to the Stated Maturity thereof at such time and on such terms as provided for in such Securities. If a Series of Securities is redeemable and the Company wants or is obligated to redeem prior to the Stated Maturity thereof all or part of the Series of Securities pursuant to the terms of such Securities, it shall notify the Trustee of the redemption date and the principal amount of Series of Securities to be redeemed. The Company shall give the notice at least 45 days before the redemption date (or such shorter notice as may be acceptable to the Trustee).

#### Section 3.2 Selection of Securities to be Redeemed.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate, if less than all the Securities of a Series are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the Securities of the Series to be redeemed by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

In the event of partial redemption, the Trustee shall make the selection from Securities of the Series outstanding not previously called for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption a portion of the principal amount of any Security of such Series; provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities of a Series called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities of that Series called for redemption.

## Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail to each Holder whose Securities are to be redeemed and if any Bearer Securities are outstanding, publish on one occasion a notice in an Authorized Newspaper, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Series of Securities or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Articles VIII or XI hereof.

The notice shall identify the Securities of the Series to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the redemption date;
- (b) the redemption price (or if not then ascertainable, the manner of calculation thereof);
- (c) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (d) that Securities of the Series called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
  - (e) that interest on Securities of the Series called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;
  - (f) the CUSIP number, if any; and
- (g) any other information as may be required by the terms of the particular Series or the Securities of a Series being redeemed.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense.

## Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed or published as provided in Section 3.3, Securities of a Series called for redemption become due and payable on the redemption date and at the redemption price specified in such notice. A notice of redemption mailed or published at the option of the Company may not be conditional. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities shall be paid at the redemption price plus accrued interest to the redemption date; *provided* that, unless otherwise specified with respect to such Securities pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof, installments of interest whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the redemption date shall be payable to the Holders of such Securities (or one or more predecessor Securities) registered at the close of business on the relevant record date therefor according to their terms and the terms of this Indenture.

## Section 3.5 <u>Deposit of Redemption Price</u>.

On or before the redemption date, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest, if any, on all Securities to be redeemed on that date.

## Section 3.6 <u>Securities Redeemed in Part</u>.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder a new Security of the same Series and the same maturity equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

# ARTICLE IV. COVENANTS

## Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the Securities of that Series on the dates and in the manner provided in such Securities. Principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on any Series of Securities will be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal with respect to such Securities at the rate specified therefor in the Securities; it will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

## Section 4.2 <u>Additional Amounts</u>.

If any Securities of a Series provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, the Company agrees to pay to the Holder of any such Security Additional Amounts as provided in or pursuant to this Indenture or such Securities. Whenever in this Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of the principal of or interest on, or in respect of, any Security of any Series, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts provided by the terms of such Series established hereby or pursuant hereto to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to such terms, and express mention of the payment of Additional Amounts (if applicable) in any provision hereof shall not be construed as excluding Additional Amounts in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made.

## Section 4.3 <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency</u>.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will maintain an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee for such Securities or an Affiliate of such Trustee, Registrar for such Securities or co-registrar) where such Securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of such Securities and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee for such Securities of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company fails to maintain any such required office or agency or fails to furnish such Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of such Trustee.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where Holders of a Series of Securities may present or surrender such Securities for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee for such Series of Securities of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

With respect to each Series of Securities, the Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee for such Securities as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 2.4 hereof.

## Section 4.4 <u>SEC Reports</u>.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to Securities of a particular Series pursuant to Section 2.2, the Company will, if and to the extent required under the TIA:

- (ii) the date when the Company files the same with the SEC and (ii) the date when the Company files the same with the SEC and (ii) the date when the Company is required to file the same with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; or, if the Company is not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of such sections, then to file with the Trustee and the SEC, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations;
- (b) file with the Trustee and the SEC, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants provided for in this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and
- (c) transmit by mail to the Holders of Securities in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 7.6 within 30 days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the SEC pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC.

The delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.4 is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

## Section 4.5 <u>Compliance Certificate</u>.

- (a) The Company and each Guarantor of any Series of Securities (to the extent that such guarantor is so required under the TIA) shall deliver to the Trustee with respect to such Series, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officers' Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto) and that to the best of his or her knowledge no event has occurred and remains in existence by reason of which payments on account of the principal of or interest, if any, on the Series of Securities is prohibited or if such event has occurred, a description of the event and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (b) So long as any Series of Securities is outstanding, the Company will deliver to the Trustee with respect to such Series, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

#### Section 4.6 <u>Taxes</u>.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will pay, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of such Securities.

## Section 4.7 <u>Stay, Extension and Usury Laws</u>.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not, and each Guarantor of such Securities will not, at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company and each such Guarantor (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it will not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee for such Securities, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

## Section 4.8 <u>Corporate Existence</u>.

Subject to Article V hereof, the Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its legal existence and rights and franchises; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not obligate the Company to preserve any such right or franchise if the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of its business and that the loss thereof is not disadvantageous in any material respect to any Holder.

#### ARTICLE V. SUCCESSORS

## Section 5.1 Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it shall not, directly or indirectly: (a) consolidate or merge with or into another person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation) or (b) sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another person, unless:

- (i) the Company shall be the continuing entity, or the resulting, surviving or transferee person shall be a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any domestic or foreign jurisdiction, and such successor person (if not the Company) shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, all the obligations of the Company under the Securities and this Indenture and, for each Security that by its terms provides for conversion, shall have provided for the right to convert such Security in accordance with its terms;
  - (ii) immediately after such transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists; and
- (iii) the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply with this Article V and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

This Section 5.1 will not apply to:

a merger of the Company with an Affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction; or

(2) any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and its Subsidiaries.

## Section 5.2 Successor Person Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, Section 5.1 hereof, the successor person formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the successor person and not to the Company), and may exercise every right and power of the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor person had been named as the Company herein; provided, however, that the predecessor Company shall not be relieved from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on any Series of Securities except in the case of a sale of all of the Company's assets in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, Section 5.1 hereof.

# ARTICLE VI. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

#### Section 6.1 <u>Events of Default</u>.

"Event of Default," wherever used herein with respect to Securities of any Series, means any one of the following events, unless in the establishing Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officers' Certificate, it is provided that such Series shall not have the benefit of said Event of Default:

- (a) default in the payment of any interest on any Security of that Series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or
  - (b) default in payment when due of the principal of, or premium, if any, on any Security of that Series; or
  - (c) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due in respect of any Security of that Series; or
- (d) default in the performance or breach of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty that has been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of any Series of Securities other than that Series), which default continues uncured for the period and after the notice specified below; or
  - (e) the Company pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
    - (i) commences a voluntary case,

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- (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
- (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
- (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
- (v) generally is unable to pay its debts as the same become due; or
- (f) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (i) is for relief against the Company in an involuntary case,
  - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Company or for all or substantially all of its property, or
  - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company, and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 days;

or

(g) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that Series, which is specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.2.

The term "Bankruptcy Law" means title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or State law for the relief of debtors. The term "Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

A Default under clause (d) above is not an Event of Default with respect to a particular Series of Securities until the Trustee notifies the Company, or the Holders of more than 50% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of that Series notify the Company

and the Trustee of the Default, and the Company does not cure the Default within 60 days after receipt of the notice. The notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that the notice is a "Notice of Default." Such notice shall be given by the Trustee if so requested in writing by the Holders of more than 50% of the principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of that Series.

## Section 6.2 Acceleration.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any Series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing (other than an Event of Default referred to in Section 6.1(e) or (f)) then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of more than 50% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Securities of that Series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such Securities) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all of the Securities of that Series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or

specified amount) and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(e) or (f) shall occur, the principal amount (or specified amount) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all outstanding Securities shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to any Series has been made, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

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

#### Section 6.3 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any Series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal of and, premium, if any, and interest on such Securities or to enforce the performance of any provision of such Securities or this Indenture.

The Trustee for such Securities may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of such Securities or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of Securities in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

## Section 6.4 Waiver of Past Defaults.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series by notice to the Trustee for such Securities may on behalf of the Holders of all of such Securities waive an existing Default or Event of Default with respect to such Securities and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, such Securities or in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under Article IX cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Security of the Series affected; provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series may rescind an acceleration of such Securities and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration, in accordance with Section 6.2. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

## Section 6.5 <u>Control by Majority</u>.

Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee for such Securities or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee for any Series of Securities may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that such Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of such Securities or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability.

#### Section 6.6 Limitation on Suits.

A Holder of any Series of Securities may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or such Securities only if:

- (a) such Holder gives to the Trustee for such Securities written notice that an Event of Default with respect to such Series is continuing;
- (b) Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such Series make a written request to the Trustee for such Securities to pursue the remedy;
- (c) such Holder or Holders offer and, if requested, provide to the Trustee for such Securities security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to such Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (d) such Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (e) during such 60-day period, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such Series do not give such Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request.

A Holder of any Series of Securities may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of such Series of Securities or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of Securities of such Series.

## Section 6.7 Rights of Holders of Securities to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Security of any Series to receive payment of principal of and, premium, if any, and interest on such Securities, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Securities (including, if applicable, in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

## Section 6.8 <u>Collection Suit by Trustee</u>.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a), (b) or (c) hereof with respect to Securities of any Series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee for such Securities is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal of and, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on, such Securities and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, overdue interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel.

## Section 6.9 <u>Trustee May File Proofs of Claim</u>.

The Trustee for each Series of Securities is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of such Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Securities for which it acts as trustee allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon such Securities), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder of such Securities to make such payments to such Trustee, and in the event that such Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to such Holders, to pay to such Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Trustee under the Indenture. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Trustee out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that such Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize such Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder for which it acts as trustee any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of such Holder, or to authorize such Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any such Hol

#### Section 6.10 Priorities.

If the Trustee of any Series of Securities collects any money pursuant to this Article VI, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

<u>First</u>: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under the Indenture, including payment of all compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of such Securities for amounts due and unpaid on such Securities for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of

any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal, premium, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

Subject to Section 2.14 hereof, the Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Securities pursuant to this Section 6.10.

## Section 6.11 <u>Undertaking for Costs</u>.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against any Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Security pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series.

## ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEE

#### Section 7.1 Duties of Trustee.

- (a) Subject to Section 7.2(h), if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
    - (i) The Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others.
  - (ii) In the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon Officers' Certificates or Opinions of Counsel furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; however, in the case of any such Officers' Certificates or Opinions of Counsel which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine such Officers' Certificates and Opinions of Counsel to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:

- (i) This paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section.
- (ii) The Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.
- (iii) The Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Securities of any Series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such Series relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such Series.
- (d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraph (a), (b) and (c) of this Section.
- (e) The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power at the request or direction of any Holder unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk is not reasonably assured to it.
- (h) The Paying Agent, the Registrar and any authenticating agent shall be entitled to the protections, immunities and standard of care as are set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section with respect to the Trustee.

## Section 7.2 <u>Rights of Trustee</u>.

- (a) The Trustee may rely on and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate.
- (c) The Trustee may act through agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care. No Depository shall be deemed

an agent of the Trustee and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any act or omission by any Depository.

- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers, provided that the Trustee's conduct does not constitute negligence or bad faith.
- (e) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of Securities unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (f) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder without negligence and in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (h) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities generally or the Securities of a particular Series and this Indenture.
- (i) The Trustee shall not be required to provide any bond or surety with respect to the execution of these trusts and powers.

### Section 7.3 <u>Individual Rights of Trustee</u>.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

### Section 7.4 <u>Trustee's Disclaimer</u>.

The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities, and it shall not be responsible for any statement in the Securities other than its authentication of such Securities.

### Section 7.5 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Securities of any Series and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Securityholder of the Securities of that Series and, if any Bearer Securities are outstanding, mail in the manner provided by in TIA § 313(c), notice of a Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of or interest on any Security of any Series, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as its corporate trust committee or a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Securityholders of that Series.

## Section 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders.

Within 60 days after May 15 in each year following the issuance of a Series of Securities under this Indenture, the Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Securityholders, as their names and addresses appear on the register kept by the Registrar and, if any Bearer Securities are outstanding, transmit by mail in accordance with TIA § 313(c), a brief report dated as of such May 15, in accordance with, and to the extent required under, TIA § 313(a).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Securityholders of any Series shall be filed by the Trustee with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Securities of that Series are listed, if any. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee when Securities of any Series are listed on any stock exchange.

### Section 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation for its services as the Company and the Trustee shall agree upon in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company shall indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee (including the cost of defending itself) against any loss, liability or expense, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee) incurred by it except as set forth in the next paragraph in the performance of its duties under this Indenture as Trustee or Agent. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have one separate counsel and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification shall apply to officers, directors, employees, shareholders and agents of the Trustee.

The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss or liability incurred by the Trustee or by any officer, director, employee, shareholder or agent of the Trustee through negligence or bad faith.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities of any Series on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.4, except that held in trust to pay principal of and interest on particular Securities of that Series.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(e) or (f) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

#### Section 7.8 Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign with respect to the Securities of one or more Series by so notifying the Company at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed resignation. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of any Series may remove the Trustee with respect to that Series by so notifying the Trustee and the Company. The Company may remove the Trustee with respect to Securities of one or more Series if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
  - (c) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
  - (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed with respect to the Securities of a Series or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such Series. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such Series may appoint a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such Series to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any one or more Series does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the Securities of the applicable Series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Immediately after that, the retiring Trustee shall transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.7, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee with respect to each Series of Securities for which it is acting as Trustee under this Indenture. A successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to each Securityholder of each such Series and, if any Bearer Securities are outstanding, publish such notice on one occasion in an Authorized Newspaper. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee with respect to expenses and liabilities incurred by it prior to such replacement.

## Section 7.9 <u>Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.</u>

If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

## Section 7.10 <u>Eligibility; Disqualification</u>.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA § 310(a)(1) and (2) and does not violate the prohibitions in TIA § 310(a)(5). The Trustee shall always have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA § 310(b).

### Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated.

### ARTICLE VIII. LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

### Section 8.1 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may at any time elect to have either Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof be applied to all outstanding Securities of any Series upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article VIII.

## Section 8.2 <u>Legal Defeasance and Discharge</u>.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.2, the Company and each Guarantor, if any, of such Securities will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from its or their obligations with respect to all outstanding Securities of such Series (including the related guarantees, if any) on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company and such

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Guarantors will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the outstanding Securities of such Series (including the related guarantees, if any), which will thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.5 hereof and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all its or their other obligations under such Securities, such guarantees, if any, and this Indenture (and the Trustee for such Securities, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (a) the rights of Holders of outstanding Securities of such Series to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, such Securities when such payments are due from the trust referred to in Section 8.4 hereof;
  - (b) the Company's obligations with respect to such Securities under Article II hereof;
- (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee for such Securities hereunder and the Company's and the Guarantors', if any, obligations in connection therewith; and
  - (d) this Article VIII.

Subject to compliance with this Article VIII, the Company may exercise its option under this Section 8.2 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.3 hereof.

### Section 8.3 Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, the Company and each of

the Guarantors, if any, will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be released from each of its or their obligations under the covenants contained in Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7, Section 5.1, and covenants specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.2, with respect to the outstanding Securities of the applicable Series on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and such Securities will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders of such Securities (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Securities will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Securities of such Series, the Company may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.1 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, subject to the

satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, Sections 6.1(d) or 6.1(g) hereof will not constitute Events of Default.

### Section 8.4 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance under either Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof with respect to Securities of any Series:

- (a) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee for such Securities, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, cash in Dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm, or firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the outstanding Securities of such Series on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether such Securities are being defeased to such stated date for payment or to a particular redemption date;
- (b) in the case of an election under Section 8.2 hereof, the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Opinion of Counsel confirming that:
  - (1) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or
  - (2) since the date of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Securities of such Series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

- (c) in the case of an election under Section 8.3 hereof, the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Opinion of Counsel confirming that the Holders of such Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;
- (d) no Default or Event of Default with respect to such Securities shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit) and the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which the Company or any Guarantor of such Securities is a party or by which the Company or any such Guarantor is bound;
- (e) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than

this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

- (f) the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of such Securities over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any creditors of the Company or others; and
- (g) the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

## Section 8.5 <u>Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions</u>.

Subject to Section 8.6 hereof, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.5, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof in respect of the outstanding Securities of any Series will be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company will pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Securities of the applicable Series.

Notwithstanding anything in this Article VIII to the contrary, the Trustee will deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.4 hereof which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.4 hereof), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

### Section 8.6 Repayment to Company.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any Series of Securities and remaining unclaimed for one year after such principal, premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) will be discharged from such trust; and the Holders of such Securities will thereafter be permitted to look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the

Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, will thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in an Authorized Newspaper, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which will not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

### Section 8.7 Reinstatement.

If, in connection with a Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance, the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any Dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.5, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's and any applicable Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture and the applicable Securities and the guarantees will be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.5; provided, however, that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of or interest on any such Securities following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company will be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

# ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

### Section 9.1 Without Consent of Holders.

Notwithstanding Section 9.2 of this Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series without the consent of any Securityholder:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (c) to provide for the assumption of the Company's obligations to the Holders of the Securities by a successor to the Company pursuant to Article V hereof;
  - (d) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any Series of Securities outstanding hereunder;
- (e) to secure the Securities pursuant to the requirements of any covenant on liens in respect of such series of Securities or otherwise;
- (f) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, or to add any new provision to this Indenture, in respect of one or more series of Securities; *provided*, *however*, that any such change, elimination or addition (A) shall neither (i)

apply to any Security outstanding on the date of such indenture supplemental hereto nor (ii) modify the rights of the Holder of any such Security with respect to such provision in effect prior to the date of such indenture supplemental hereto or (B) shall become effective only when no Security of such series remains outstanding;

- (g) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Securities or that does not adversely affect the Holders' rights hereunder in any material respect;
- (h) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;
- (i) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of Securities of any Series as permitted by this Indenture;
- (j) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more Series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee;
  - (k) to add an additional Guarantor or obligor under this Indenture; or
- (1) to conform any provision of this Indenture, the Securities of any Series or any related guarantees or security documents to the description of such Securities contained in the Company's prospectus, prospectus supplement, offering memorandum or similar document with respect to the offering of the Securities of such Series to the extent that such description was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision in the Indenture, such Securities or any related guarantees or security documents .

Upon the request of the Company and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 12.4 hereof, the Trustee will join with the Company in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee will not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

# Section 9.2 With Consent of Holders.

The Company and the Trustee may enter into a supplemental indenture with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of each Series affected by such supplemental indenture (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series), for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Securityholders of each such Series. Except as provided in Section 6.4, the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of each Series by notice to the Trustee (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for

the Securities of such Series) may waive compliance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities with respect to such Series.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Securities under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. Upon the request of the Company and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Securities as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 12.4 hereof, the Trustee will join with the Company in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but will not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

After a supplemental indenture or waiver under this section becomes effective, the Company shall promptly mail to the Holders of Securities affected thereby and, if any Bearer Securities affected thereby are outstanding, publish on one occasion in an Authorized Newspaper, a notice briefly describing the supplemental indenture or waiver. Any failure by the Company to mail or publish such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

### Section 9.3 <u>Limitations</u>.

Without the consent of each Securityholder affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver may not (with respect to any Securities held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) change the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest (including default interest) on any Security;
- (c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Security or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation;
  - (d) reduce the principal amount of Discount Securities payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;
- (e) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any Security (except a rescission of acceleration of the Securities of any Series by the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such Series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (f) make the principal of or interest, if any, on any Security payable in any currency other than that stated in the Security;

- (g) make any change in Sections 6.4, 6.7 or 9.3; or
- (h) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Security.

### Section 9.4 <u>Compliance with Trust Indenture Act</u>.

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series shall be set forth in an amended or supplemental indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

### Section 9.5 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

- (a) Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder subject to Section 9.5(d) may revoke the consent as to his Security or portion of a Security if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective.
  - (b) An amendment, supplement or waiver effective in accordance with its terms will thereafter bind every Holder.
- (c) For purposes of this Indenture, the consent of the Holder of a Global Security shall be deemed to include any consent delivered by any member of, or participant in, any Depository, any nominees thereof and their respective successors and assigns, or such other depository institution hereinafter appointed by the Company ("Depository Entity") by electronic means in accordance with the Automated Tender Offer Procedures system or other customary procedures of, and pursuant to authorization by, such Depository Entity.
- (d) The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver. If a record date is fixed, then notwithstanding the last sentence of the immediately preceding paragraph, those persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only those persons, shall be entitled to revoke any consent previously given, whether or not such persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 120 days after such record date. The Company shall inform the Trustee of the fixed record date, if applicable.
- (e) Any amendment or waiver once effective shall bind every Securityholder of each Series affected by such amendment or waiver unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (h) of Section 9.3. In that case, the amendment or waiver shall bind each Holder of a Security who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security.

### Section 9.6 Notation on or Exchange of Securities.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Security of any Series thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for Securities of that Series may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate upon request new Securities of that Series that reflect the amendment or waiver.

#### Section 9.7 Trustee Protected.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 7.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

# ARTICLE X. GUARANTEES

### Section 10.1 <u>Guarantees</u>.

Any Series of Securities may be guaranteed by one or more of the Guarantors. The terms and the form of any such guarantee will be established in the manner contemplated by Section 2.2 for that particular Series of Securities.

# ARTICLE XI. SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

### Section 11.1 <u>Satisfaction and Discharge</u>.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to a Series of Securities issued hereunder, when:

- (a) either:
- (i) all such Securities that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed Securities that have been replaced or paid and Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (ii) all such Securities that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year and the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, cash in Dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;

- (b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit) and the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which the Company or any Guarantor of such Securities is a party or by which the Company or any such Guarantor is bound;
- (c) the Company or any Guarantor of such Securities has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this Indenture; and
- (d) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee for such Securities under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of such Securities at maturity or on the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Company must deliver an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee for such Securities stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied, and all fees and expenses of the Trustee shall have been paid.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money has been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of this Section 11.1, the provisions of Sections 11.2 and 8.6 hereof will survive. In addition, nothing in this Section 11.1 will be deemed to discharge those provisions of Section 7.7 hereof, that, by their terms, survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

### Section 11.2 <u>Application of Trust Money</u>.

Subject to the provisions of Section 8.6 hereof, all money or Government Securities deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities with respect to with such deposit was made and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as such Trustee may determine, to the persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Securities in accordance with Section 11.1 hereof by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's and any applicable Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and the applicable Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof; provided that if the Company has made any payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any Securities because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money or Government Securities held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

# ARTICLE XII. MISCELLANEOUS

### Section 12.1 Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies, or conflicts with another provision which is required or deemed to be included in this Indenture by the TIA, such required or deemed provision shall control.

Section 12.2 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company or the Trustee to the other, or by a Holder to the Company or the Trustee, is duly given if in writing and (a) delivered in person, (b) mailed by first-class mail or overnight mail, (c) sent by overnight air courier with next Business Day delivery or (d) delivered electronically (in .pdf or similar format) if, in case of electronic notices, receipt is confirmed:

if to the Company:

Dollar General Corporation 100 Mission Ridge Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072 Telephone: (615) 855-4000 Facsimile: (615) 855-5172 Attention: Susan Lanigan

With a copy to: Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Facsimile No.: (212) 455-2502 Attention: Joseph H. Kauffman

if to the Trustee:

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The Company or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) will be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business

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Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier for next Business Day delivery; and when receipt is confirmed, if delivered electronically.

Any notice or communication to a Securityholder shall be mailed by first-class mail to his address shown on the register kept by the Registrar and, if any Bearer Securities are outstanding, published in an Authorized Newspaper, unless otherwise provided with respect to the applicable Series. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Securityholder of any Series or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Securityholders of that or any other Series.

In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give such notice by mail, then such notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

If a notice or communication is mailed or published in the manner provided above, within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the Securityholder receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Securityholders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Where the Indenture provides for notice of any event to a Holder of a Global Security, such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depository for such Global Security (or its designee), pursuant to the applicable procedures of the Depository, not later than the

latest date (if any), and not earlier than the earliest date (if any), prescribed for the giving of such notice.

## Section 12.3 <u>Communication by Holders with Other Holders</u>.

Securityholders of any Series may communicate pursuant to TIA § 312(b) with other Securityholders of that Series or any other Series with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities of that Series or all Series. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

## Section 12.4 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

### Section 12.5 <u>Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion</u>.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to Section 4.5 hereof and TIA § 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 314(e) and shall include:

- (a) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (c) a statement that, in the opinion of such person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
  - (d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

### Section 12.6 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or a meeting of Securityholders of one or more Series. Any Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

# Section 12.7 <u>Legal Holidays</u>.

Unless otherwise provided by Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture hereto for a particular Series, a "Legal Holiday" is any day that is not a Business Day. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

### Section 12.8 No Recourse Against Others.

No past, present or future director, officer, stockholder or employee, as such, of the Company or any successor corporation shall have any liability for any obligation of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the execution of this Indenture and the issue of the Securities.

## Section 12.9 <u>Counterparts</u>.

This Indenture 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.

### Section 12.10 Governing Law; Waiver of Trial by Jury.

THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (INCLUDING SECTION 5-1401 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW) WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE, THE SECURITIES AND ANY GUARANTEES OF THE SECURITIES WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY.

### Section 12.11 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt or other agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other person. Any such indenture, loan or debt or other agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

#### Section 12.12 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

### Section 12.13 Severability.

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

### Section 12.14 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table, and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

### Section 12.15 <u>Securities in a Foreign Currency</u>.

Unless otherwise specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2 of this Indenture with respect to a particular Series of Securities, whenever for purposes of this Indenture any action may be taken by the Holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of Securities of all Series or all Series affected by a particular action at the time outstanding and, at such time, there are outstanding Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars, then the principal amount of Securities of such Series which shall be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of taking such action shall be that amount of Dollars that could be

obtained for such amount at the Market Exchange Rate at such time. For purposes of this Section 12.15, "Market Exchange Rate" shall mean the noon Dollar buying rate in New York City for cable transfers of that currency as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. If such Market Exchange Rate is not available for any reason with respect to such currency, the Trustee shall use, in its sole discretion and without liability on its part, such quotation of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as of the most recent available date, or quotations from one or more major banks in The City of New York or in the country of issue of the currency in question or such other quotations as the Trustee, upon consultation with the Company, shall deem appropriate. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply in determining the equivalent principal amount in respect of Securities of a Series denominated in currency other than Dollars in connection with any action taken by Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

All decisions and determinations of the Trustee regarding the Market Exchange Rate or any alternative determination provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, to the extent permitted by law, be conclusive for all purposes and irrevocably binding upon the Company and all Holders.

### ARTICLE XIII. SINKING FUNDS

### Section 13.1 <u>Applicability of Article</u>.

The provisions of this Article XIII shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of the Securities of a Series, except as otherwise permitted or required by any form of Security of such Series issued pursuant to this Indenture.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of the Securities of any Series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment" and any other amount provided for by the terms of Securities of such Series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Securities of any Series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 13.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any Series as provided for by the terms of the Securities of such Series.

## Section 13.2 <u>Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities</u>.

The Company may, in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of any Series to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities (a) deliver outstanding Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable (other than any of such Securities previously called for mandatory sinking fund redemption) and (b) apply as a credit Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable and which have been repurchased by the Company or redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Series of Securities (except pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund) or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments or other optional redemptions pursuant to the terms of such Securities, provided that such Securities have not been previously so credited. Such Securities shall be received by the Trustee, together with an Officers' Certificate with respect thereto, not later than 15 days prior to

the date on which the Trustee begins the process of selecting Securities for redemption, and shall be credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly. If as a result of the delivery or credit of Securities in lieu of cash payments pursuant to this Section 13.2, the principal amount of Securities of such Series to be redeemed in order to exhaust the aforesaid cash payment shall be less than \$100,000, the Trustee need not call Securities of such Series for redemption, except upon receipt of a Company Order that such action be taken, and such cash payment shall be held by the Trustee or a Paying Agent and applied to the next succeeding sinking fund payment, provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent shall from time to time upon receipt of a Company Order pay over and deliver to the Company any cash payment so being held by the Trustee or such Paying Agent upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of Securities of that Series purchased by the Company having an unpaid principal amount equal to the cash payment required to be released to the Company.

### Section 13.3 Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund.

Not less than 45 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officers' Certificate in respect of a particular Series of Securities) prior to each sinking fund payment date for any Series of Securities, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment for that Series pursuant to the terms of that Series, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting of Securities of that Series pursuant to Section 13.2, and the optional amount, if any, to be added in cash to the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment, and the Company shall thereupon be obligated to pay the amount therein specified. Not less than 30 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture in respect of a particular Series of Securities) before each such sinking fund payment date the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 3.2 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 3.3. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6.

vritten.	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above
	DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION
	By: Name: [ ]
	Title: [ ]
	[TRUSTEE]
	By: Name: [ ] Title: [ ]
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March 31, 2010

Dollar General Corporation 100 Mission Ridge Goodlettsville, TN 37072

RE: Shelf Registration Statement of Dollar General Corporation on Form S-3

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Dollar General Corporation, a Tennessee corporation (the "Company") and to each of the entities listed on Schedule I hereto (individually, a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") in connection with the authorization of the issuance and sale from time to time, on a delayed basis, of (i) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.875 per share (the "Common Stock"); (ii) shares of the Company's preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock"), in one or more series; (iii) depositary shares of the Company representing fractional interests in Preferred Stock of any series (the "Depositary Shares") that will be represented by depositary receipts ("Depositary Receipts") issued pursuant to one or more depositary agreements (each, a "Depositary Agreement") between the Company and a depositary to be named therein (the "Depositary"); (iv) debt securities of the Company (the "Debt Securities"), in one or more series that will be issued under one or more indentures (each, an "Indenture") between the Company and a trustee to be named therein (the "Trustee"); (v) guarantees of the Debt Securities (the "Guarantees") made by one or more of the Subsidiaries listed as co-registrants in the Registration Statement (individually, a "Guarantor" and, collectively, the "Guarantors"); (vi) warrants to purchase Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares or Debt Securities (the "Warrants") that will be issued under one or more warrant agreements (each, a "Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a warrant agent to be named therein (the "Warrant Agent"); (vii) stock purchase contracts to purchase Common Stock or Preferred Stock as may be designated at the time of the offering at a future date or dates (the "Stock Purchase Contracts") that will be issued under one or more stock purchase contract agreements (each, a "Purchase Contract Agreement") between the Company and a stock purchase contract agent to be named therein (the "Purchase Contract Agent"); and (viii) units consisting of one or more of the securities described in clauses (i) through (vii) above (the "Units"), that will be issued under one or more unit agreements (each, a "Unit Agreement") between the Company and a unit agent to be named therein (the "Unit Agent"), in each case as contemplated by the registration statement on Form S-3 (including the prospectus constituting a part thereof (the "Prospectus")) to which this opinion letter has been filed as an exhibit (the "Registration Statement"). The Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Debt Securities, Guarantees, Warrants, Stock Purchase Contracts and Units are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities." The Securities may be offered and sold from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), at which time it is contemplated that the Prospectus will be supplemented in the future by one or more supplements to the Prospectus (each, a "Prospectus Supplement").

In rendering our opinions set forth below, we have reviewed such corporate documents and records of the Company and the Guarantors, such certificates of public officials and such other matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of this opinion letter. As to facts material to the opinions and assumptions expressed herein, we have relied upon oral and written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and the Guarantors. We also have assumed that (i) all documents submitted to us as originals are authentic; (ii) all signatures are genuine; (iii) all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies conform to the authentic original documents; and (iv) all natural persons have the requisite legal capacity.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the further assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Common Stock (including any Common Stock duly issued: (i) upon the exchange or conversion of any shares of Preferred Stock that are exchangeable or convertible into Common Stock, (ii) upon the exercise of any duly issued Warrants exercisable for Common Stock, (iii) upon the exchange or conversion of Debt Securities which are exchangeable or convertible into Common Stock, (iv) pursuant to a Stock Purchase Contract or (v) as a component of a Unit), upon issuance and delivery of certificates (or book-entry notation if uncertificated) for such Common Stock against payment therefor of such lawful consideration as the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") (or a duly authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- 2. The Preferred Stock (including any Preferred Stock duly issued: (i) upon the exchange or conversion of any shares of Preferred Stock that are exchangeable or convertible into another series of Preferred Stock, (ii) upon the exercise of any duly issued Warrants exercisable for Preferred Stock, (iii) upon the exchange or conversion of Depositary Shares or Debt Securities that are exchangeable or convertible into Preferred Stock, (iv) pursuant to a Stock Purchase Contract or (v) as a component of a Unit), upon issuance and delivery of certificates (or book-entry notation if uncertificated) for such Preferred Stock against payment therefor of such lawful consideration as the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- 3. The Depositary Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares (including any Depositary Shares duly issued: (i) upon the exercise of any duly issued Warrants exercisable for Depositary Shares or (ii) as a component of a Unit), upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefor as the Board (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued, and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Depositary Shares that they represent and in the Depositary Agreement pursuant to which they are issued.
- 4. The Debt Securities (including any Debt Securities duly issued: (i) upon the exercise of any duly issued Warrants exercisable for Debt Securities or (ii) as a component of a Unit), upon issuance and delivery of certificates (or book-entry notation if uncertificated) for such Debt

Securities against payment therefor of such lawful consideration as the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

- 5. The Warrants (including any Warrants duly issued as a component of a Unit) upon their issuance and delivery of certificates (or bookentry notation if uncertificated) for such Warrants against payment therefor of such lawful consideration as the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- 6. The Stock Purchase Contracts (including any Stock Purchase Contracts duly issued as a component of a Unit), upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefor as the Board (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- 7. The Units, upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefor as the Board (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- 8. The Guarantees, upon their issuance and delivery concurrently with the underlying Debt Securities (including any Guarantees duly issued as a component of a Unit) against payment for such Guarantees of such lawful consideration as the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Guaranters that are parties to the Guarantees, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, we have assumed that: (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto, shall have become effective under the Securities Act (and will remain effective at the time of issuance of any Securities thereunder); (ii) a Prospectus Supplement describing each class or series of Securities offered pursuant to the Registration Statement, to the extent required by applicable law and relevant rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), will be timely filed with the Commission; (iii) the definitive terms of each class or series of Securities shall have been established in accordance with resolutions duly adopted by the Board (or an authorized committee thereof) (each, a "Board Action") (and, in the case of any Guarantor, by the board of directors of the respective Guarantor (or comparable proceedings of the managing board or entity of any Guarantor that is not a corporation)), the Company's Amended and Restated Charter (the "Charter") and applicable law; (iv) the Company will issue and deliver the Securities in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, the applicable Prospectus Supplement and any applicable underwriting, purchase or similar agreement and any Securities issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any other Security, will have been authorized and reserved for issuance, in each case within the limits of the then remaining authorized but unreserved and unissued amounts of such Securities; (v) the total number of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock issuable (including upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any other Security) will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock, as the case may be, that the Company is then authorized to issue under its Charter; (vi) the Board

Action authorizing the Company to issue, offer and sell the Securities will have been adopted by the Board (or an authorized committee thereof) and will be in full force and effect at all times at which the Securities are offered or sold by the Company; and (vii) all Securities will be issued in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws.

With respect to any Securities consisting of any series of Preferred Stock, we have further assumed that appropriate articles of amendment to the Charter establishing the designations, preferences, rights and other terms of such series of Preferred Stock being issued and delivered shall have been duly approved by the Board and filed with and accepted for record by the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Depositary Shares, we have further assumed that: (i) such Depositary Shares will be issued and delivered after due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of a Depositary Agreement, approved by us, relating to the Depositary Shares; (ii) such Depositary Shares will be issued after the Company deposits with the Depositary shares of the Preferred Stock to be represented by such Depositary Shares that are authorized, validly issued and fully paid as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, the applicable Prospectus Supplement and the Depositary Agreement; (iii) the Depositary Receipts shall have been duly executed, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of such Depositary Agreement(s); (iv) such Depositary Receipts and the related Depositary Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, do not violate any law applicable to the Company or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and (v) such Depositary Receipts and the related Depositary Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, comply with all requirements and restrictions, if any, applicable to the Company, in any case whether imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Debt Securities and related Guarantees, we have further assumed that (i) an Indenture relating to such Debt Securities and related Guarantees shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered on behalf of the Company; (ii) all terms of such Debt Securities not provided for in such Indenture shall have been established in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and reflected in appropriate documentation approved by us and, if applicable, executed and delivered by the Company and the Trustee; (iii) such Debt Securities and related Guarantees shall have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of such Indenture; (iv) such Debt Securities and related Guarantees, as executed and delivered, do not violate any law applicable to the Company or the Guarantors or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company or such Guarantors; and (v) such Debt Securities, as executed and delivered, comply with all requirements and restrictions, if any, applicable to the Company, and the Guarantees, as executed and delivered, comply with all requirements and restrictions, if any, applicable to the Guarantors, in any case whether imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company or such Guarantors.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Warrants, we have further assumed that (i) such Warrants will be issued and delivered after due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of a Warrant Agreement, approved by us, relating to the Warrants; (ii) all terms of such

Warrants shall have been established in accordance with the provisions of such Warrant Agreement(s); (iii) such Warrants shall have been duly executed, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of such Warrant Agreement(s); (iv) such Warrants and the related Warrant Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, do not violate any law applicable to the Company or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and (v) such Warrants and the related Warrant Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, comply with all requirements and restrictions, if any, applicable to the Company, in any case whether imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Stock Purchase Contracts, we have further assumed that (i) such Stock Purchase Contracts will be issued and delivered after due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of a Purchase Contract Agreement, approved by us, relating to the Stock Purchase Contracts; (ii) all terms of such Stock Purchase Contracts shall have been established in accordance with the provisions of such Purchase Contract Agreement(s); (iii) such Stock Purchase Contracts shall have been duly executed, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of such Purchase Contract Agreement(s); (iv) such Stock Purchase Contracts and the related Purchase Contract Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, do not violate any law applicable to the Company or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and (v) such Stock Purchase Contracts and the related Purchase Contract Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, comply with all requirements and restrictions, if any, applicable to the Company, in any case whether imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Units, we have further assumed that (i) each component of such Units will be authorized, validly issued and fully paid (to the extent applicable) as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the applicable Unit Agreement, if any; (ii) such Units will be issued and delivered after due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company of a Unit Agreement, approved by us, relating to the Units; (iii) all terms of such Units shall have been established in accordance with the provisions of such Unit Agreement(s); (iv) such Units shall have been duly executed, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of such Unit Agreement(s); (v) such Units and the related Unit Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, do not violate any law applicable to the Company or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and (vi) such Units and the related Unit Agreement(s), as executed and delivered, comply with all requirements and restrictions, if any, applicable to the Company, in any case whether imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

To the extent that the obligations of the Company under a Depositary Agreement may be dependent on such matters, we further have assumed for purposes of this opinion letter that the Depositary under each Depositary Agreement (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; (ii) is duly qualified to engage in activities contemplated by such Depositary Agreement; (iii) has duly authorized, executed and delivered such Depositary Agreement and such Depositary Agreement constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of such Depositary enforceable against such Depositary in accordance with its terms; (iv) is in compliance, with respect to acting as a trustee under such Depositary Agreement, with all

applicable laws and regulations; and (v) has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to perform its obligations under such Depositary Agreement.

To the extent that the obligations of the Company or a Guarantor under an Indenture may be dependent on such matters, we further have assumed for purposes of this opinion letter that the Trustee under each Indenture (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; (ii) is duly qualified to engage in activities contemplated by such Indenture; (iii) has duly authorized, executed and delivered such Indenture and such Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of such Trustee enforceable against such Trustee in accordance with its terms; (iv) is in compliance, with respect to acting as a trustee under such Indenture, with all applicable laws and regulations; and (v) has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to perform its obligations under such Indenture.

To the extent that the obligations of the Company under any Warrant or Warrant Agreement may be dependent on such matters, we further have assumed for purposes of this opinion letter that the Warrant Agent under each Warrant Agreement (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; (ii) is duly qualified to engage in the activities contemplated by such Warrant Agreement; (iii) has duly authorized, executed and delivered such Warrant Agreement and such Warrant Agreement constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of such Warrant Agent enforceable against such Warrant Agent in accordance with its terms; (iv) is in compliance, with respect to acting as a Warrant Agent under such Warrant Agreement, with all applicable laws and regulations; and (v) has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to perform its obligations under such Warrant Agreement.

To the extent that the obligations of the Company under any Stock Purchase Contracts or Purchase Contract Agreement may be dependent on such matters, we further have assumed for purposes of this opinion letter that the Purchase Contract Agent under each Purchase Contract Agreement (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; (ii) is duly qualified to engage in the activities contemplated by such Purchase Contract Agreement; (iii) has duly authorized, executed and delivered such Purchase Contract Agreement and such Purchase Contract Agreement constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of such Purchase Contract Agent enforceable against such Purchase Contract Agent in accordance with its terms; (iv) is in compliance, with respect to acting as a Purchase Contract Agent under such Purchase Contract Agreement, with all applicable laws and regulations; and (v) has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to perform its obligations under such Purchase Contract Agreement.

To the extent that the obligations of the Company under any Unit or Unit Agreement may be dependent on such matters, we further have assumed for purposes of this opinion letter that the Unit Agent under each Unit Agreement (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; (ii) is duly qualified to engage in the activities contemplated by such Unit Agreement; (iii) has duly authorized, executed and delivered such Unit Agreement and such Unit Agreement constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of such Unit Agent enforceable against such Unit Agent in accordance with its terms; (iv) is in compliance, with respect to acting as a Unit Agent under such Unit Agreement, with all applicable laws and

regulations; and (v) has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to perform its obligations under such Unit Agreement.

The opinions set forth in numbered paragraphs 3 through 8 above are subject to the following exceptions, limitations and qualifications: (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer and other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights of creditors, (ii) the effect of general principles of equity (including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief and other equitable remedies), regardless of whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity, and (iii) the effect of public policy considerations that may limit the rights of the parties to obtain further remedies.

This opinion letter has been prepared solely for your use in connection with the transmitting for filing of the Registration Statement on the date of this opinion letter and should not be quoted in whole or in part or otherwise be referred to, nor filed with or furnished to any governmental agency or other person or entity, without our prior written consent.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and to the reference to our firm therein and in the Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement under the caption "Legal Matters." In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that this firm is within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

# Schedule I

to

# Opinion of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

## **Subsidiaries**

DC Financial, LLC

DG Logistics, LLC

DG Promotions, Inc.

DG Retail, LLC

DG Strategic I, LLC

DG Strategic II, LLC

DG Strategic III, LLC

DG Strategic IV, LLC

DG Strategic V, LLC

DG Strategic VI, LLC

DG Strategic VII, LLC

DG Strategic VIII, LLC

DG Transportation, Inc.

Dolgen I, Inc.

Dolgen II, Inc.

Dolgen III, Inc.

Dolgencorp of New York, Inc.

Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc.

Dolgencorp, LLC

Dollar General Partners

Retail Risk Solutions, LLC

South Boston FF&E, LLC

South Boston Holdings, Inc.

Sun Dollar, L.P.

# Dollar General Corporation Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges, Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends(1)

	Historical									Historical				
	Predecessor					Successor Pro			Successor Fiscal Year Ended					
	Fiscal Year Ended							Forma(2)						
	February 3, 2006(3)		February 2, 2007		February 3, 2007 through July 6, 2007		March 6, 2007 through February 1, 2008		February 1,		January 30, 2009		January 29, 2010	
Earnings(4):														
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	544.6	\$	220.4	\$	4.0	\$	(6.6)	\$	(3.4)	\$	194.4	\$	552.1
Fixed Charges, exclusive of capitalized interest		123.1		140.7		58.8		320.7		380.3		513.7		505.7
	\$	667.7	\$	361.1	\$	62.8	\$	314.1	\$	376.9	\$	708.1	\$	1,057.8
Fixed Charges(4):														
Interest charged to expense	\$	26.2	\$	34.9	\$	10.3	\$	252.9	\$	264.0	\$	391.9	\$	345.7
Interest factor on rental expense														
(5)		96.9		105.8		48.5		67.8		116.3		121.8		160.0
		123.1		140.7		58.8		320.7		380.3		513.7		505.7
Interest capitalized		3.3		2.9				<u> </u>		<u> </u>				
	\$	126.4	\$	143.6	\$	58.8	\$	320.7	\$	380.3	\$	513.7	\$	505.7
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges		5.3x		2.5x		1.1x		·		·		1.4x		2.1x
Excess of fixed charges over earnings(6)							\$	(6.6)	\$	(3.4)				

<sup>(1)</sup> During the periods indicated, we had no outstanding shares of preferred stock. Accordingly, our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges, combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is the same as our ratio of earnings to fixed charges in all periods.

- (3) The fiscal year ended February 3, 2006 was comprised of 53 weeks.
- (4) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, (a) earnings consist of income (loss) before income taxes, plus fixed charges less capitalized expenses related to indebtedness (amortization expense for capitalized interest is not significant) and (b) fixed charges consist of interest expense (whether expensed or capitalized), the amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts related to indebtedness, and the interest portion of rent expense.
- (5) The portion of rent expense representative of interest is based on the present value of the future lease payments discounted at 10%.
- (6) For the period from March 6, 2007 through February 1, 2008, fixed charges exceeded earnings by \$6.6 million. For the fiscal year ended February 1, 2008, pro forma fixed charges exceeded earnings by \$3.4 million.

To give effect to the increase in interest expense resulting from the portion of the notes proceeds used to retire the \$198.3 million of our 85/8% unsecured notes due June 10, 2010 as if such transactions had occurred at the beginning of the period presented.

## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in the Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of Dollar General Corporation for the registration of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, Depositary Shares, Warrants, Stock Purchase Contracts, Units and Guarantees of Debt and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated March 31, 2010, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Dollar General Corporation included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended January 29, 2010, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Nashville, Tennessee

March 31, 2010